

KATHY WARD

From: DOUG CHOTKEVYS
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:02 AM
To: Sanders
Cc: KATHY WARD
Subject: Re: Against Chickens in Dana Point

Thank you for your email ... I have copied our City Clerk, Kathy Ward so she can include your comments as part of the public record.

Sincerely,

Doug Chotkevys
City Manager
City of Dana Point

> On Apr 7, 2015, at 8:38 AM, Sanders <5sanders@cox.net> wrote:

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> Hello,

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> My name is Jim Sanders and I am a home owner in Dana Point, specifically the neighborhood across the street from Dana Point City Hall on Priscilla Drive. People refer to my neighborhood as the "bible belt". I have been following the discussion regarding the issue of allowing chickens to become apart of Dana Point's community as "acceptable animals" to have at a single family residence. I understand that other neighboring cities might allow chickens but let me list a few reason why I feel it is NOT a good idea to have chickens in Dana Point:

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> 1) Chickens are noisy

> 2) Chicken droppings have a strong unpleasant order more so than dogs or cats

> 3) Chicken coops attract many other rodents and pests to the immediate area that carry diseases

> 4) Dana Point homes have smaller lot sizes that do not accommodate chickens and chicken coops as opposed to other communities that have much larger lots sizes that do accommodate chickens

> 5) We are are a quiet beach town like Corona Del Mar not a rancher/farmer town like San Juan Capistrano where they have the large lot sizes for chickens, horses, and other farm animals

> 6) Allowing chicken and their chicken coops will not add value to home prices, especially to a potential Dana Point home buyer that is interested in a Dana Point home that is on the market and is deterred to make that purchase because the that buyer sees, hears or smells chickens or the chicken coop next door and possibly leaving an impression to that potential buyer that the chicken situation next door could be a problem and would rather purchase a home in another beach community where there is no potential problem.

> 7) Allowing chickens into Dana Point is not in the direction we want to go since we have incorporated as a City in 1989. Our focus at that time and was to become a beach town that the residents and the business owners were proud of and they wanted Dana Point to be a destination city for vacationers or weekenders. In no way does allowing chickens into Dana Point promote this focus of being a beach city vacation destination.

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> If you vote today to allow chickens in Dana Point, then you are destroying all that this City has worked so hard to accomplish and become. Please vote no on chickens and keep Dana Point on track and not fall to the pressure of a few certain individuals that want to revert Dana Point back to "Dirty Point".

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> Thanks!
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> Jim Sanders
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