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Commissioners Streamlining Task Force,

The Commission on the Environment is tasked with overseeing SFE, which has to responsibility for carrying out our City's Climate Action Plan.

This is a huge assignment--it means changing the energy sources away from fossil fuels for the entire city by 2040. That is not a small task, and the consequences of not delivering are distressing to contemplate in terms of the health of our citizens, the economy and the planet we depend upon for our very sustenance and life.

I must ask the Commission Streamlining Task Force to reconsider its recommendation to downgrade to advisory status and then eliminate the Commission on the Environment. Given the magnitude and importance of the Department's work that they are overseeing, don't you think it would be wise to keep the Commission on the Environment? We, the citizens need a forum where we can provide input on these tasks. And we need the Commission to continue to be a link between citizens, SFE and the City Administration, so that all voices are heard when changes of such a large magnitude are necessary. Why would you silence all these voices? Why would you take away oversight when difficult but necessary choices must be made swiftly if we are going to minimize the damage that fossil fuels are causing to our world?

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