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Dear Commissioners,

As a parent raising two children in San Francisco and an environmental scientist with over 20 years of experience in water quality and environmental advocacy, I am deeply concerned by the proposal to downgrade the Commission on the Environment to an advisory role.

One of the Commission's most critical functions is transparent oversight of grant funding to community organizations. 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.

In my professional work, I've seen firsthand how public oversight strengthens environmental decision-making. We need a body that publicly debates and votes on where resources go to ensure they reach the communities that need them most.

The Commission on the Environment is the primary guardian of Environmental Justice in San Francisco. It ensures that marginalized communities—who often bear the brunt of pollution and climate change—have a seat at the table with voting power. Relegating this body to advisory status silences those voices. Advice is easily ignored; votes are a matter of public record and policy.

As a parent, I think often about the city my children will inherit. If you care about protecting our most vulnerable residents from environmental hazards, you must maintain the Commission as a decision-making body.

Fiscal responsibility requires public oversight, and that is what the Commission currently provides. Do not strip them of this power.

Sincerely,

Ian Wren