

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [commissionstreamlining](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Commission Streamlining Task Force Nov 5th Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025 10:17:57 AM

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

To: The Commission Streamlining Task Force

Ask yourselves this question: WWJD?

That's right, what would JANE do!?

*"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." -Jane Goodall*

The **unpaid** commissioners serving the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare make a difference not only in the city of San Francisco but also by serving as a model for how other cities can reflect the community-at-large's animal welfare concerns in the city's legislature. **If this commission is no longer able to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, who will?**

Did you know that this commission has made a number of recommendations that include the releasing of elephants from the San Francisco Zoo to a sanctuary, the banning of cat declawing, and ending pet store sales of dogs and cats from breeding mills? San Francisco is setting a standard for the rest of the state, country, and arguably the world, by making headlines with these measures rooted in compassion for living beings. In 2025, measures like these go viral, with impact rippling out to communities across the globe.

**I am writing to ask that your task force recommend keeping the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.**

As you may be aware, the Commission is the first city body dedicated to advocating for the protection and well-being of animals, and it serves a unique role by making recommendations and addressing issues affecting companion animals and wildlife in ways that a city department cannot.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and city departments often refer residents to the Commission, and many agenda items come directly from concerns voiced by the public.

Over the years, the commissioners (who receive no compensation for their work) have provided an essential public forum and compassionate, forward-thinking discussions and presentations.

**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.**

Please recommend that San Francisco keep the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

Sincerely,

Jennice Ontiveros