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Public Comment re: Jan 14 Commission Streamlining Taskforce — Keep & Strengthen Oversight That Protects Residents

Hello CAC Members and Taskforce,

Thank you for tomorrow's discussion (1:00 PM, Wed., January 14, City Hall Room 263) and for publishing the slide deck in advance. I urge you to preserve and strengthen the oversight bodies under review, not eliminate or dilute them. Treasure Island shows why. <https://www.treasureislandsfpoweroutages.com/>

SFPUC & TIDA controls Treasure Island's electric system end-to-end no PG&E involvement serving ~500 homes across ~125 buildings. Yet 2025 delivered 30 outages, including a Valentine's Day gas/electric collapse that left ~400 units without heat, hot water, or power for four days. Residents cycled between "planned outages" and emergency diesel, while basic medical and safety needs were at risk. This is not a paperwork problem it's a public-safety failure.

Context matters. Former SFPUC GM Harlan Kelly who oversaw this system is now in federal prison for corruption tied to city contracting. <https://www.justice.gov/usa-ndca/pr/former-san-francisco-puc-chief-sentenced-four-years-prison>

When we sought Treasure Island records that could explain persistent failures, SFPUC abruptly invoked a "rule of reason" exemption and then failed to produce the records at all. After 25 years and 533 documented disruptions, opacity is the constant. Without strong, independent oversight, Treasure Island would not even be on the map for accountability—full stop. <https://www.treasureislandsfpoweroutages.com/#/news>

Given SFPUC's parallel push to expand PublicPowerSF citywide, it is untenable to weaken oversight while the operator of a 500-home pilot can't meet the most basic reliability standards. PG&E's system is measurably more reliable; the City's case for a broader takeover must begin with fixing the smaller system it already controls and proving it with transparent data.

Requests to the Taskforce:

- Retain and reinforce the Ethics Commission, Police Commission, DBI Appeals bodies, Relocation Appeals Board, PUC Citizen's Advisory Committee, and Mission Bay Transportation Improvement advisory roles. Where consolidation is considered, mandate independence, subpoena power, and public reporting not just "efficiency."

- Require SFPUC/TIDA to produce all Treasure Island outage, maintenance, and cause-of-failure records and to stand up a public, real-time reliability dashboard and outage-after-action reports. If barklee can self fund this and be upaid for the work then SFPUC/TIDA can do it as paid government workers <https://www.treasureislandsfpoweroutages.com/>
- Establish cross-body coordination (Ethics + PUC CAC + relevant appeals boards) to ensure procurement integrity, whistleblower protection, and enforceable service-level commitments tied to resident health and safety.
- **Direct that any future grid-purchase or expansion proposal be conditioned on demonstrated reliability on Treasure Island for at least 12 consecutive months, verified by independent audit.**

We are free advocates for this city. As an outspoken chair and community member, I'm asking you to keep the commissions strong, compel transparency, and put resident safety ahead of institutional convenience.

Find the receipts. Demand accountability.

Respectfully

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On Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 4:03 PM Moncrease, Lexus <LMoncrease@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hello CAC Members,

Please be advised that the Commissioner Streamlining Taskforce will meet tomorrow to discuss the following public bodies:

- Police Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Department of Building Inspection Appeals Boards (Access Appeals Commission, Board of Examiners, and Abatement Appeals Board)
- Relocation Appeals Board
- **Public Utilities Citizen's Advisory Committee**
- Mission Bay Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee

The slides to be presented to the Task Force have been published online here:

<https://www.sf.gov/january-14-2026-commission-streamlining-task-force-meeting>

The Task Force meeting will occur at **1pm on Wednesday, January 14 in City Hall Room 263.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. You may also submit an official response for the public record by emailing commissionstreamlining@sfgov.org.

Best Regards,

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April 11, 2025

Dear Mr. Sanders:

We write to inform you that, effective immediately, we are invoking a general rule of reason in our responses to your records requests. This means that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will dedicate a limited number of hours each week to work on your pending and any future records requests.

We are invoking the general rule of reason due to the unreasonable burden you have placed on SFPUC staff who are tasked with responding to your numerous, often very broad, records requests. Since January 1, 2024, you have submitted to the SFPUC 58 records requests. Of these 58 requests, you have submitted 33 since January 1, 2025 at a pace of no fewer than one request per week, and you often submit two to five requests in a week. Responding to these requests has placed an undue administrative burden on SFPUC staff, who in the last three months have dedicated hundreds of hours in responding to your public records requests, separate and apart from the dozens of other requests the SFPUC receives on a monthly basis. The SFPUC has worked diligently to respond to all of your requests, but your demands have absorbed an extraordinary amount of staff time in a public agency that must be responsive to and in service to the public, rate payers, and other interested parties. There comes a point at which the demands of one public records requester can become excessive and unreasonable in light of other demands on City government. In your case, we have come to that point.

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We recognize that any public records request imposes some burden, in some cases even a significant burden, on the department to which it is directed, but the volume and frequency of your requests stand out as having a significant impact on staff capacity and compromising the SFPUC's ability to respond to the many other requests for public records the SFPUC receives. Your requests are often complex, overlap with previously submitted requests, and frequently require meticulous review of records and careful redaction of those records, and the pace and timing of your requests exacerbates the burden.

OUR MISSION: To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.



Due to the burdens your requests have placed on the SFPUC, and the unreasonable strain they place on our ability to perform our other public duties, we will now invoke the rule of reason with respect to the requests you have submitted, and your future requests. We will therefore allocate a limited number of hours per week responding to your requests. We generally will not be able to comply with the response deadlines set out in the Sunshine Ordinance and the Public Records Act. Unless you specify otherwise, we will, as a general rule, respond to your requests in the order that we receive them. If there are specific requests outstanding or if you submit a new request that you want us to prioritize over others, please let us know. Further, we invite you to withdraw or narrow some of your prior public records requests to facilitate our ability to respond to those of your requests you deem most important.

The policy supporting the state and local public records disclosure laws is based in a core belief that transparency and openness are fundamental to healthy democratic government. We are committed to that policy and to compliance with the laws and rules that implement it. But we no longer can countenance what has become an abuse of the process, and instead we must rely on a rule of reason to guide us in responding to your many requests.

Sincerely,

SFPUC Public Records