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Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Raphael Mandelman, President of the Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Connie Chan, Supervisor, District 1

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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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Re: **Additional Testimony on File #260225 — Vote No on Motion to Subvert Rules Committee Hearing on Commission Streamlining Task Force Final Report Recommendations and Legislation**

Dear President Mandelman and Board of Supervisors,

It's impossible to review 608 pages of recommendations and legislation from the Streamlining Task Force during a **single** "*Committee of the Whole*" hearing, which would not do justice to massively overhauling participatory democratic governance of our City — particularly since **Rule §3.22**, the "*30-Day Rule*" specifically states that measures introduced that would create or **revise major City policy**, the committee to which the measure is assigned shall not consider the measure until at **least** 30 days. Mandelman's Motion hijacks the legislative intent and spirit of the "*30-Day Rule*."

The Board of Supervisors should all **Vote "No"** on Mandelman's Motion on March 10! They should allow the Rules Committee review process to play out.

There's no need to rush this process. Charter Amendments for the November ballot face a deadline of July 24, 2026. There's no need to eliminate thoughtful Rules Committee hearings, or multiple hearings at the Rules Committee. After all, July is still four months away!

Pulling **File #260225** back from the Rules Committee for a "*Committee of the Whole*" hearing hijacks the Rules Committee from conducting thoughtful review of the 800-plus recommendations in the Streamlining Task Force's 134-page "*Final Report*," and the 475 pages of its proposed legislation.

The Commission Streamlining Task Force's 134-page "*Final Report*" and recommendations were transmitted to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on January 30. Only on February 10 did the Board of Supervisors formally introduce the report and assign it to the Board's "*Rules Committee*" for a hearing in Board File #260147 (Version 1).

Then a month later, the City Attorney's Office submitted the Streamlining Task Force's two pieces of proposed legislation — the proposed 166-page Charter Amendment language for the November 2026 election, and a 308-page initial Ordinance — on February 27 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. It took until March 3 for the Board of Supervisors to again quietly introduce the proposed legislation through a "*Substituted and Assigned*" procedure to the Rules Committee on Tuesday March 3, also assigned to Board File #260147 (Version 2).

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consider the measure until at *least* 30 days after the day of introduction of the legislation. That Rule is meant to ensure that major policy legislation is not rushed, allowing time for public review, committee scrutiny, and analysis before a hearing. It prevents immediate action on significant City policies by mandating a 30-day waiting period.

There has been no mention of, or any notice to the public, on any of the Board of Supervisors or the Rules Committee meeting agendas before Thursday, March 5 that the “*Final Report*” and legislation had even been assigned to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee has held no hearings on the matter, and it hasn’t been listed in the “*Legislation Under the 30-Day Rule*” pending section of the Rules Committee’s agendas.

The first members of the public learned of the assignment to the Rules Committee was on March 5 at 10:00 p.m. when the Clerk of the Board’s staff published the full Board of Supervisors agenda for Tuesday March 10. Buried at Item #31 on the March 10 agenda was a sudden notice that Supervisor Mandelman — President of the Board of Supervisors — had introduced a Motion to pull the Streamlining Task Force’s report and proposed legislation “*back*” from the Rules Committee to hold a “*Committee of the Whole*” hearing by the full Board of Supervisors on March 17. We also learned on March 5 that the Rules Committee’s meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9 had suddenly been cancelled.

Mandelman’s Motion to pull the matter from the Rules Committee to the full board appeared magically, just four working days *after* the Board of Supervisors received the two pieces of legislation transmitted on February 27.

It leaves no time for meaningful public participation on a thoughtful, advance basis to ensure major policy legislation is not rushed. It doesn’t allow sufficient time for public review, committee scrutiny, and analysis before holding a hearing. It doesn’t even prevent immediate action on significant Ordinances by a full 30-day waiting period, because if it is considered and passed during a single hearing on March 17, just 14 days will have passed after the legislation was assigned to the Rules Committee on March 3!

Supervisor Mandelman must surely be able to count and do math. He must know that a 14-day period between assigning the legislation to the Rules Committee and holding a “*Committee of the Whole Hearing*” 14 days later on March 17 is NOT a full 30-Day Rule waiting period!

Vote “No”!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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