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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I write to respectfully urge the Task Force to retain the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare. The Commission serves a vital public function by ensuring that decisions affecting animals in San Francisco are made transparently, ethically, and with meaningful community input.

While the Department of Animal Care and Control performs essential operational work, it does not substitute for the Commission's independent oversight and public forum. The Commission enables residents to raise concerns, contribute ideas, and help shape policies that affect companion animals, wildlife, and the humane character of our city.

As the City of St. Francis, San Francisco's identity is closely tied to compassion for all living beings. Eliminating this Commission would send the wrong message about our values and diminish our commitment to those who rely on public advocacy.

Rather than dissolution, I encourage the Task Force to consider strengthening and modernizing the Commission by clarifying its mandate, improving outreach, and expanding collaboration with stakeholders. *I respectfully ask that you recommend retaining and supporting the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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