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Subject: FW: Strong opposition to any lethal coyote program in Pasadena

From: Garrett Seivold < >

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:20 PM

To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Strong opposition to any lethal coyote program in Pasadena

To the Council,

I am a resident in the Oakdale-Rose Villa Landmark District and want to voice my strong object to any lethal coyote program in Pasadena. Indeed, I am a little blown away that it is even under consideration.

It would be such a bad look for the City to take extreme and barbaric action instead of attempting non-lethal methods that wildlife experts say are the only effective approach. I also imagine there will be protests, can envision Rose Parade disruptions, etc., none of which the city needs.

Moreover, the cruelty of snares is incalculable. I can't even imagine the pain and fear of an animal after being trapped, and surely that panic is something they feel as acutely as any person would. Trapping in the state is illegal (right?) and I have never heard a coherent explanation for how a snare isn't a trap.

And perhaps most glaring is the absence of any objective evidence showing coyotes have become a particular problem. Naturally, with social media, the sharing of sightings is going to increase, but I would think Pasadena would want science and data to drive its approach to community issues.

I oppose diverting monies from much needed public investment for an unnecessary program that wildlife experts agree is ineffective. We should peacefully co-exist with the wildlife we are lucky enough to live nearby and if any action is deemed necessary it should be centered on removing the attractants (trash, outdoor cats) that lure coyotes into neighborhoods.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Garrett (Gary) Seivold

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Lisa Lange
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Dear Mayor Gordo and council members,

Please reject any and all proposals that allow for lethal coyote control. In addition to the extreme cruelty of snaring coyotes (and endangering dogs and other unintended victims), the data is clear: killing coyotes is totally ineffective. We have known this for a long time so I don't understand why it is even being considered. Pasadena is better than that.

Thank you.

Lisa Lange
Pas resident/Oakdale-Rose Villa Landmark district

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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Jane Velez-Mitchell
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Dear City Leaders,

As a filmmaker who has done documentaries related to this subject, I can tell you that trapping and killing coyotes is not only cruel and self-destructive at a time when we are in the midst of the 6th mass extinction of wildlife, it is also completely unnecessary. A coyote sighting is not a coyote problem.

There are many effective ways to make sure coyotes co-exist without any issues. I have documented how, for example, coyote rollers effectively prevent the animals from scaling a perimeter wall. And, of course, coyote-proof garbage cans and the removal of food, like fruit that's fallen from trees, etc., is crucial and baseline. It also has the added benefit of managing the rat population.

Trapping poses a real threat to the dogs who often run the the same areas and can be maimed. Children can also be running around and playing in the brush and can get their limbs caught in the traps. That presents the city with a potential legal problem as well.

Fundamentally, trapping and killing is, at best, a 19th century reaction to what is a 21st century situation. The people of Pasadena are sophisticated and evolved. They don't need to resort to primitive responses that are best tossed in the trash bin of history.

Sincerely,

Jane Velez-Mitchell

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