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Hello Commission,

This email is for my public comment for Agenda Item 5 - Future Committee Structure:

Hello my name is Sarahi Soto (she/her, I'm a 2nd year MSW student at UC Berkeley and a Macro MSW Intern at Safe Passages.

I want to show appreciation for the Commission's willingness to center community feedback. I especially want to emphasize the work Commissioner Chambers and Alvarez have done, it does not go unnoticed.

I support keeping the committees separate. I echo the comments made before me about being mindful of actions that replicate the federal attacks on BIPOC and QT communities, we should not be so willing to eliminate the voices of diverse and lived experiences for the sake of efficiency especially when no other solutions were looked into.

I worry if the Commission moves forward with a combined committee that the trust between the community and Commission will be impacted. Folks have been advocating for keeping these committees separately since last July.

Please consider the proposal with alternative recommendations from REMCHO and Sage Passages on how to address the quorum issues.

Thank you!

Best,

Sarahi