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Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Raphael Mandelman, Board President
The Honorable Stephen Sherrill, Supervisor, District 2
The Honorable Danny Sauter, Supervisor, District 3
The Honorable Alan Wong, Supervisor, District 4
The Honorable Bilal Mahmood, District 5
The Honorable Matt Dorsey, Supervisor, District 6

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‘A backlash delayed is not a backlash denied. It just keeps building.’”

Re: **Testimony on File 260217 — Various Codes – Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies**

Dear President Mandelman, and Supervisors Alan Wong and Stephen Sherrill, and Other Supervisors,

A reminder for Supervisors Wong, Sherrill, and others: Napoleon Bonaparte once said, *“Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.”*

For his part, novelist William Faulkner advised: *“The past is never dead. It’s not even past.”*

Other observer’s have noted that *“a backlash delayed is not a backlash denied. It just keeps building.”*

Regarding File #260217, ***Various Codes – Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies***, I urge each of the six Supervisors who voted to pass this Ordinance on First Reading written by the *“Commission Streamlining Task Force”* as submitted on May 11, to change your votes on Second Reading today on May 18 from *“Aye”* to *“No.”*

Otherwise, voters — who notoriously have very, very long memories — will remember how you betrayed San Franciscans in voting to dramatically alter our City’s boards, commissions, and advisory bodies structures developed over decades to provide community-based oversight of how our City is governed.

You are making a grave, tactical mistake, and I shouldn’t interrupt you at it. But if you pass it on Second Reading, it will not be dead ... it will be remembered come November 2026 when the planned Commission Reform Charter Amendment is placed on the November ballot. Voters will remember it, and the backlash against this Ordinance may be delayed, but it won’t be denied. And voters will likely remember that when they are asked to vote on the three other so-called government streamlining Charter Changes — woefully and dubiously dubbed *“Clean Up City Hall”* — that Mayor Lurie is collecting signatures for to place on the same November ballot.

District 2 and District 4 voters will not only vote *“Hell NO!”* on the Commission Reform Charter Amendment, but they’ll also likely vote *“No”* on the Mayor’s three Charter Amendments, too, and will likely vote for other candidates in the General Election to be their district Supervisors.

You’ve been warned, folks.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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