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Subject: FW: Coyote Killing Proposal

From: Alejandro Rubio <>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:30 PM

To: Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>; PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>; Dyson, Darla <ddyson@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Coyote Killing Proposal

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Dear Vice Mayor and Councilmember Williams,

I am a resident of District 2 in Pasadena. I am here to express my concern and say that I oppose any proposed plan to start trapping and killing coyotes in order to control their population. Here are some key points against the adoption of this program.

Ecological Balance: Coyotes play an important ecological role by regulating populations of smaller mammals, such as rodents. They serve as natural predators, helping to control rodent populations and prevent their overabundance. By eliminating coyotes through lethal means, Pasadena would disrupt this delicate ecological balance, leading to potential increases in rodent populations. This can result in negative consequences for public health, including the spread of diseases carried by rodents, such as hantavirus and Lyme disease.¹

Non-lethal Alternatives: Studies have shown that non-lethal methods can be effective in managing human-coyote conflicts. The Humane Society of the United States (2011) emphasizes the importance of proactive, long-term strategies such as education, public outreach, and targeted hazing techniques. These methods focus on modifying coyote behavior and reducing their attraction to urban areas without resorting to lethal measures. By investing in non-lethal alternatives, Pasadena can address coyote concerns while promoting coexistence and long-term solutions.²

Unintended Consequences: Utilizing lethal force against coyotes can lead to unintended consequences. Research has shown that removing adult coyotes from an area can actually result in increased reproduction rates and population growth due to the release of resources and reduced competition (Baker & Timm, 1998). This phenomenon, known as compensatory reproduction, can further exacerbate conflicts between humans and coyotes. By focusing on non-lethal methods, Pasadena can avoid unintentionally fueling coyote population growth.³

At a city council meeting on April 26, 2022, the City of Torrance documented an increase in coyote activity despite their expensive, tax-payer funded Coyote Management Plan.

They noted that between 2019 and 2020, there were 276 reports of coyotes. But between 2020 and 2021, there were 315 reports of coyotes, which is a 14% increase in coyote activity.

The Coyote Management Plan later stated that:

“Removing a group of territorial coyotes may create an undefended area into which the transient coyotes will flow. At all times of the year, numbers of transients may be available to replenish any voids created by killing the resident coyotes. Further, if either the alpha male or alpha female in a pack is killed, that may result in ovulation in other

breeding-age females in the family and an increase in the number of litters as well as the number of pups per litter.”

So even though taxpayers were paying for a reduced coyote population, they were seeing an increase.

Ethical Considerations: Employing lethal control measures against coyotes raises ethical concerns. Coyotes, like other wildlife species, have an inherent value and a right to exist. Resorting to lethal methods to address human-coyote conflicts may be viewed as an unethical approach that prioritizes human interests over the well-being and intrinsic value of wildlife. By prioritizing non-lethal approaches, Pasadena can demonstrate a commitment to ethical stewardship and coexistence with the natural environment.⁴

I love living in Pasadena because of its urban wildlife and feel lucky to be surrounded by so many different species and to be able to teach my son about them. I myself see coyotes in my area occasionally and do not feel threatened as I have been a lifelong resident of LA county.

I accept the coyote's role in our modern urban setting and know how important they are for a healthy urban forest ecosystem.

References:

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Subject: FW: Coyote Agenda Item

-----Original Message-----


From: Karen McGuire <>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:22 PM

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

Subject: Coyote Agenda Item

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I understand trap and kill will be considered for coyote abatement at the council meeting.
I hope the city will consider trapping and destroying as many as possible.

If spaying and neutering could be implemented with catch and release, that would also be acceptable.
But something needs to be done because the coyotes are now urbanized and threatening the pet population.

Sincerely,
Karen McGuire
District 4

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Subject: FW: DO NOT KILL COYOTES!

From: Molly S. <>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:40 PM

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

Subject: DO NOT KILL COYOTES!

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This is not the solve. I know there are plenty of facts to support this, so please listen to the facts on this. It will only make the population more imbalanced, and create an even larger issue to solve. The suggesting of trapping and killing is extremely short sighted, costly, and inhumane.

Molly Sharp
Resident, Navarro Ave, Pasadena

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Subject: FW: Safe the COYOTES

From: Hana YOO <>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:42 PM

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

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You should help the coyotes instead of killing them. Put them in the mountains where they belong and give them food. They are animals that GOD created and they were here first. We should protect them

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Subject: FW: Prevent conflicts between humans and coyotes to avoid killing

From: Deborah Ebersold < >
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:43 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>
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Dear Sirs and Ma'ams,
I urge the council members to 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.
Regards,
Deborah Ebersold

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Subject: FW: Public comment - ITEM 9

From: Wendy Escobar <>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 5:01 PM

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

Subject: Public comment - ITEM 9

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The misguided approach of trapping and killing Coyotes will cause residents to have a false sense of security. People need to act responsibly by not leaving food for pets and critters and NOT leaving pets unattended! According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Lethal control is not an effective method for reducing human-coyote conflicts.

Let us not spend money on a method that has already **failed**. Non-lethal methods are more effective. I am writing today to implore you all to encourage a culture of hazing towards coyotes - Making Loud noises, throwing things to maintain the coyote's fear of humans and discourage their interactions with people. 54% of calls that report coyote activity are actually labeled and normal coyote behavior. This is where we should fund awareness! Simple measures to avoid reckless behavior of humans should first be addressed.

Thank you for your time,

Wendy Escobar

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Subject: FW: City council meeting agenda #9 coyotes

From: Rochelle Guardado <>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 5:09 PM

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

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Pasadena city council members,

I am writing to you regarding the possible decision to include use of lethal methods of control for local wildlife.

Not only is this an ineffective tool for dealing with wildlife or free roaming animals, but it is also inhumane.

I stand for Humane methods of animal care and control and sincerely hope that the city where I am employed is invested in humane education and will not partake in irresponsible killing of coyotes.

With sincere concern,

Rochelle Guardado, CPDT-KA CCBC

Duarte, CA

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Subject: FW: NON-LETHAL!!

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From: Lucy Guerrant < >

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HUMANE treatment!

People need to learn how to prevent feeding them.

And how to haze them for their own good.

Thank you.

Lucy Guerrant

Sierra Madre

(but born in Pasadena)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Adanary E <>

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Thank you for your time,
Adanary Escobar

Sent from my iPhone

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