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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

I write to respectfully urge you to preserve the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare (CACW). As the City and County of San Francisco navigates complex issues at the intersection of animal welfare, public health, and environmental stewardship, the Commission plays a vital and distinct role that is not replicated elsewhere.

Here's why I believe the Commission is indispensable:

- It serves as the first dedicated city body focused exclusively on the protection and welfare of animals — including companion animals, wildlife, and animals in commercial care — giving voice to concerns that often fall between typical departmental portfolios.
- The Commission acts as a bridge between the public and city government: many residents, departments, and supervisors refer issues to it, and many of its agenda items originate from public-voiced concerns. This helps ensure transparency and public engagement on animal-policy issues.
- Over the years, the volunteer Commissioners (who receive no compensation) have convened thoughtful, compassionate forums and made forward-looking recommendations.
- At a time when the connections among animal well-being, human health, environmental sustainability, and community safety are increasingly clear, the Commission's independent, expert voice is more relevant than ever.

Eliminating or weakening the Commission would silence an important avenue for advocacy, oversight, and public input — and deprive the City of an established mechanism that can proactively identify emerging animal-welfare issues, recommend policies, and monitor outcomes.

I urge you, in your deliberations due Wednesday, November 5, 2025 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Commission be retained in full. Your affirmation will strengthen San Francisco's commitment to animals — and by extension, to community health, compassion, and environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your ongoing service to our City.

Sincerely,

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