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Commission Streamlining Task Force

cc:

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Dear members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force:

My office continues to stay informed on the Streamlining Task Force's recommendations to eliminate, modify, and consolidate city commissions. Today, I am writing to express my reservations about the proposed changes to the Homelessness Oversight Commission (HOC) and the elimination of the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee (OCOHOC), Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee (SGAC), and Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC).

Firstly, the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee ensures that the voter-approved homelessness gross receipts tax is effectively and transparently utilized by engaging in community input and oversight of the proper use of the funds generated by the tax. This committee conducts valuable research and collects input from both stakeholders and community members to inform the drafting of their annual investment plans and annual reports for OCOH. Eliminating this committee would eliminate the valuable service they provide on how to transparently and effectively allocate these voter-mandated funds to best solve our city's homelessness crisis.

Almost 18 years ago, former Supervisor Tom Ammiano passed legislation that would establish standards of care for San Francisco's shelters. The Shelter Monitoring Committee was established to ensure that the city's shelters adhered to the guidelines clearly outlined in this legislation. This committee actively performs regular shelter visits, both announced and unannounced, documenting concerns ranging from serious exploitation of shelter residents to the lack of sufficient supplies. The crucial work that this committee conducts ensures that our city's shelters are held up to our established standards of care. Eliminating this committee would risk having the standards of our city's shelters slip, failing its most vulnerable populations, and it is completely unacceptable to deem this commission unnecessary.

Similarly, the Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee ensures that there are clear guidelines and

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transparency regarding complaints regarding the enforcement of shelter rules, helping the City ensure that our shelters are providing the city's established standards of care. It is currently responsible for creating systems to collect and track data from the city's shelter system, crucially providing the city with insight into the performance of our shelters and to improve upon our existing standards of care with data-driven methods, and ensuring that the City's shelters provide healthy and safe environments for its residents.

Finally, I am gravely concerned that the Streamlining Task Force is recommending that the Homelessness Oversight Commission (HOC) replace all of its Board of Supervisor-nominated seats with seats appointed by the Mayor. This would mean that the HOC would be completely mayoral-appointed, *de facto* converting it from a body meant to provide independent oversight to one that is functionally advisory.

The HOC was established by voter approval in 2022 due to disappointment at the lack of independent oversight on HSH, the proposed changes would prevent the commission from doing its job, and mean it would lose the authority set forth by the charter to provide independent oversight and due diligence on to ensure that the City's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing is providing high quality, cost effective and long term services to the people of San Francisco and its homelessness population.

I sincerely urge you to reconsider these recommendations and uphold the will of the voters to provide independent oversight of our city's departments and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Fielder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jackie" on the top line and "Fielder" on the bottom line.

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