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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I write today because I was dismayed to learn that you had recommended the elimination of the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare, and I am strongly opposed to that recommendation. San Francisco is named after the patron saint of animals – I urge you not to eliminate the primary forum our city has for discussion of animal welfare issues.

I first learned about the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare during the pandemic, after a neighborhood dispute concerning the trapping of a juvenile raccoon that was euthanized after its mother had cried for hours as it struggled in vain to free her baby. This traumatic experience caused me to look into what resources were available in the City to support the welfare of the wildlife with whom we all coexist.

I have since been to a number of commission meetings, and I have been impressed with the balanced level of discourse between the commissioners, as well as the comments by members of the public who have animal-related issues to bring to the commission's attention. Each meeting has been educational for me. For example, the recent discussions concerning banning glue traps made me aware not only of the cruelty of these traps, but contradictions between the City's health recommendations and actual City department practices, as well as associated socioeconomic issues.

Again, I urge you not to eliminate the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

Sincerely,

Bill Hale

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