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Commissioners Streamlining Task Force,

I pay attention to San Francisco's climate policy, and I'm asking you to keep the Commission on the Environment as a governance body.

Mayor Lurie, you won a national award for CleanPowerSF. Board of Supervisors, you've passed strong climate legislation. Task Force, you've achieved change through public work. I appreciate that.

But downgrading the Commission to advisory means it can't do its actual job anymore. The Commission has binding authority to oversee multi-million dollar contracts like Recology's waste management deal. It's legally required to approve the city's pesticide list each year. It directs funding to communities hit hardest by pollution. Advisory bodies can't do any of that, they can only make suggestions that get ignored.

Thirty-year goals like net-zero by 2040 don't survive without independent oversight that outlasts political turnover. An advisory commission is just symbolic input. It can't act fast in emergencies. It can't prevent costly mistakes or hold anyone accountable.

This affects families dealing with pollution, workers who need green jobs, communities facing climate emergencies, residents who want their voices to actually count for something.

Keep the Commission on the Environment as a governance body with binding authority.

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