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Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 1:07 PM
To: Milton B. Rouse
Cc: KATHY WARD; BOBBI OGAN; URSULA LUNA-REYNOSA
Subject: RE: Chickens in Dana Point

Good Afternoon Milton,

I am in receipt of your e-mail and it will become part of the public record.

Thanks,
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Subject: Chickens in Dana Point

Please pass this info to the City Council Members for tonight's discussion:

We Wish to state our opposition to allowing chickens in Dana Point residences for the following reasons:

When I grew up in Los Angeles during the cold war in the 1960's we had two hens named, in spite of their gender, Kruschev and Castro.

As was stated in a letter to the Dana Point Times, they were no louder than two people talking. The problem was, their chatter was incessant. I certainly did not enjoy this chatter next to my bedroom window. Nor would I like it now in Dana Point. Nor would I like the *ever-present odor* that I remember so well. Chicken coops generally amplify this odor.

Fact: *The Center for Disease Control* states, and I quote:

"...Chickens carry harmful germs called *Salmonella*." This can cause serious illness when it is passed to people."

This germ can also be found on the hands, shoes and clothing of people who work or play where the chickens roam."

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There is a risk, “especially for children which can result from handling live poultry in the area where they live and roam.”

Young people are especially at risk because their immune systems are still developing and they are likely to put their fingers and other items into their mouths”.

The same risk holds true for older people with weakened immune systems.

This applies even to organically fed poultry.

The Department of Public Health states that in addition to Salmonella, they commonly carry a disease called *Campylobacter*.

Histoplasmosis, a respiratory disease, can also be transmitted from their droppings.

Avian Influenza is also a problem according to the Department of Public Health.

There are also the problems of *attraction or predators* as well as of *rodents*.

With regard to their *droppings*, they certainly drop smaller amounts than dogs, however we can pick up and discard dogs dropping, not chicken droppings.

Let’s keep our chickens on farms in the rural area, not in the urban area of Dana Point.

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