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As a native of San Francisco, I have been active in many different fields of San Francisco politics and issues, always as a volunteer. I have been attending meetings of the Animal Commission for many years, and have spoken (in person and in writing and virtually) about many different issues that have been dealt with by the Animal Commission. Those include, but are not limited to, SF/SPCA; SF Animal Care and Control; the sale of animals in stores in the city; the conditions for feral and homeless cats in the city; the protection of dogs and cats in the city at our local shelter, Animal Care & Control; the sale of live animals at San Francisco markets; the banning of declawing of cats; the banning of horrible glue traps used to trap and kill rodents; and many other issues concerning the protection of all different animals, included wildlife, in our beautiful city.

The existence of this Commission allows those of us who care about animals to speak out on their behalf. If this commission is eliminated, as your task force has recommended, the **ANIMALS WILL TRULY BE VOICELESS!!!!** Who else will speak on their behalf? Who else will have educational presentations about many different issues affecting animals in San Francisco? Who will make recommendations about changes and improvements for the welfare of the animals in our beloved city?

For 25 years I have volunteered to participate in the SPCA Community Cats program, TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return). I have trapped well over 250 cats who were examined by a vet, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, treated for fleas and worms, and microchipped. If necessary, as part of the program, the cats were also treated for wounds and infectious diseases. Without the patient and diligent work of so many volunteers like me, San Francisco would be completely **overrun** with colonies of feral cats, fighting, mating and reproducing thousands of unhealthy feral kittens. As one of those volunteers, I feel I have greatly contributed to the improved welfare of homeless cats and therefore have improved conditions for residents of our city in all SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS, which otherwise would be swarming with feral cats in poor condition. Therefore I feel I am entitled to speak out about animals in San Francisco and **IN SUPPORT OF** the **ONLY SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION** that deals with animal issues, **San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.**

The animals need this commission to continue to exist, and all of us who work on their behalf need it to exist. How else will we bring issues of importance regarding all different kinds of animals to the attention of our city government, our Board of Supervisors and our Mayor? How will we hold ACCOUNTABLE our own City shelter, Animal Care and Control, if we cannot bring up issues about how the shelter functions on all animals' behalf?

For all of these reasons, I implore this Task Force to reconsider its decision AND TO KEEP this extremely valuable Commission. **I support 100% the continued existence of the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.**

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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