

From: Beth Bodner



San Francisco, CA 94121

October 14, 2025

Subject: Community Response to the Commission Streamlining Task Force Public Health and Wellbeing Bodies Memo

I am writing as a concerned member of the public to express my strong support for the Food Security Task Force (FSTF). Eliminating or reducing the effectiveness of this vital public body would create significant gaps and challenges that we simply cannot afford to ignore.

The FSTF has been active since 2005 and has been a fully functioning, efficient, and well attended public commission. The FSTF is a nationally respected public body that benefits the City and County of San Francisco by contributing expertise to elected officials and city departments, creates cross sector collaboration, promotes knowledge sharing, provides transparency, produces annual data and recommendations, and advises on strategies to reduce food security in San Francisco.

If eliminated, the following essential functions would be lost:

- A city body addressing food security – reducing visibility of the issue, removing city transparency and accountability for food security and an eliminating cross-sector coordination.
- A centralized platform to address emerging issues and risks of the community.
- Annual reports including current status of Food Security in SF, opportunities, threats and recommendations and regular updates to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's Office.

I have benefited from the work put forth by the FSTF. I began attending meetings as a member of the public in 2019, driven by an interest in supporting San Francisco's food-insecure residents. Since then, I've transitioned from roles at two tech startups to a food recovery nonprofit and now serve on the San Francisco Environment Department's Zero Waste team, focusing on state law SB 1383 edible food recovery. The Task Force provides essential annual reports and a critical forum for information-sharing between public agencies and community organizations. Without it, our city would lose a clear understanding of food insecurity levels.

The FSTF is the only public body that is dedicated solely to food security and provides a platform for collaboration across food security stakeholders. The FSTF should remain intact until another suitable replacement has been established.

Sincerely,

Beth Bodner