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Hello Commission Team,

I urge you to keep San Francisco's Animal Welfare Commission.

- There's no budget to cut — the Commission has no staff or operating costs.
- The public benefit is significant: it provides the only transparent, accessible forum where residents can raise animal-related concerns and help shape humane policy.
- Its volunteer work has led to major progress, including releasing elephants from the SF Zoo to sanctuary, banning cat declawing, and ending pet-store sales from breeding mills.
- I've personally presented issues regarding Animal Care & Control to the Commission, and it has been an essential avenue for public participation and accountability.
- Eliminating it would remove this important oversight and a channel for community input on animal welfare issues.

San Francisco is the city of St. Francis — we should continue to look out for all creatures who share our city. Please retain the Animal Welfare Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

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