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Hello Task Force Members,

Because the City Charter is the foundation of the Commission on the Environment's authority, it should continue to be a decision making body. The Commission is expressly authorized by the Charter to set policies, authorize the pesticide list, and manage the Department of the Environment. These are legally mandated governance duties -- not advisory ones.

In addition to weakening environmental protections, downgrading the Commission might lead to legal ambiguity. San Francisco runs the risk of breaking its own code since advisory bodies are not authorized to perform these responsibilities. By preserving the Commission's decision making power, you can uphold the intention of the lawmakers and voters who established it and guarantee adherence to the City's legal system.

The Commission's legal role cannot be reduced or outsourced. I implore you to maintain its authority to govern rather than merely advise.

Thank you,
Eliet Henderson