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To the members of Mayor Lurie's Streamlining Task Force:

I was both shocked and disappointed that you chose NOT to prioritize protecting the environment in your recent policy recommendations.

The Commission on the Environment serves a critical role by ensuring that environmental justice and equity are integral to the City's policy decisions. The Commission has prioritized resources for the neighborhoods and communities most disproportionately affected by pollution; it has supported environmental education in schools, and it has effectively allocated funds to local, community-based organizations over the last five years.

The Commission has made governing decisions, which carried both budgetary and policy weight to ensure the City supports equity in its policies; the Commission did not function merely in an advisory role.

San Francisco's emphasis on justice and inclusivity has always been linked to its environmental leadership—however, this emphasis on equity would be put at risk if the Commission is stripped of decision-making authority.

Advisory bodies simply cannot approve grants, allocate funds, or guarantee that environmental justice remains at the forefront of the SF Department of the Environment's operations. Without the Commission's explicit capacity to rule, the City will no longer be held accountable for prioritizing equity within the Department. The *only* way to ensure that those values endure is to maintain the Commission's decision making authority.

I write to urge you to maintain the current powers of the Commission on the Environment.

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