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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On behalf of Dignifi, I am writing to express our strong and unwavering support for the San Francisco Reentry Council and the invaluable role it plays in strengthening coordinated, effective services for individuals returning to our communities after incarceration. Our team has had the privilege of presenting to the Council, and we have seen firsthand how thoughtfully and rigorously it approaches its mandate. The Council's work not only improves individual outcomes—it enhances public safety, reduces recidivism, and advances community well-being.

The Reentry Council is uniquely effective because it brings together an unparalleled network of agencies, service providers, and community voices. Its cross-agency coordination eliminates duplication, aligns funding streams, and ensures that housing, behavioral health, employment, and stabilization services work together rather than in silos. No other city body provides this level of integrated oversight, collaboration, or strategic alignment.

As the state-mandated Local Advisory Committee for multiple justice-related funding streams, the Council has been instrumental in guiding how millions of public dollars are invested. These resources directly support transitional and permanent housing, workforce development, behavioral health treatment, education, and legal services. Disrupting this structure would undermine critical advisory processes, jeopardize funding, and diminish accountability around how these essential public dollars are spent.

The Council also models equity in practice. By ensuring that people with lived experience hold leadership and advisory roles, it grounds policy and program decisions in the real needs of the community. Its open meetings and transparent processes create a rare and essential space where impacted individuals, families, and service providers can contribute to shaping the systems that affect them most. Eliminating the Council would silence these voices and reverse years of progress toward inclusive and equitable policymaking.

San Francisco has long been a national leader in reentry practice. Preserving the Reentry Council is not only a matter of maintaining that leadership—it is a matter of protecting community safety, supporting families, and honoring the dignity and potential of every returning resident.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to building a safer, more just, and more compassionate San Francisco.

Danny Yoon

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