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Hello,

I would like to submit my public comment related to the task force recommendation, please see it below:

My name is Shuangyan Li. I'm an advocate with Chinese for Affirmative Action, a non-profit organization with 65 years of history in San Francisco Chinatown. CAA serves Chinatown limited English Proferency community members to apply for jobs, and we are also a leading organization for the Language Access Network of San Francisco (LANSF).

Here in San Francisco, one of the most diverse cities across this country, the Immigrant Rights Commission has been the bridge between our communities and City Hall for nearly three decades. The work is essential for immigrant communities, especially allowing people to use the language they are most comfortable with. The IRC also made possible the Language Access Ordinance passed last year, which ensures residents can access City services no matter what language they speak. And it continues to hold departments accountable so that no one is excluded because of language or immigration status. The IRC should also have the ability to evaluate the requirements of the LAO and include revisions to the LAO Policy and OCEIA's responsibilities.

I urge the Streamlining Task Force Commission to maintain the IRC as an independent commission and strengthen it by ensuring it receives the needed staffing and resources to deepen its impact in overseeing implementation of the LAO and to better meet the diverse, urgent needs of our immigrant communities. This is essential for our immigrant families in different parts of the city on life or death issues. Thank you for your time.

Best, Shuangyan

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