

**From:** [Johnston, Jennifer \(ADM\)](#)  
**To:** [Alonso, Rachel \(ADM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Prop East streamlining commission meeting of yesterday  
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Hi Rachel:

Please see below, and respond directly (no need to copy me). Thanks!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Rothman [REDACTED]  
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Hi Jennifer,

Hello,

This is Richard Rothman with a little problem with your department that I hope you can look into.

Since it's hard to get to City Hall, I called in yesterday to comment on the streamlining commission Prop E. See below.

I raise my hand on WebEx. I was not able to speak because my hand was taken down. I did this a couple of times, but was not able to talk.. Other people called in, and they were able to speak.

I'm just curious why the Staff would not let me speak yesterday.

This is what I wanted to say when I tried to call in yesterday.

I strongly support keeping the Animal Welfare Commission. In fact, its role should be expanded. It should take over the oversight of the San Francisco Zoo. The current Joint Zoo Committee does not play an active role in overseeing the Zoo operations, and that's not Rec and Park's main job. Their job is for Recreation and Park issues, not animal care at the Zoo. The animal welfare commission could take over oversight of the zoo's operations and provide more guidance on the Zoo's operations.

There are important questions to ask: what kind of Zoo do we want in the city, or do we even need one? I think the animal welfare commission should be in charge, and they could play a more active role in overseeing the Zoo than the current Joint Zoo Committee members.

Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.

Richard [REDACTED]