Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

The Bayview Hunters Point AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee (CSC) is writing to express its strong opposition to the proposed elimination of the Bayview Hunters Point Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). We believe our sentiment is shared by the diverse set of Bayview Hunters Point communities and organizations we represent.

The CAC is an important community voice in ensuring that economic development in Bayview Hunters Point materializes alongside minimal environmental impacts for local residents. Through its oversight and advice, the CAC has helped project owners find opportunities for minimizing environmental impact. It has also helped direct projects to generate local hiring, increase small business participation, and promote workforce training — ensuring that public investments create tangible community benefits. The CAC has struggled with maintaining a quorum and filling longstanding vacancies with relevant experience and expertise in the past, which might have led to inactivity; however, new membership is onboarding (two new members onboarded in just the last few months, while the current AB 617 Community Steering Committee process will deliver numerous qualified candidates for the CAC). An effective compromise would be to reduce the total number of CAC members so quorum can be achieved amidst occasional member absences.

Eliminating or diminishing the CAC would undercut one of the few mechanisms that the community has to tie policy decisions to both environmental accountability and equitable job creation. In a community where land use decisions are directly tied to the highest respiratory lung illnesses and cancer rates in the city of San Francisco, eliminating this body would be a betrayal of the community by the City. Preserving it reinforces the City's commitment to inclusive growth and environmental justice. We thank you for your leadership and for considering the community's voice in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Signed by the following:

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