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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to express my full support for preserving the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

I feel the Commission plays an essential and irreplaceable role in making educated and informed recommendations for the protection and well-being of animals, and addressing issues affecting both companion animals and wildlife—functions that no city department can fulfill in the same way. Over the years, this non-compensated volunteer body has served as a vital public forum for forward-thinking, compassionate discussions and presentations that benefit citizens of the City and beyond.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and City departments regularly refer residents to the Commission, and many of its agenda items arise directly from community concerns. Furthermore, the work of this Commission and dedication of its members has led to meaningful policy advancements, including the release of elephants from the San Francisco Zoo to a sanctuary, the ban on cat declawing, and the prohibition of selling dogs and cats from breeding mills in pet stores.

Considering the association between animal well-being, with public health and environmental stewardship, I strongly feel the Commission's voice remains indispensable. I urge you to ensure THAT VOICE continues to be heard—please do not eliminate or diminish the Commission's role.

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

Sincerely,

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