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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I strongly advise that you keep the San Francisco Commission of Animal Welfare and Control, an all-volunteer commission that plays a unique role in our community.

As a current Commissioner on the Commission of AWC, I see firsthand the profound impact this body has on advocating for both wildlife and domestic animals - voices that can not speak for themselves - as well as the humans that coexist alongside. Our monthly commission meetings are the only public forum for SF residents to share concerns, hidden issues, and ideas around anything animal-related.

I'm proud to share that some of the most recent topics the Commission has discussed and made recommendations on have been directly brought to our attention by community members. Recent examples of this include advocating for plant-based diets in the SF Climate Action Plan and concerns around the proposed usage of artificial turf in Amazon Crocker Park. We get many comments in person and written about a broad range of issues, many of which can easily remain hidden without a forum like the Commission of AWC.

I'm also proud that the recommendations the Commission of AWC provides to the Board of Supervisors are data-driven and often include input from field experts, such as nonprofit leaders, rescues and more. I know that for myself, whenever I propose recommendations for the Commission to vote on, I put a lot of research and thought into making sure they're factual and realistic.

While you argue the ACC can fill this gap, I respectfully disagree and think this is a very unfeasible suggestion. Historically, the ACC has not held public forums and it does not seem like a realistic or appropriate scope (the ACC is already operating with slim resources).

I hope that you reconsider your position on eliminating the Commission of AWC. San Francisco prides itself on being a city of compassion, and losing a major public platform to be the voice of the voiceless would be a major loss to our community and beyond.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

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