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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to strongly recommend keeping the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

The Commission is the first city body dedicated to advocating for the protection and well-being of animals, and it serves a unique role by making recommendations and addressing issues affecting companion animals and wildlife in ways 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.

Over the years, the commissioners (who receive no compensation for their work) have provided 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.

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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