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Dear Streamlining Task Force,

I represent District 9, the Mission-Bernal-Portola area, on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens' Advisory Committee. I am writing to express my objection to the Task Force's recommendations to 'sunset' the CAC in three years.

First, without this Committee, District 9 does not have any representation at SFPUC. The Commissioners are appointed and may not have any connection with D9. My work (unpaid, volunteer work, at that) is to identify issues relevant to D9 and to work with SFPUC staff to better support public interests. I also work to understand the priorities of my Board Supervisor, Jackie Fielder in this case, and bring the work she was elected to do into this space.

Second, the SFPUC is one of the largest, most complex City entities and it takes quite a bit of time to gain relevant experience understanding the waste water, power, and water enterprises. Many CAC members have professional expertise that they bring to this work on behalf of the public. Even then, such a large, complex entity can be a challenge to navigate. At the public agency where I work, we also have a Citizens' Advisory Board and they are a valuable resource to connect with public interests, recruit volunteers and advocate for our work. They are also an import pool of future Board members (or Commissioners in SFPUC's case). Being a Commissioner at the SFPUC is a major commitment and serving on the CAC is a great training ground for future City leaders and SFPUC Commissioners. There is at least one current Commissioner who served on the CAC.

While I certainly understand the need for fewer, more effective committees and task forces at the City, I think the potential removal of the CAC, which has a long track record of bringing important community-based issues to the fore, is a short-sided mistake. When I look around the table at the CAC and see people who have often spent a decade plus understanding issues critical to the environmental and economic well being of our city, I can't help but think it would be a shame to decline their considerable volunteer investments in the city. It is fair and reasonable to wonder how such committees can be better, but I think that's a discussion best held between SFPUC, the CAC, the Commissioners, and the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

-Aaron Hebert,

