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Re: Preserve the San Francisco Animal Care and Welfare Commission

Dear Members of the Task Force,

I am writing today to strongly express our support of preserving the San Francisco Animal Care and Welfare Commission as an independent, active advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and the city as a whole.

San Francisco Nature Education has always advocated for the protection of open space, ecological health, and wildlife habitat in San Francisco., We recognize the Commission as the primary voice in evaluating how City policies affect the wildlife and ecological systems that depend on healthy, living landscapes.

We are very concerned that expanding artificial turf removes soil ecosystems, eliminates habitat for insects and birds, and contributes microplastic pollution into the landscapes and waterways that wildlife rely on for survival.

The Commission's body of work has been truly ground breaking: Recreation & Park Department's Dog Policy Treatment of UCSF laboratory animals, Live animal markets- to name just a few.

We urge the Commission Streamlining Task Force to retain and protect the San Francisco Animal Care and Welfare Commission.

Sincerely,

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