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Commissioners Streamlining Task Force,

Please DO NOT follow the Commission Streamlining Task Force's recommendation to downgrade the Commission on the Environment to advisory status - and after 3 years to eliminate it altogether.

San Francisco should be a leader in protecting the environment, not ignoring it.

This will lead to real damage to the health of San Franciscans.

The Commission on the Environment promotes environmental justice by directing funding and programs to communities most impacted by pollution and climate change; it strengthens workforce development by investing in youth climate internships and green jobs; it provides residents a formal platform to speak out and influence policy. These are just some of its functions.

Given Federal government failure and even retreat on climate change, state and local governments need to take the lead.

Drastic cuts to the SF Environment Department in the recent 2-year budget revealed an ominous willingness to ignore action to prevent the ever-increasing severity of climate disasters. Gutting and cutting the Department's oversight body only reinforces this impression. It will not streamline government - it will make it harder for the City to keep its focus on eliminating the cause of global warming.

Please protect our environment!

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