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As a long time San Franciscan, I am horrified by the slash and burn of this unelected body who appears to be intent on eliminating the publics' right to influence/hold accountable our City Government, and to encourage the Mayor to behave in an authoritarian and corrupt manner.

Specific areas of concern:

Agenda Item # 6: NO TO THIS- The City Administrator support staff's 97-page [recommendations](#) to the Streamlining Task Force propose potentially removing (eliminating) the SOTF completely by combining it with the Ethics Commission. They propose eliminating seat-level membership qualifications for the SOTF and eliminating seats nominated by the Society of Professional Journalists (including a lawyer, a local journalist, a journalist from a racial/ethnic minority-owned news organization), the League of Women Voters, members with experience in consumer advocacy, members of the public with experience in citizen access and participation in local government, and a member who is physically disabled. The Staff claims the qualification requirements are too narrow and too "*rigid*."

NO TO THIS: The Staff recommendation is to also apply a mandatory "*sunset date*" to the SOTF, to require it come back periodically to the Board of Supervisors and beg why the SOTF should be reauthorized for another period of time, and have to do so periodically. The recommendations also propose to restrict SOTF members to term lengths/term lists that would equal just **8 years** of service (compared to other boards and commissions which allow service for **up to 12 years**).

Agenda Item #7:

The Task Force plans to make Health Service Board member qualifications "*desirable*" rather than mandatory. **NO TO THIS-San Francisco City Employees need qualified and independent reps on the Health Service Board.**

For the San Francisco Employees Retirement Board, the Task Force will decide how to remove the three Board members elected by City employees/retirees if they engage in "*serious misconduct*" — but apparently they won't discuss how the Mayor's three appointees and Board of Supervisors one appointee (a sitting Supervisor) will be removed for any similar "*serious misconduct*." **This appears to be meddling in the affairs of retirees just for the hell of it and for no justifiable cause! NO TO THIS!**

Thankyou,
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