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Item 4. Correction of minutes of meeting January 21, 2021

Under public comment, I was quoted as saying "She further stated that the Commission's status as a commission and not a department harms its capacity to be taken seriously and to achieve its mandate".

I don't remember exactly what I said but my thoughts were that the Commission is not known or thought of as being effective in carrying out its mandate and consequently may not be respected in their activities. I quoted the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Legislative Analyst audit "Department planning tools communicate goals but do not demonstrate effectiveness of core ethics functions".

Although I have no knowledge of whether status as a Commission rather than Department harms its capacity to be taken seriously and to achieve its mandate but I doubt this is correct.

Suggested wording: "She stated the Commission is not known as being effective in carrying out its mandate. She quoted the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Legislative analyst audit "Department planning tools communicate goals but do not demonstrate effectiveness of core ethics functions".