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Dear Streamlining Commissions Project Team,

On behalf of FAACTS, I am writing to express my support for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC). The SDDTAC was established by the will of the voters and its formation reflects a strong public mandate to ensure that soda tax revenues are used transparently and equitably to improve public health. The SDDTAC's participatory process ensures that those most impacted by sugary drink consumption and diet related disease benefit from the tax.

Since 2018, more than \$85 million in revenue has been directed toward programs that address nutrition-related chronic disease and promote healthier communities, because of the leadership and guidance provided by SDDTAC. These investments have supported emergency food access, school meal improvements, oral health programs, workforce development, and culturally relevant community health initiatives, all of which are necessary to build a just and healthy food system.

We have seen firsthand how critical SDDTAC's leadership and transparency have been in ensuring these funds reach those most affected by health inequities. To eliminate or merge this committee would undermine both the intent of the voters and the participatory infrastructure that makes San Francisco a model for equitable governance, ensuring that community voice and scientific evidence guide public health investments.

The SDDTAC dedicates hundreds of hours collectively every year to review data, hear from residents, and make thoughtful, community-centered decisions. This isn't just a government body—it's a bridge between the city and the people. Therefore, we again implore you to make a recommendation to *keep* the SDDTAC.

Sincerely,

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Jade Quizon
Project Director