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**From:** Dawn Burkhardt  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:29 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Agenda item 9 HUMAN-COYOTE INTERACTIONS

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to urge the city to take a rational, science-based approach in response to concerns about coyotes in the city.

All available evidence suggests that trapping and killing coyotes does not result in fewer coyotes long-term, and it would be folly for the city to waste taxpayer money on such efforts. It would do nothing to change the coyote population and would simply result in more young coyotes who have not yet learned to avoid humans. Hazing and removing food sources (pets, pet food, trash, fallen fruit, etc) will effectively deter coyotes from areas where they are not appreciated and will result in a population of perhaps wiser coyotes with less affinity for city streets.

As a person who has always lived with domesticated cats and dogs, my heart goes out to the handful of people who have lost their pets to coyote predation. At the same time, any responsible pet owner should know that if they wish to keep their pets safe, they cannot leave them unattended outdoors...just as they would not leave a toddler unattended outdoors. Domestic animals left outside are fair game for wild animals as food, as sad as their deaths may be for humans.

There is no 'getting rid' of coyotes, they will always be here. It is Pasadenans who need to learn to live with them, using the available data on what works and what doesn't. **Please vote for option 3 in the staff report, to direct staff to implement one or more of the five staff recommendations listed in the response to the Public Safety Committee:**

1. Increase public outreach services.
2. Improve local coyote reporting systems.
3. Convene a panel of coyote experts to improve our collective understanding of effective approaches.
4. Hire a consultant to conduct a field study where community concerns are heightened.
5. Support residents to strengthen their properties against coyote intrusion

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Burkhardt  
District 3 voter, homeowner, and pet-parent

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*"There is never a time in the future when we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment, the time is always now."*

*- James Baldwin*


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**From:** Beth powers G  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Humane treatment of coyotes request

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**From:** Elaine Livesey-Fassel  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Coyote concerns

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While I am a resident of Los Angeles, I do visit friends in South Pasadena and admire this area greatly. I am a long time animal advocate who has come to understand that it is never wise to trap and kill coyotes and such a method has proven over the many years that this does not work as a solution to the coyote 'problem'. Even county hired trappers understand that this lethal method is unworkable. Instead, as experience also proves, it is better always to educate the public, listen to the experts, follow their advice regarding securing food-stuffs and waste in bins and cans and use hazing methods should a coyote appear while you are out walking. Option 3 is the wisest mode of dealing with this public concern. We must learn to co-exist with wildlife remembering that it is our species who now lives in their territory and respect that fact. Thank you!

Elaine Livesey-Fassel,

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**From:** Nic D  
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**Subject:** NO lethal methods to control wildlife!

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Dear officials,

As a resident, I write to strongly urge the council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

Please do NOT use lethal methods to kill our coyotes— they are absolutely essential to controlling our rodent populations and deserve to CO-exist with humans. Coyotes are nature's natural pesticide!

—Dr. Elsa Knutson

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**From:** Kim santell  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:35 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** coyotes

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**City Council**

**Please don not begin indiscriminate killing of coyotes. Please listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.**

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**From:** Sanda Delgado  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:37 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Comment on Pasadena Coyote staff report

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Hello my name is Sanda Delgado, a resident of Pasadena.

I read the report and whole heartedly agree with the staff. We should not resort to trapping and killing coyotes.

I'm urging the council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

Thank you,  
Sanda Delgado.

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**From:** Usha Peddamatham  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:38 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Managing coyote population

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City of Pasadena,

I would urge you to consider option 3 as a response to manage coyote interactions and population. Culling is not the answer as the study shows. We have moved into their territories and trying to eliminate them by denying their right to coexist with us. People have to be responsible and follow recommendations if they want to limit conflict with wildlife. Killing is not the panacea that will address the issues at hand.

Best,

Usha Peddamatham

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**From:** Jillana Laufer  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:38 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Comment on today's vote @ 4:30 PM re: Pasadena coyotes

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members:

It's my understanding that today, Monday, July 17th at 4:30 p.m. the Pasadena City Council will be deciding whether to start indiscriminate trapping of coyotes in Pasadena or direct staff to identify alternative approaches.

I urge council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

Option #3:

"Convene a panel of coyote experts to improve our collective understanding of effective approaches. Recently, there has been a surge in local research on urban coyotes in Los Angeles County drawing researchers from local universities and practitioners from several agencies studying coyote behavior and methods for addressing human-coyote conflicts. A panel of experts may be helpful to staff and residents as we seek to understand the latest research, identify approaches for educating the public, address problematic coyote behavior, and learn about best practices in data collection and analysis."

Thank you for your consideration, and allowing us to comment.

Best regards,  
Mrs. Jillana Laufer

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**From:** Bruce A  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
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Dear Councilmembers,

Please Endeavor to find the most humane way possible to deal with the coyote population. They are living creatures who are only trying to survive, and they deserve to be treated as humanely and kindly as possible.

Thank you,  
JB Ablin

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**From:** darynne jessler  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Pasadena Coyotes

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Attn: Council Members

I would appreciate greatly if we all listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing. I have much respect for the coyotes in the areas where I live and play outdoors. Let's allow them to thrive.

Thank you. Darynne

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**From:** Jillana Laufer  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Fw: Comment on today's vote @ 4:30 PM re: Pasadena coyotes

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I urge council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

Option 3: Direct staff to implement one or more of the five staff recommendations listed in the response to the Public Safety Committee.

Thank you for your consideration, and allowing us to comment.

Best regards,  
Mrs. Jillana Laufer

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**From:** Laura Herndon >  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:01 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Please do what's right for the coyotes

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**From:** Sandra Bell  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:09 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Coyotes

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Please listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes. Please do not resort to trapping and killing. It's not the answer. Thank you.

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**From:** kimmoise  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:12 AM  
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I live in Pasadena and am urging all council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

Kim Moise

Pasadena, CA

Thank you

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**From:** Morales, Margo  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:33 AM  
**To:** Rivas, Jessica; Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: July 17, 2023 City Council Agenda, Item #9 (Human-Coyote Interactions)

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**From:** [Cassandra Chowdhury](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 12:42 AM  
**Subject:** July 17, 2023 City Council Agenda, Item #9 (Human-Coyote Interactions)

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Dear District Liaison,

Please share this brief video with your City Councilmember. It gives a succinct explanation as to why coyote culling is not an effective means of coyote management. Thank you!

[Why Killing Coyotes Means More Coyotes](#)

Cassandra Chowdhury  
Educational Programs Manager  
Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife

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**From:** Nickie  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:35 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** NO killing of wildlife especially coyotes!

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Dear City Council,

As a resident, I write to strongly urge the council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

We must protect all our essential wildlife and learn to co-exist with them, not murder them!

Coyotes are nature's natural pesticide: they are the best at controlling rodent populations.

Please use NON-lethal methods to control wildlife especially coyotes, implement a strong program to educate safety to the public and use only scientific data to base your decision.

—Dr. Neville Dunn

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**From:** Patricia Haddock  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:42 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Please: Non-lethal only for coyote control...

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Hello,  
I'm a senior citizen concerned about animals...  
Today we know that non-lethal methods work best for coyote control.

Please, I urge you: Implement only Non-Lethal methods in your policies. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Patricia Haddock

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**From:** Anna Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:47 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Coyote Response

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Hi there,

I'm a Pasadena District 7 resident. I strongly urge the Pasadena City Council to make the science-backed choice by supporting the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes instead of resorting to trapping and killing.

The proposed lethal solution is very similar to the city of Torrance's policy on coyotes, which has proven ineffective in actually reducing the population of coyotes in the city, despite using over \$80,000 of taxpayer money.

We live in an city that is constantly being developed, especially in the areas near the Arroyo Seco. This is the coyotes' habitat — killing them is both ineffective as a strategy and cruel. We are citizens who voluntarily chose to live on the same land as the coyotes.

There are many scientifically-proven ways to effectively deter these animals that do not involve trapping and killing. Please decide accordingly tonight.

**Anna Johnson**

Pasadena, CA 91101

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**From:** Constance Franklin  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 9:47 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Responsible, Science based, Ethical Stewardship of Wildlife Please

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Hello City of Pasadena

I live in the City of Los Angeles, and have lived in an area with Coyotes for many, many years. I am educated about coyotes, and like so many of us, I have companion animals that I know how to take responsibility for and protect. In all these years, I and my neighbors have coexisted just fine with coyotes.

I am writing to encourage you to listen to the science, seriously consider the recommendations from Option 3, and please do not trap and kill coyotes. You will only end up with an endless cycle of trapping and killing. As you remove coyotes, more will come. Furthermore, as you know, trapping wildlife is always indiscriminate, and non target animals often become victims. We now have a vast amount of knowledge and experience with coyotes and other wildlife. We are a very smart species, and we can surely use viable non- lethal deterrents to deal with wildlife and coexist successfully with them. People do all over the globe! Let's please relegate killing off wildlife to the uneducated and barbaric past from whence it came.

Thank you for your serious consideration  
Constance Franklin

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**From:** PS Wildlife Advocates  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 10:05 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Please disseminate to council members

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Dear Mayor Gordo, Vice Mayor Williams and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking the time to look into the most effective ways to manage people's expectations about wildlife. I have a wildlife advocacy group at my home in Palm Springs and I also have a home in Mount Washington where I advocate for wildlife and coyotes. I often run along the arroyo near the Pasadena stables and see all sorts of wildlife there including coyotes. Coyotes are a critical component of our area ecosystem. They are essential for keeping rodents in check.

I know you are looking at all potential management policies but a lethal policy is steeped in obsolescence and bad science. It simply doesn't work. I would also point out that residents think that there is an uptick in population of wildlife and coyotes but that is really a phenomenon based on new technology such as ring cameras. People may see wildlife show up on cameras and suddenly think that they are newly introduced to the area. But the reality is they have been there and people haven't seen them until now because they avoid people. And that's an important point, coyotes truly prefer to avoid people. They are incredibly non-confrontational.

In terms of keeping people's pets safe, that is just based on common sense. There are many more dangers than just coyotes and people should be much more aware when letting their dogs out and walking their dogs. The non-retractable leash is the best tool for keeping pets safe. Supervising your animal while letting him or her outside is also an easy protective measure. Cars, other dogs, and even bad-intentioned people are more likely to hurt a person's pet than a coyote is. As an animal advocate we have always told people to keep cats inside to keep them safe regardless of coyotes being in the area.

Thank you for your attention and for understanding that implementing a lethal policy is not only based on bad science but has terrible implications for the reputation of Pasadena.

Bettina Rosmarino  
Palm Springs Wildlife Advocates  
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**SENT VIA EMAIL:** [Correspondence@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:Correspondence@cityofpasadena.net)

## **Re: Coyote Management in The City of Pasadena**

Dear Pasadena City Council members,

It was brought to our attention by area residents that Pasadena City Council is reevaluating its current coyote management strategy and may be considering authorizing the trapping and killing of coyotes within the area. As an organization that assists communities across the country in implementing long-term strategies for coexisting with urban wildlife, we are writing to urge you to choose a path of coexistence over killing. Trapping and killing coyotes is an ill-conceived approach that is ecologically, ethically and economically indefensible.

For the reasons outlined below, we highly recommend that you not employ a trapping strategy as it will ultimately prove ineffective, and can exacerbate the problem as coyote populations will rebound—often within eight months or less. Such an approach is misguided and a misuse of limited funds. For example, since the city of Torrance started its coyote trapping program, coyote sightings in the city have increased. This program has cost the citizens of Torrance over \$256,000 resulting in the trapping of 78 coyotes. That's a cost of over \$3,200 per coyote.

Instead, we encourage you to choose a more humane, effective, and ecologically sound approach that more and more cities are adopting across California, and the country—one that emphasizes public safety, education and reduction of coyote/wildlife attractants. The city of Calabasas adopted such a program after it passed a resolution prohibiting city funds from being used to kill coyotes. Project Coyote helped customize an innovative Coyote Management Plan for Calabasas, and we continue to work closely with the city as it implements this plan. Similarly, we assisted Sunnylands in Rancho Mirage with adoption of a non-lethal approach to living with coyotes. More about that successful initiative can be read [here](#). Through our Coyote Friendly Community™ program, we offer our services (many free of charge) to help you develop a long-term coyote coexistence educational program that fits the specific needs, constituency, and resources of Pasadena.

Pasadena has already adopted a model urban wildlife management plan that outlines evidence based solutions to human wildlife conflict. The City Council should use the current staff report included in tonight's agenda and the highlighted recommendations as an opportunity to update and improve their coyote management strategies. We've included below additional comments and suggestions based on the proposed recommendations and offer our assistance in implementation.

### **INEFFECTIVENESS OF LETHAL COYOTE CONTROL**

Unexploited coyote populations naturally limit their population density by establishing and

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defending non-overlapping territories and behaviorally suppressing breeding among subordinate members of their extended family group. This prevents overpopulation in any given area and ensures sustainable prey resources for the group. Efforts to reduce their numbers have largely been unsuccessful because coyotes exhibit strong compensatory population responses to lethal control. While lethal control may result in short-term reductions in the number of coyotes in a specific area, the vacuum is soon filled by coyotes emigrating from surrounding areas. Disruption of family groups allows more subordinate females to breed. And the temporary increase in prey availability results in increased pup survival. The result can be an increase in regional coyote populations following control actions (Crabtree & Sheldon, 1999).

Findings from the longest-term study of urban coyote ecology to date (Cook County, IL) show that the void created by the removal of non-problem coyotes may actually be filled by loner coyotes who are less wary of humans and may end up being more problematic (Fox, 2006; Gehrt, 2004).

Project Coyote Scientific Advisory Board member and internationally renowned canid behaviorist Dr. Marc Bekoff (2010), who studied coyotes for more than 40 years, stresses that: “Killing does not and never has worked. When a space opens where a coyote had lived another individual simply moves in. Usually, the offending coyote is not identified. And it is ethically indefensible to wantonly go out and kill coyotes because they try to live among us...and we conveniently decided that they have become ‘pests’ when we don't want them around any longer...Confrontations with coyotes can almost always be traced to irresponsible human actions including allowing dogs to run free off leash and feeding the coyotes, either intentionally or unintentionally. And, it's pretty easy to clean up all of these problems and coexist peacefully with coyotes.”

### **COYOTES ~ BENEFICIAL PREDATORS**

Coyotes play a vital role in maintaining healthy and viable ecosystems in urbanized environments. As top predators in some ecosystems – particularly urban – coyotes directly regulate the abundance of small rodents including rats and gophers and indirectly increase the diversity of songbird species by keeping mesocarnivores (e.g. foxes, feral cats, raccoons, skunks) in check (Crooks & Soulé, 1999). Likewise, as opportunistic carnivores and scavengers, coyotes help reduce rabbit and insect populations (Fedriani et al., 2001). Hence, through their highly adaptable nature, coyotes impact a community's food web and play an important role in their ecological systems, from wild to urban. In areas where coyotes are the apex predator, their removal can precipitate an ecological chain reaction that leads to profound degradation of the health, integrity and diversity of the ecosystem (Crooks & Soulé, 1999; Henke and Bryant, 1999). By arbitrarily removing coyotes from the environment, MHCC may be setting off a cascade of negative environmental consequences.

Although coyotes are the most maligned and misunderstood native carnivore in the U.S., they were once and still are revered by many Native American tribes. Known as the “trickster” and “creator” figure in many tribal stories, coyotes were highly respected for their keen intelligence, resilience and adaptability.

### **HUMANE & EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO COEXISTENCE**

Through our Coyote Friendly Communities Program, Project Coyote has assisted dozens of communities throughout North America with the development and implementation of humane, proactive, and long-term coyote coexistence plans that emphasize public safety, effective public education, community wide reduction of intentional/ unintentional feeding of wildlife, consistent messaging and response, and, when necessary, hazing of habituated coyotes. All of these efforts also help to reduce negative encounters with other wildlife.

**Components of our Coyote Friendly Communities Program include:**

- \*Coyote Coexistence Plan (tailored for each community)
- \*Be Coyote Aware Trail sign
- \*Don't Feed Wildlife sign
- \*Coexisting with Coyotes Brochure
- \*Coyote Hazing Field Guide
- \*Coexisting with Our Wild Neighbors door hanger
- \*Coyotes & Dogs fact sheet
- \*Coexisting with Coyotes fact sheet insert for utility bill (tailored for each community)
- \*Social media kit to educate online audiences

These resources can be viewed on our website [here](#). We offer these resources to any entity that would like to use them (all materials are co-brandable with space to add city/agency logos).

We urge you to follow the lead of Calabasas, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and other California communities by working with us to craft a tailored Coyote Coexistence Outreach and Education Plan that can help develop win-win solutions for living with coyotes and other wildlife.

We offer the following recommendations and assistance after reviewing your currently adopted Urban Wildlife Management Plan and the Public Health Department staff recommendations.

### **OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE**

The Public Health Department staff report outlined five recommendations that focus on gaining a better understanding of the local coyote population, learning from experts to better understand how the research applies to Pasadena, and empowering residents through education and support for improving their properties to deter coyote intrusion. Project Coyote would like to offer additional support for each of these recommended actions.

First, the staff report recommends increasing public outreach services currently offered. In addition to the great resources already offered by Pasadena Humane Society, Project Coyote would like to make available our Coyote Friendly Communities resources mentioned above.

Second, to improve local coyote reporting we have a newly developed app that could be used to streamline and consolidate the reporting process as well as easily display the data spatially via google maps or other GIS/map platforms. This will allow the city to easily identify hotspots of interaction and be able to target those areas with the appropriate non-lethal management resources.

For the third and fourth recommendations, we can assist in facilitating consultation with leading coyote experts who specialize in urban coyotes and conflict response as well as consultants able to conduct a field study within the City to better evaluate potential attractions and hotspot locations.

We recently cohosted a [Southern California Coyote Summit](#) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the National Animal Care and Control Association which detailed the best coexistence strategies for living with coyotes within the region. This webinar was geared toward community leaders and municipal officials to provide them with the best evidence-based resources to address human wildlife conflict and we offer it as a potential resource to help guide your current reevaluation of your coyote management strategy.

The final recommendation of supporting residents to strengthen their properties against coyote intrusion, is a key non-lethal strategy that if fully supported and implemented by the City would prove highly successful at decreasing coyote interactions in backyards. Project Coyote

representatives would like to offer free consultations with interested community members on how to properly and effectively coyote proof properties.

### **COYOTES ARE HERE TO STAY**

Lastly, appreciate them or not, coyotes are here to stay and they play an important role in maintaining ecological health, integrity and diversity. You have an opportunity to join other communities in adopting progressive and innovative approaches to living with coyotes including Marin County, and San Francisco, CA, Denver and Superior, CO, Belmont, MA, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

For all of the reasons outlined above, we hope you will reconsider your plan to trap and kill coyotes and further expand on your nonlethal management program. If you would like to discuss further you can reach us directly at the number listed below.

Thank you for your consideration,



Camilla H. Fox  
Founder & Executive Director  
415-945-3232

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Hello City Council,

Please opt for option 3 in your deliberations regarding handling coyotes in Pasadena. I understand that people like to murder what they don't understand, but you don't really know what role coyotes play in the big picture. Please stop the chorus of Kill Them, and just let them live. Thank you.

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Judith S. Anderson, REPA #903864

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**From:** Alana Crow  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 10:48 AM  
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Dear City of Pasadena:

I am writing to you as a wife, mother, entertainment lawyer, animal rights activist, and concerned citizen asking that you please listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

The world is counting on your kindness ~

Best  
Alana

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Council Members:

I am urging the council members to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3 -Direct staff to implement one or more of the five staff recommendations listed in the response to the Public Safety Committee) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing.

Thank you.

Donna Clark  
Alhambra, CA 91803

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**From:** Pat Reddy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 10:59 AM  
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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

We support humane measures (i.e., no euthanasia) to reduce coyote interactions with domesticated pets. Reading the comments of other Pasadena residents, it looks like sterilization techniques show promise. I accept that coyotes were here first, and we need to be able to coexist with them.

We are responsible pet owners. We don't live in the Arroyo area of Pasadena and are closer to the Langham. We have a six-foot fence around our backyard, the highest allowed by city building codes. We don't feed our dogs outside and we don't leave any organic items in the yard that can attract coyotes.

One evening in January 2022, we let our dogs out to do their business. I was not far behind them. A large coyote jumped over our six-foot fence, clearing it with room to spare. Coyote rollers on the top of the fence would have been ineffective. The coyote bit our younger dog in two places before I was able to scare him off. He jumped back over the fence and walked across the street behind us, nonplussed by his interaction with us. We took our dog to the emergency pet hospital and fortunately, he survived the attack.

Most commenters defend the coyote's right to enjoy their habitat and I understand that. But what about our right to quiet enjoyment of our fenced in yards? There must be a humane way to help our pets and coyotes to coexist without danger of losing our animals.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Reddy

Coyote bite on dog's ear.

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Coyote bite on dog's neck.




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**From:** Simone Reyes  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 10:59 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Coyotes are NOT a nuisance

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All eyes are on Pasadena right now. Coyotes are an integral part of our eco system and help to maintain the rat populations. People move to areas where coyotes are plentiful because they WANT to be near them. These coyotes both belong to all of us and to none of us. They have rights to live free from harm. They are beloved. Please work with Project Coyote and other orgs to find ways to co exist without ever using lethal trapping or killing. We love and respect our wildlife.  
Simone Reyes  
LA resident. Last ten years.

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Dear Council members,

Please listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and NOT resort to trapping and killing.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Debra Lichstein



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**From:** Mike Sidman  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 11:39 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** NO to Lethal Force: Protect Pasadena Coyotes

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I urge you to REJECT a suggested amendment to Pasadena's current wildlife management plan that would allow for routine trapping and killing of coyotes.

Please adopt the recommendations written by the city's health department for a sane, humane, and research-based approach.

As a resident I am very concerned about this and would be horrified to see a lethal and thoughtless approach taken to coyotes.

Sincerely,  
Michael Sidman

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**From:** Jordan Neiman  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 11:58 AM  
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**Subject:** Pasadena Coyotes

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing to urge you to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by the staff to NOT resort to trapping and/or killing coyotes. We have encroached on their habitat and need to find a way to peacefully live among one another.

Sincerely,  
Jordan Neiman

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**From:** JACOB QUERIDO  
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We lived in Tujung and Lakeview Terrace from December 1994 through July 2022. Had coyotes in the hills above us and sometimes right on the cul-de-sac where we lived (Garrick Avenue).

Seems to us that proposal #5 of the suggestions makes the most sense. We actually had one of our many cats taken and eaten by a coyote (neighbor saw the poor guy (Henry) in the coyote's mouth climbing a wall) so we are not exactly fans of theirs, but some reasonable response to them seems appropriate.

And #5 will probably cost some money but might be the best solution for all parties, coyotes, cats, humans and the city.

Please vote for that.

Thank you.

Jacob and Josefina Querido

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**From:** Allison Moffett  
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Good day,

As a resident of Pasadena, I urge the council to support Option 3 (the recommendations being made by staff) to gain a better understanding of our coyote population and learn how best to prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes. Please do not resort to trapping and killing. We need to learn to co-exist.


Thank you,  
Allison Moffett  
Pasadena 91105

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**From:** marisa landsberg  
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Hello

I am urging the city of Pasadena to listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by the staff at In Defense of Animals with respect to the coyote issue in residential neighborhoods. Trapping and killing is never the best option when it comes to human-wildlife conflicts. The hiring of coyote experts to help guide the city and its residents in ways to deal with the coyote issue may be a positive way to start the process.

Thank you for your time  
Sincerely  
Marisa Landsberg  
Manhattan Beach,CA resident


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**From:** Laura Kaufmann  
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I understand that the City of Pasadena will be considering an amendment to its Wildlife Management Plan that would allow for routine trapping and killing of coyotes. As an area resident, I write to express my deep concerns with that proposal, which I find completely at odds with scientific consensus on wildlife management of coyotes, anathema to an ethical community that cares for the wildlife and environment it is build on and is totally at odds with what makes Pasadena a great place to live (the beauty of surrounding nature and proximity to wildlife).

- A quick review of the literature and even a Google search of coyote management will reveal that the killing and persecution of coyotes simply leads to larger litter sizes and ever-expanding ranges. Review for example the facts on ProjectCoyote.org. In other words, if the city were to enact this proposal, it would make the purported problem even worse.

- To the extent that pet owners take issue with coyotes, they are responsible for keeping their pets indoors at night and in early morning. It is entirely ridiculous to think we should scapegoat and exterminate natural predators and keystone species to appease folks who neglect to provide proper care for their pets (e.g., keeping them indoors at night and early morning and supervising them). Shall we also kill birds of prey? Cougars? Of course not.

- Most of folks' issues with coyotes are based on myths and urban legend. Again, please review ProjectCoyote.org.

- We in the Pasadena area are living in the heartland of coyotes' natural habitat. It is the epitome of human arrogance to think they are the invasive species.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not amend the Wildlife Management Plan such that coyotes would be trapped and killed. I am also happy to discuss further if anyone has any questions - I am traveling today but can make myself available this or next week.

Best,  
Laura Kaufmann


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Please listen to the science and support the recommendations being made by staff (Option 3) to gain a better understanding of Pasadena's coyote population and how to best prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes, and not resort to trapping and killing. Thanks.

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Hello City of Pasadena,

As an Angeleno, resident and a founder of a CA non-profit who adopts out cats and dogs in Pasadena I'm opposed to trapping of any wildlife.

You only have to look to Montana & Wyoming to see how horrific non-targeted or incidental trapping of wildlife and domestic pets has been. Setting traps "anywhere" on public lands is legal even if just a couple feet from a heavily used public trail & traps become a death trap for pumas, bobcat adults and babies, bear cubs, deer, birds, feral cats, domestic pet dogs and cats & other endangered species.

In Montana alone 48 known mountain lions were reported to FWP as incidentally trapped in last two years. A recent trapping incident of one families' 3 St Bernard's, all caught in foot hold traps and all died in front of the children of that family who could not remove their pets from the strong traps.

Here's the initial report on 3 dogs trapped:



Family Files Claim Over Traps That Kill 3 St. Bernards

[wyoingpublicmedia.org](http://wyoingpublicmedia.org)

<https://wyominguntrapped.org/blog/dog-trapping-incidents-the-cardenas-st-bernards/>

Option 3 is the best way forward along with continuing to support & protect the natural return of our Gray Wolves and continued protections for Mtn Lions because it is only with the presence of our large carnivores that we'll reduce coyote populations. Yellowstone NP has contained coyote populations by the very presence of wolves, grizzlies, pumas who keep the coyote in check.

1. Convene a panel of coyote experts to improve our collective understanding & effective approaches. Recently, there has been a surge in local research on urban coyotes in Los Angeles County drawing researchers from local universities and practitioners from several agencies studying coyote behavior and methods for addressing human-coyote conflicts. A panel of experts may be helpful to staff and residents as we seek to understand the latest research, identify approaches for educating the public, address problematic coyote behavior, and learn about best practices in data collection and analysis

Trapping is the cruelest form of killing, in the heated summers in particular a coyote will suffer heat exposure along w the pain & suffering of the breaking of bones, nerves and tendons.

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It's time that all the different cultures of people in Pasadena modify their behavior, keep pets indoors, create safe catios, and leave no food outside at anytime. People are the #1 reason for human-wildlife conflicts in L.A. county and throughout CA, but it is avoidable and we can turn this ship if we work to coexist and modify our behavior to protect our compassionate way of life here in CA. We don't want to become like MT, WY, ID & where in ID they are paying bounties up to \$2,000 per wolf to slaughter a species who does no harm to anyone.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Rene

*Rene Hersey Management*

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