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Hi there - my name is Amy Widdowson and I live in the Outer Richmond. Thank you for all of your efforts during this review process. And as I'm sure others have said, while efficiency is important, so is making sure that we're making the right choices.

Due to its unique role as a link between public policy and advocacy, I believe the Commission on the Environment must continue to be a decision making body, where choices are based on facts and industry best practices rather than just politics.

The Commission's expertise would be reduced to suggestions that could be easily ignored if it were relegated to an advisory group. By maintaining decision making power with the Commission, we'd ensure that science informs actual policy and safeguards people and the environment.

In government, and especially right now in 2025, science must have a strong voice. I hope that the Commission can maintain this power in the future.

Very best,
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