



# Commission: Impossible

Civil Grand Jury | Government, Audit, Oversight Committee

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# Broad Alignment on Commissions

**San Francisco's commissions are an essential part of our public engagement process and should operate with transparency.**

- Commissions should add value, not just process.
- City should facilitate transparency in decision making, noticing, and meeting structure to maximize broad-based public engagement



# Alignment on Need for Reform

**San Francisco's Commission structure is under appropriate scrutiny and must be evaluated holistically.**

- Citywide attention: CGJ report, SPUR report, 2024 Prop D, 2024 Prop E
- Reform work must be considered in public partnership, and must not be conducted in a piece-meal fashion



# Implementation of Recommendations

**Broad-based Charter reform process, led by Controller, will facilitate analysis of these recommendations in context**

- Charter reform process will consider the following recommendations through that process:
  - Streamlining guidelines for appointments
  - Reducing the size & number of commissions
  - Standardizing naming conventions



# Implementation of Recommendations

**The Mayor does not intend to pursue a new “commission on commissions,” and will not implement any related recommendations.**

- The following recommendations will not be prioritized:
  - Performance evaluation at Commission level
  - Standardization of annual reports