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Ed Harrington, Chair  
Commission Streamlining Task Force  
c/o City Administrator's Office  
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Re: Commission Streamlining Task Force

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Dear Chair Harrington and Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

It appears this Streamlining Task Force is telling San Franciscans *"Do what I say, not what I do."*

How hypocritical of you to carve out special new rules applicable only to yourselves!

As an advisory body, you should be applying your *"Advisory Committees"* template to your own body!

The Staff recommendation memo acknowledges on page 70 that the Streamlining Task Force does not align with there of the template components, and that you are not in alignment with the term length, term limits, and establishing authority requirements you have been forcing all other *"advisory bodies"* to *"align"* with. *Are we to believe that your medicine for others isn't good enough medicine for yourselves?*

In the event your Task Force evades actually being sunsetted, you should set term lengths and term limits now, such that the Streamlining Task Force members will **not** serve longer than your standard 12-year maximum length of service if this body is extended. ***Do this while the iron is hot.***

More importantly, like many other Boards and Commissions you are shoving out of the City Charter and into the Administrative Code, you should apply that same template component requirement, and move this Streamlining Task Force out of the Charter and into the Admin Code.

There is no valid reason that the Streamlining Task Force should remain cluttering up the City Charter — since Streamlining Task Force members Jean Fraser, Andrea Bruss, Sophia Kittler, Sophie Hayward, and others have wailed that there are too many bodies in the Charter, and the Charter is excessively long. There's no valid reason to **not** move this Task Force into the Administrative Code, particularly since you are not a governance commission in need of City Charter protections.

Just because this Task Force has a sunset date on which you will (thankfully) expire, that is **not** a valid reason to fail to conform with the template you are forcing other boards and commissions to adhere to, setting a dangerous precedent.

After all, it would set a dangerous precedent that a board or commission created in the future with an assigned 20-year sunset date could conceivably not have term limits and term lengths be applied to members of that hypothetical body.

Do the right thing, and correct the flaws so that this Streamlining Task Force is in full alignment with your own template!

Sincerely,

/s/

Patrick Monette-Shaw

cc: Rachel Alonso, Project Director, City Administrator's Office

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