

**Board of Supervisors  
Committee of the Whole Hearing**  
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**Agenda Item #15.** Hearing - Proposition E Commission Streamlining Task Force Recommendations, Final Report, and Charter Amendment]

Sponsor: Mandelman

Hearing to discuss the findings and recommendations of the Proposition E Commission Streamlining Task Force's (Task Force) Final Report, and the draft Charter Amendment, entitled "Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies," which proposes to implement the Task Force's recommendations, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.100.1(e); and requesting the City Administrator's Office to report.

03/10/2026; CALLED FROM [Rules] COMMITTEE.

Question: Shall this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED

Board President Raphael Mandelman's prefatory remarks:

1:36:50 on videotape:

The Task Force's mandate was to identify opportunities to modify, consolidate, or eliminate public bodies to improve the administration of City government, while preserving meaningful opportunities for public engagement.

1:38:28:

I hope that the Chair [of the Task Force] will not take offense and that the members of the Task Force will not take offense if I say from the outset that it is highly unlikely that I, or any other member of proposed the Board of Supervisors, will introduce that particular Charter Amendment, or that this Board would send that particular Charter Amendment on to the voters in November.

1:39:05

I have asked the City Attorney's Office to begin working with us [the Board of Supervisors] on drafting a Charter Amendment to implement *some* of the recommendations [in the Streamlining Task Force's recommendations in its "Final Report.]. And there are in that [final] report and in that [Task Force's proposed] Charter Amendment a host of recommendations that are non-controversial, I think — although you never know in San Francisco [what is non-controversial vs. controversial] but I think there is consensus support [on the Board of Supervisors] for a whole bunch of the work that was proposed. I think ...

You know, what is going to be interesting over basically the next six weeks that we have to think about introducing something [as a Charter Amendment] before our May deadline is, you know, which of the things that there may be a diversity of perspectives on, **in which of those cases is it just worth the squeeze**. I have heard a lot, and my [Board] colleagues have heard a lot about a number of commissions of long standing that have been in our Charter for a very long time, and whose existence in our Charter in the view of a lot of folks is important as an expression of our values and our commitment to those particular things. I believe that was the position that may have been taken by the Chair of the Commission Streamlining] Task Force. The Task Force ... again I want to thank all of the members [of the Task Force] and I think their charge was to think through what was the most, in their view, **the most reasonable, the most rationale, the Doctor Spock-ization of our Charter**.

But that's not what politics is. That's not what we're [the Board of Supervisors] going to do in this Chamber, and it's not what the voters are going to be asked to do in November.

So, we do want to hear about the work you [the Task Force] have done, we do want to hear the reasons for the recommendations that you made.

But as I said, I think this Board is very likely to depart from the Task Force's recommendations, in a number of areas.

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1:41:00 on videotape

End of Supervisor Mandelman's Opening Remarks