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Dear Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to urge you to preserve the decision-making authority of the Commission on the Environment. While I understand the need to reduce bureaucracy, the environment is an issue that requires cross-departmental enforcement, not just advice. Currently, the Commission approves grants that help local non-profits improve air quality, plant trees, and educate the public. If this authority is removed, decisions regarding millions of dollars in public funds will move behind closed doors, reducing transparency and public trust.

The Commission also plays a vital role in coordinating efforts between the SFPUC, SFMTA, and the Planning Department to ensure the Climate Action Plan is actually executed. Without a governing body that has the power to hold these departments accountable in a public forum, our climate goals will fall by the wayside. An advisory body cannot compel different agencies to work together effectively. We need a Commission with the teeth to ensure that sustainability is woven into the fabric of city infrastructure, not treated as an afterthought.

Please keep the Commission empowered to act.

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