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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to urge you to keep the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare in San Francisco.

The Commission is a unique body that makes San Francisco stand out as a leader in ethics and progress, because it is the first city body dedicated to advocating for the protection and well-being of animals. It is special in that it makes recommendations concerning a wide range of animals, such as our beloved companion animals or our beautiful wildlife in a way that a city department cannot.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and city departments often refer residents to the Commission, and many agenda items come directly from concerns voiced by the public. News reporters have sought out the Commission for their opinions on animal considerations in SF.

Members of the commission have served for years to provide an essential public forum and compassionate, forward-thinking discussions and presentations. These have resulted in a number of recommendations that include the releasing of elephants from the San Francisco Zoo to a sanctuary, the banning of cat declawing, and ending pet store sales of dogs and cats from breeding mills. This list is INCREDIBLE, and was mostly possible because of the Commission.

At a time when the link between animal well-being, public health, and environmental responsibility is clearer than ever, we need the Commission's voice at the table. Please do not silence or take that voice away.

Please recommend that San Francisco keep the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

Sincerely,

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