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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 2:17 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: STATE BAR TEXAS

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Title: Attorney

Organization you are affiliated with: Bob Binder & Associates, PC

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I didn't read the staff report, nor do I have any interest in doing so.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The State Bar should be given a spine, some guts, and even a small dose of courage.

If you can't do that, at least make it clear that the Bar can speak out, even if it is conceivably political. Case in point: The State Bar sat by silently while the Legislature gutted the Texas Constitution, taking away injured persons' rights in favor of insurance companies.

All other associations speak out for their members: TxMedAssn, Architecture, Nurses, etc. If it's because they're voluntary, PLEASE MAKE THE TEXAS BAR VOLUNTARY. I've been a member for over 40 years, and they've done little to nothing for me or my practice, except waste my money. They're there mainly for the large firms.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree