

December 2, 2025

Dear Members of the Commission Streaming Task Force:

As a newly appointed member of the Reentry Council, I write to express my strong opposition to the preliminary recommendation to eliminate this body. I urge the Commission to maintain the Reentry Council's current structure and authority within the Administrative Code. Removing or weakening this Council would compromise public safety, undermine equity, and jeopardize the City's ability to coordinate effective, data-informed reentry services.

Unparalleled Inter-Agency Coordination: The Reentry Council convenes critical stakeholders across the criminal justice system and community sectors—including the Public Defender, District Attorney, Adult Probation, Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Health, and community-based organizations. This integration prevents service duplication, aligns funding strategies, and creates unified approaches to housing, employment, treatment, and support services. No other City entity achieves this level of cross-sector collaboration.

Strategic Resource Oversight: As the designated Local Advisory Committee for multiple state and federal funding streams, the Council guides resource allocation across housing, workforce development, behavioral health, education, and legal services. Recent successes include securing \$8 million for the Department of Public Health (2023, 2025) and \$8 million for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (2024) through the Board of State and Community Corrections. Eliminating the Council would disrupt these required advisory functions and reduce accountability over substantial public investments.

Authentic Community Voice: The Council includes formerly incarcerated individuals in leadership positions, ensuring that those with direct experience inform policy and program design. The Council's public meetings provide transparency and meaningful opportunities for community participation. Dissolving this structure would silence the voices of those most affected by reentry policy and eliminate a vital mechanism for public accountability.

San Francisco has been a national model in reentry innovation. The Reentry Council represents over a decade of commitment to evidence-based, equity-centered justice reform. Eliminating it would reverse this progress and harm the individuals and families our policies are designed to serve.

Thank you for considering these concerns. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Daniels', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dr. Reginold Daniels
Mayoral Appointee, San Francisco Reentry Council