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TO: Commission Streamlining Task Force

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Dear Streamlining Commissions Project Team,

My name is Jade Quizon and I am writing on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Action Coalition Toward Sovereignty (FAACTS) and as a member of the Food Security Task Force. I am urging you to change your recommendation to eliminate and/or combine the Food Security Task Force (FSTF).

Since its inception in 2005, the FSTF has been an effective and important bridge between the City and County of San Francisco and community, thanks to the active participation of community-based organizations (CBOs) on the task force. These organizations are the experts on the ground and play a critical role in discussions shaping and implementing solutions to food insecurity. They should not be pushed out of this work. The FSTF also remains one of the few spaces for members of the public to raise their concerns in regards to how this City addresses food insecurity and a space to collaborate on meaningful solutions.

With federal attacks on essential programs like Medi-Cal and CalFresh already threatening the wellbeing of more than 80,000 households in the City, now is not the time to dismantle our efforts to address food insecurity. We are responding to devastating headlines every day, and eliminating the FSTF would only weaken our position.

Food security is a multifaceted and complicated issue, requiring the effort of many to address its root causes. There certainly can be better coordination across the different groups and agencies working on food security, but this has been a known issue and has already been addressed by a two-year project the FSTF completed last year. Through this project, the FSTF recommended a new structure that would improve coordination between City agencies, reduce siloes, streamline services, and improve food security data collection. (link to project proposal).

Furthermore, the FSTF is currently slated to sunset by July 2026. Allowing the FSTF to continue will allow the task force to plan for what follows, which is important to ensure their work from the last 20 years is not lost.

Now is not the time to dismantle the infrastructure needed to move the needle on food insecurity. We urge you to allow FSTF to keep control of its own fate and change your recommendation from eliminating to keeping the FSTF.

Sincerely,

Jade Quizon

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