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Dear Commissioners:

I urge the Prop E Commission and Taskforce on Streamlining to preserve the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women as an independent, and an autonomous governing charter-protected body.

Established in 1975 by the Board of Supervisors and enshrined in the city's charter by 70% of the voters in 1994, the Commission and the Department on the Status of Women have become over the past fifty years a policy influencing institution. Its functions now include direct advocacy, data gathering, convening, and coordinating among city agencies involved in gender-based violence services.

I believe that the Commission and the Department on the Status of Women must be preserved because:

- Mayor Lurie's priority to promote public safety will not succeed unless gender-based violence, not just car break-ins, retail thefts and home burglaries are seen as public safety issues. Per the Department on the Status of Women *2024 Family Violence Council Report*, there were 6,658 reported incidents of domestic violence and 3 domestic violence homicides between FY2021-2023.
- Ending gender-based violence saves lives and money. According to a 2024 study funded by the Blue Shield of California Foundation, gender-based violence costs the State of California a staggering

\$73.7 billion dollars, of which San Francisco alone would account for an estimated \$1.7 billion dollars annually. Per this study conducted by UC San Diego and Tulane University, the costs include law enforcement, court proceedings, incarceration, medical expenses, supportive services, housing, and lost worker productivity. Researchers estimate that domestic violence costs an estimated \$88,000 per victim.

- Shelters, services, and crisis hotlines will have to compete with other Agency priorities creating uncertainty and reductions in services as well as organizational closures.
- Agencies with gender-violence services such as the Mayor's Office of Victims' Rights and the Public Health Department's planning efforts will be less effective without the Commission/Department's gender-based violence data they rely on.
- City employees involved in gender-based violence services will be unprepared to do their jobs without the Department's training programs.
- Without the annual Commission supported city-wide public campaigns to promote gender-based violence education, domestic violence, sexual harassment, and human trafficking are likely to increase.

According to United Nations statistics, prevention programs can reduce incidents of gender-based violence.

These reasons are enough to preserve the Commission and the Department on the Status of Women as an advocate for half of the city's population. Please do not contribute to increasing and making our needs invisible. Please preserve and strengthen the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

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