



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