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Dear Sirs:

Now more than ever, it is imperative to maintain this vital City Commission-when the country is in chaos, not to mention the world, animals, and especially so, desperately need a voice-they exist completely at the mercy of human beings. And with all the strife, their simple wish to live free and happy, in their own way, is getting ignored and even trampled.

This is the City of St. Francis, an all-around animal-friendly city-we need to go forward here, not backward. Indeed, the Commission has been the only outlet for many who want to formally address concerns about animal protection issues. Feral cat advocates, ourselves included, were able to discuss issues over many meetings in the past. The Commission has discussed and brought to light, many topics which would affect all animals, Domestic and Wild, such as artificial turf on playing fields, conditions at the SF Zoo, pet shops selling puppy mill dogs, and most recently, the horribly cruel glue traps. The Department of Animal Care and Control does not discuss these issues in a "forum" setting.

Many people attend these meetings virtually.

And I must say that, back in the 1990's (we have lived in San Francisco for 65 years), I alone introduced the issue of the horrendous cruelties within the city's Live Animal Markets. Countless meetings went on at the Commission, Board of Supervisors, and then moved on to the Department of Fish and Game (today, Wildlife), the California State Legislature, not to mention an awareness was made as the media took the issue and ran with it. Letters from literally all over the world were generated asking to stop the cruelty. Had it not been for the Commission, none of this would have happened.

The nation today, indeed the world, is the way it is because we have no compassion for our fellow non-human animals, when they need all the caring and concern they can get.

The great Mahatma Gandhi famously said: "A nation and its moral progress can be judged by how its animals are treated."

PLEASE DO NOT DISSOLVE THIS VITAL COMMISSION!

Sincerely,
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