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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force, I strongly advise keeping the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

The all-volunteer Commission is a powerful and active forum for residents to share their biggest concerns and thoughts around all animal welfare issues. It has the unique role of making recommendations and addressing issues in ways that a city department, including the ACC, cannot. Many of the Commission's discussions and voting matters come directly from concerns voiced by the public. Recommendations from the Commission span a broad range of important topics: dangers around glue traps and rodenticide usage, the SF zoo, allegations against Chapparelle Ranch in Golden Gate Park, cat declawing and many, many more.

At a time when the link between animal well-being, public health, and environmental responsibility is clearer than ever, we need the Commission's voice at the table. Please do not silence or take that voice away.

Thank you,

[Mike Rupena)