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There Are No Kings, and No King-Mayors, in America!

Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Raphael Mandelman, President of the Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Connie Chan, Supervisor, District 1
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
The Honorable Myrna Melgar, District 7
The Honorable Jackie Fielder, Supervisor, District 9
The Honorable Shamann Walton, Supervisor, District 10
The Honorable Chyanne Chen, District 11
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

"Reject placing this Charter Amendment on the ballot

San Franciscans have no way of knowing how the proposed language in this Charter Amendment will interact with Mayor Lurie's other three Charter Amendments he is gathering signatures to also place on the November 2026 general election ballot."

Re: **Testimony on File 260536 — Charter Amendment - Department, Board, Commission, and Advisory Body Updates**

Dear President Mandelman and Board of Supervisors,

Regarding File #**260536** ***Charter Amendment – Department, Board, Commission, and Advisory Body Updates***,

I urge each District Supervisor to **reject** the version of the Charter Amendment before you today, because this version of the Charter Amendment goes way beyond the recommendations forwarded to the Board of Supervisors by the Commission Streamlining Task Force submitted to you on February 27.

Eventually the Board of Supervisors made additional changes to the proposed Charter Amendment during the Rules Committee's June 22 meeting, including:

- Require that the Commission Streamlining Task Force be convened every ten years, without the existing requirements that the Budget and Legislative Analyst prepare a report and the City Attorney prepare a draft Charter Amendment implementing the Task Force's recommendations.

- Eliminating the requirement that funds received by utilities operated by the PUC be paid into separate funds in the City treasury.

- Authorizing the Board of Supervisors, by ordinance, to change the name of any department, board, commission, or other unit of government.

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- Requiring the Controller and City Administrator to provide administrative, professional, and technical assistance to the Streamlining Task Force, rather than the City Administrator alone providing administrative assistance and both the Controller and City Administrator providing professional and technical assistance

None of the five changes listed above were discussed, or voted on, by the Commission Streamlining Task Force.

Supervisor Raphael Mandelman's Legislative Aide, Renil Bejoy, finally acknowledged on May 27 that a list of which of the Streamlining Task Force's recommendations had been deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be "***non-controversial***" vs. "*controversial*" wasn't located, saying "***No Responsive Records exist***" in response to a records request. Moreover, San Franciscans have no way of knowing how the proposed language in this particular Charter Amendment will interact

with Mayor Lurie's other three Charter Amendments he is gathering signatures to also place on the November 2026 general election ballot — titled "*Strengthening Executive Branch Accountability*," "*Modernizing City Contracting*," and "*Fix Our Broken Ballot Process*."

The Board of Supervisors should vote today to reject placing this Charter Amendment on the ballot. If you don't, be prepared for voters to reject all four of the Mayor's Charter Amendments, come November.

There are No Kings in America, and no King-Mayors! ***Don't put this on November's ballot!***

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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cc: The Honorable Daniel Lurie, Mayor of San Francisco
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director, Clerk of the Board's Office