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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the Commission on the Environment as a decision-making body rather than changing it to an advisory one.

The Commission's current structure ensures public accountability by using open voting, public hearings, and clear procedures, which allows community concerns to directly influence policy decisions. Shifting to an advisory role would eliminate this direct public responsibility, diminishing the public's confidence and involvement in the government.

I also propose that the Commission on the Environment absorb the duties of the Urban Forestry Council. Given the Council's infrequent meetings and similar objectives to the Commission, this integration would ensure that urban forestry remains a priority without the need for a separate entity.

Furthermore, reducing the Commission to an advisory role would strip it of vital decision-making power and would not result in any significant cost savings. The Commission is essential for the city's climate leadership, ensuring the implementation of the Climate Action Plan and overseeing grant agreements to protect both our ecosystems and taxpayer funds.

The ability of the Commission on the Environment to take decisive action is crucial for San Francisco's climate goals and public accountability.

Thank you for your service and for considering this input.

Best,
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