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Re: Please Keep the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare

Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to strongly urge you to **keep the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare**. I have lived in San Francisco since 1978, first with my dog Mariah and more recently with a cast of cats. I made my first friends at dog parks. I go to North Beach to see the parrots and always take visitors to watch the sea lions at Pier 39. As a night-shift cab driver, I glimpsed my first coyote trotting down the middle of Lombard Street like he owned it late one night. One of my passengers, who was blind, shared his experience by playing a recording he had made on his phone of a coyote's lonesome howl. He was so thrilled. I even had a gentle opossum in my backyard one summer.

My point is that our love for animals and our shared experiences living with pets and wildlife are important parts of what makes San Francisco the unique city it is. **It is essential for the welfare of all creatures in San Francisco to preserve this commission. It provides a necessary public forum and thoughtful, independent advocacy for shaping policy on animals.** It ensures that residents like me have a voice in how our city treats animals, who cannot speak for themselves.

I urge you to recommend that the **Commission of Animal Control and Welfare be retained and supported.**

Sincerely,
Evelyn Engel
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