

## Alison Foulis - City Clerk

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**From:** Mary Neilan - City Manager  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 3:34 PM  
**To:** Alison Foulis - City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Belvedere Deer Sterilization Proposal

**From:** John Busterud  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 3:33 PM  
**To:** Mary Neilan - City Manager  
**Subject:** Belvedere Deer Sterilization Proposal

Dear Ms. Neilan,

I will not be able to attend the June 13 City Council meeting due to a conflict but respectfully request that you consider the following comments regarding the deer sterilization proposal on tonight's meeting agenda. I also ask that you include this email in the supplemental materials to be provided to each Council Member as a part of the record for the June 13 meeting.

My wife Gretchen and I live at 110 Bella Vista Avenue. Over the past four years we have become increasingly concerned with the growing number of deer on Belvedere Island. The deer have virtually destroyed the vegetation and landscaping on the north side of our property in recent years, significantly affecting our property value and causing us to spend thousands of dollars to prepare plans for a deer fence and new plantings. This work is not merely cosmetic but necessary in our view to avoid potential damage from soil erosion and runoff to the bay. When aggregated across the City of Belvedere, this increased soil run off poses a very real risk to local and regional water quality.

In addition to causing property damage and environmental degradation, I am increasingly encountering deer on City streets at all hours of the day and on numerous occasions have had to brake or swerve to avoid hitting deer which appear to show no fear of humans or vehicles. The runaway deer population thus creates a clear and present danger to public safety that must be addressed with all deliberate speed.

For these reasons, I strongly support staff's recommendation that the Council authorize White Buffalo, Inc. to submit the appropriate applications to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and proceed with the deer sterilization program at the earliest possible date. The proposed program is both humane and necessary to reduce risk to the public, property and the environment. I also urge the Council to hold a special meeting on July 27 to allow Dr. Anthony DeNicola of White Buffalo, Inc. to make a presentation and respond to questions from the community and the City Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**From:** Susie DeCigaran  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 3:41 PM  
**To:** Alison Foulis - City Clerk  
**Subject:** Deer Issue

Hi,

I just want to add my opinion against the recent proposal to eliminate the deer in Belvedere by forced sterilization of the does.

As a 20-year resident, it's been my experience that we've learned to co-exist well with these beautiful creatures.

I've also read the information explaining how this procedure and it's aftermath can be harmful, even fatal, to a number of the does. It sounds inhumane to me. Is this who we are, the next thing to the people who want to shoot the fallow deer in Pt Reyes?

I'm suspicious of the "research purposes" intended by the CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife.

Susie DeCigaran