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**Cc:** [Hopper, Kim \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: GAO Committee Hearing,10/17/2024  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:19:50 AM  
**To:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Paulino, Tom (MYR) <tom.paulino@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Committee Hearing,10/17/2024

Supervisor Peskin,

On behalf of the Mayor, thank you for the invitation to join the Committee.

The courtesy of the invitation is appreciated; however, the invitation is not necessary, for, as you know, Charter Section 3.100 (10) grants the Mayor the power to come and “[s]peak and be heard with respect to any matter at any meeting of the Board of Supervisors or any of its committees.” The Mayor, at this point of the investigation, will not exercise her power to do so.

While the Mayor is proud of the good work that the Dreamkeeper Initiative has delivered to a community that has been historically ignored by City Hall, including around home ownership programs, job training, small business support, and arts and culture, she also knows and is extremely disappointed that there have been clear problems with the management and stewardship of the public trust at the Human Rights Commission (“HRC”) that must be fixed. To that end, Mayor Breed installed new leadership at the Human Rights Commission and directed said leadership to collaborate with the City Attorney and the Controller’s Office on all investigations into these matters, including a full review and audit of all Dreamkeeper spending by the Controller. Those investigations are ongoing and will be essential to providing a fuller understanding to the public, to the Mayor, and to you and your colleagues of what’s working in these areas, what has failed, and what needs to be done to ensure all City Departments, not just HRC, are true fiduciaries of the public trust and public purse.

The Mayor is confident the City Staff attending the hearing will be able to provide you the most up to date information into their work reviewing the Human Rights Commission’s work in this area. As an aside, the Mayor expects that you and your colleagues will treat City Staff with the same respect and decorum that you would treat her should she have decided to exercise her power under Charter Section 3.100 (10).

Finally, as a reminder, the Mayor’s door is always open to speak to you, or any of your colleagues, about these matters, despite your political differences outside the building as evidenced by your regularly scheduled monthly meeting that happened just two

weeks ago. Moreover, she also attends monthly meetings of the Board of Supervisors for “Question Time,” where policy matters like this are open for discussion. I understand you, and your colleagues representing Districts 1, 2, and 4, had the opportunity, last week, to formally ask her questions about the Human Rights Commission, or any other issue at that meeting that was not present on your meeting agenda, but you all failed to submit any questions whatsoever for her to answer. Oddly, you sent this invitation on the same day you could have asked her these questions, but failed to ask her any questions. I am sorry for that oversight and missed opportunity.

Please let me know if you have any questions,  
Sean

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**From:** Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:18 AM  
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**Subject:** GAO Committee Hearing,10/17/2024

Dear Mayor Breed,

I'm writing to respectfully request your participation in a hearing at the Government Audit and Oversight Committee on Oct. 17 at 10am.

Please refer to: [File 240914](#): Hearing - Investigating the Lack of Oversight of Fraudulent Activities Within Executive Branch Departments, including SFPD and HRC, and the Need to Ensure Corrective Actions and Systemic Reforms. The focus of the hearing on 10/17 is HRC.

Your input about the financial oversight process with respect to HRC and DKI will be invaluable to this proceeding. We will also be hearing from the offices of the City Controller, City Attorney, and OEWD.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Aaron Peskin