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San Francisco Commission Streamlining Task Force
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Dear Chair Harrington and Task Force Members:

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 856, representing frontline Building Inspectors, strongly opposes any proposal to dissolve or weaken the Building Inspection Commission or eliminate the Code Advisory Committee. These are not bureaucratic layers—they are crucial safeguards that protect workers, tenants, and the public.

Every day, we see firsthand how dangerous construction can be when oversight is rushed or sidelined. The BIC and CAC provide transparency, accountability, and a public forum where real-world experience of workers, residents, contractors and DBI staff shape policy. Removing this oversight would make it harder for us to enforce safety standards consistently and would increase risks on job sites, in homes and businesses.

The Commission also ensures open review of budget decisions, resources, and enforcement priorities—matters that directly affect our ability to do our jobs safely and effectively. Without these checks, workers and the communities they build will lose critical protections. Voters reaffirmed the importance of this oversight when they approved Prop B in 2022. Further weakening the Commission would go against the public's clear direction and undermine years of progress in restoring trust and improving safety.

For the integrity of our work, the safety of the construction workforce, and the protection of the general public, we urge you to keep both the Building Inspection Commission and the Code Advisory Committee intact.

Sincerely,

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