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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

Re: **Testimony on File #260225 — Motion: Committee of the Whole Hearing Prop. E Streamlining Task Force Final Report Recommendations and Legislation**

Dear President Mandelman and Board of Supervisors,

Regarding File #260225 *Calling from Committee - Committee of the Whole - Hearing - Proposition E Commission Streamlining Task Force Recommendations, Final Report, and Charter Amendment - March 17, 2026.*

I urge each District Supervisor to vote “No” on Supervisor Mandelman’s proposed Motion as sponsor of this misguided and premature calling of this matter from the Rules Committee.

Mandelman’s Motion invokes the Board of Supervisors “*Rules of Order*” **Rule §3.38** to permit the full Board of Supervisors to pull an item from a Committee it was assigned to.

Mandelman is invoking the Board of Supervisors “*Rules of Order*” §3.38, which permits the full Board of Supervisors to pull an item from a Committee it was assigned to, if a Motion to do so passes with a six-vote majority during a full Board meeting. Rule §3.38 is typically used to pull an item that has languished in a Committee for some length of time, or had been placed to the *Call of the Chair* in Committee.

But in this case, the matter had barely been assigned to the Rules Committee for just two days, and no hearings have been held on the subject matter, before Mandelman raced to pull it from the 30-day waiting period and hold a hearing on it by the full Board.

San Francisco's Board of Supervisors “*30-Day Rule*” in **Rule §3.22** is designed to ensure major policy legislation is not rushed, allowing time for public review, committee scrutiny, and analysis before a hearing. It prevents immediate action on significant Ordinances — usually introduced by a Supervisor or Mayor — by mandating a 30-day waiting period.

Specifically, **Rule §3.22** states that measures introduced to the Board of Supervisors that would create or *revise major City policy*, the committee to which the measure is assigned **shall not consider the measure until at least 30 days after the day of introduction of the legislation**. In addition, Board Rule §3.33 requires that a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code or Administrative Code be available to the public for seven days prior to receiving a recommendation by a Board committee.

Clearly, the Streamlining Task Force’s recommendations to drastically alter San Francisco’s board and commissions functions and responsibilities involves a “*major policy*” matter for both the Board of Supervisors, and all San Franciscans, writ large.

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On Thursday March 5, the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for Tuesday March 10 was published on line, showing at agenda item 31 in Board File #260225 that Supervisor Mandelman has suddenly introduced a motion to pull the Commission Streamlining Task Force’s findings and recommendations from the Rules Committee back to the full Board of Supervisors for a “*Committee of the Whole Hearing*” on the report and legislation seven days later at the Board’s meeting on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17.

According to Mandelman's timeline, San Franciscans would be reduced to a 7-day to 10-day window before the Board of Supervisors hears the matter on March 17 and adopts the recommended Charter Amendment and Ordinance language, all of which would become a done deal.

The materials include the Task Force’s 134-page “*Final Report*” containing recommendations on streamlining reform of San Francisco’s boards, commissions, and policy advisory bodies, and two pieces of related legislation — the proposed 166-page Charter Amendment language for the November 2026 election, and an initial 308-page City Ordinance that would go into effect 90 days later, if it is passed rapidly on March 17.

One problem is, the legislation was quietly “*Assigned*” to the Rules Committee in Board File #260147 only on February 10 in Version 1, containing only the “*Final Report*” transmitted to the Board of Supervisors on January 27. Version 2 of the Assignment was “*Substituted and Assigned*” to the Rules Committee on Tuesday March 3, after the Board of Supervisors received the two pieces of legislation transmitted to it a month later on February 27.

Another problem is, there has been no mention of, or any notice to the public, on any of the Board of Supervisors or the Rules Committee meeting agendas that the matter had even been assigned to Rules. The Rules Committee has held no hearings on the matter, and it hasn’t been listed in the “*Legislation Under the 30-Day Rule*” pending section of the Rules Committee’s agendas.

Then on March 5, Supervisor Mandelman’s Motion to pull the matter from the Rules Committee to the full board magically appeared, just four working days *after* the Board of Supervisors received the two pieces of legislation transmitted on February 27.

This leaves no time for meaningful public participation on a thoughtful, advanced basis.

This smacks of the actions under President Trump and Elon Musk to do so-called government reform and efficiency measures under the failed DOGE *scam*. San Franciscans want “San Francisco Values” upheld, and subverting our City’s participatory governance system of board and commission checks-and-balances deserves better than the subterfuge of bypassing Rules Committee review of major policy decisions protected by Board Rule §3.22.

Vote “**No**”! Reject Mandelman’s sole-sponsor Motion in File #260225 to pull this item from the Rules Committee without proper 30-day review of a major policy decision! Allow the Rules Committee to conduct thoughtful review of the 800-plus recommendations in the Streamlining Task Force’s 134-page “*Final Report*”, and the 475 pages of its proposed legislation. Conducting review of 608 pages of recommendations from the Streamlining Task Force during a single “*Committee of the Whole*” hearing does not do justice to massively overhauling participatory democratic governance of our City.

Vote “No”! Allow the Rules Committee review process to play out.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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