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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to strongly urge you to keep the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare. This Commission plays an essential role in giving San Franciscans a voice in how our city treats animals and ensures that decisions about their well-being are made transparently, ethically, and with public input.

The Department of Animal Care and Control does important work, but it cannot replace the independent advocacy and community dialogue that the Commission provides. The Commission allows residents to raise concerns, bring forward ideas, and help shape policies that affect companion animals, wildlife, and the compassionate character of our city. As the City of St. Francis, our identity is deeply tied to compassion for all living beings. Eliminating this Commission would send the wrong message about our city's values and weaken our commitment to those who need our voices to help them. Rather than dissolving the Commission, I urge you to consider ways to strengthen and modernize it—clarifying its role, improving outreach, and expanding collaboration. Please honor San Francisco's legacy of empathy and leadership by recommending that the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare be retained and supported.

Sincerely,

Joanne S. McBirney



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