

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Ganz, Peter <Peter.Ganz@ucsf.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 7:14 PM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk; Mary Neilan - City Manager; James Campbell - Mayor; Marty Winter-Vice Mayor; Nancy Kemnitzer - Councilmember; Claire McAuliffe - Councilmember; Bob McCaskill - Councilmember; Robert F. Epstein - City Attorney
Cc: Ganz, Peter; Mimi
Subject: additional signatures in opposition to deer sterilization in Belvedere
Attachments: Over 100 Signatures in Opposition to Deer Sterilization in Belvedere 11-6-2016.pdf

Dear Members of the City Council of Belvedere and Staff of the City Council of Belvedere,

We are strongly opposed to the proposed deer sterilization program in the City of Belvedere. We have updated our list of signatures – now 115 citizens of the City of Belvedere have signed a letter in opposition to deer sterilization in the City of Belvedere. Please, see attached document.

From the opponents to the deer sterilization proposed in the City of Belvedere, as signed in the attached document.

June 17, 2016

Dr. Anthony DeNicola
White Buffalo, Inc.

Regarding: Opposition to your visit to Belvedere, CA to discuss deer sterilization

Dear Dr. DeNicola,

We are concerned citizens of Belvedere, California, vehemently opposed to your planned visit to our city. It is our understanding that you have been approached by 5 members of our community, informally known as the "Belvedere Deer Committee", to make a presentation about deer sterilization on July 27, 2016. We believe that your visit is unnecessary and unwelcome for several reasons:

1) **We have all the information we need from your presentation before the Fairfax City Council.** We have watched your presentation on deer sterilization to the Fairfax City Council from June 10, 2013. It was thorough and even graphic. It provided us with all the information we need to make a decision. Notably, we were HORRIFIED by the callousness that you and the members of the Fairfax City Council showed that day. Your most inappropriate, light-hearted laughter at what we consider cruelty to animals astounded us. Unless your current views are diametrically opposed to those that you expressed in Fairfax (which is doubtful), we strongly discourage you from coming to our community. We do not need another presentation similar to the one in Fairfax.

2) **Features of our community that make your method of sterilization ill-advised.** Over 90% percent of our community consists of private land. No one is allowed to enter our private land without explicit authorization of the owner, except under police or fire emergency conditions. Specifically, one could not enter our private land with the intent of retrieving a deer that has been tranquilized without explicit permission from the homeowner. We anticipate, based on extensive conversations, that many homeowners in our city will deny you and your team entry to their private land. As you cannot control on whose land a deer comes to rest after being darted, your proposal would create extremely unsafe conditions for any tranquilized deer that could not be attended to.

3) **Lack of meaningful data on the number of deer.** There are no good data on the numbers of deer in our city and their trend over time. Capt. Cindy Machado of the Marin Humane Society stated before the Belvedere City Council that "the population of deer in Belvedere has not grown — it has remained the same for many years. The number of deer-related calls from the Belvedere area to both Marin Humane Society and WildCare hotlines has remained the same. The number of reported auto accidents related to deer has also not increased." It is quite possible that, currently, your sterilization solution may be in need of a problem. At the most recent Belvedere City Council meeting on June 13, 2016, it was decided to hire an independent expert (someone other than White Buffalo) to conduct an accurate deer count and to make recommendations based on those numbers. In the absence of an accurate deer count, any solution would be premature.

4) **Strong opposition from Marin Humane Society and WildCare to your sterilization plan.** These two local organizations are important pillars in our community. They are familiar with the deer issues in our area. They questioned both the necessity for and the efficacy of your sterilization plan. You can find their statement in the

Marin Independent Journal, June 5, 2016, in an article titled "Marin Voice: Sterilizing deer won't solve Belvedere's problem". (<http://www.marinij.com/article/NO/20160605/LOCAL1/160609926>)

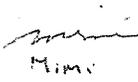
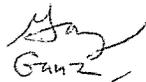
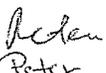
5) **Deer sterilization as research?** State regulations permit deer sterilization only as part of a properly designed and carefully conducted research protocol. It is inescapable that not one member of the Fairfax City Council asked you a single question about your research. It appeared that they simply wanted this deer sterilization done under the pretense of doing research. They did not ask about any specifics of your research including its scientific background/history, purpose, testable hypotheses, scientific methodology (including any statistical methods) and any expected results. They did not ask about the innovation, impact or significance of this proposed research, which are standard questions were your research ever reviewed by your scientific peers. They did not seem to care that the deer count you performed was based largely on a guess and was not necessarily accurate. They did not ask whether your research is approved by any animal welfare committee. It seemed obvious that you and they adopted the lingo about conducting "research" largely or solely for the purpose of gaining the state's approval while providing a commercial service. It was appalling.

6) **Concern about the safety of your deer sterilization program.** There is valid concern that your deer mortality rates are likely underestimates. You have stated your capture/surgical mortality as low, although it was reported as <10% at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD site and <5% in Cincinnati, OH, numbers which are not necessarily low. We assume that these numbers are from the time of darting to the time of release after surgery. What ascertainment methods are you using to track deaths from surgical complications that occur days to weeks and even months after surgery? We are distrustful of the mortality and morbidity numbers your report as we doubt the veracity of your scientific methods.

7) **Community divided.** You have stated in the past that you would not perform sterilization in communities which lacked a consensus about performing this procedure. Accordingly, you should be aware that our community is deeply divided on this issue, with most residents attending the last city council meeting on June 13, 2016 vehemently opposed to your deer sterilization program.

For all of these and other reasons, we discourage you from visiting our community to discuss your deer sterilization program.

Sincerely,

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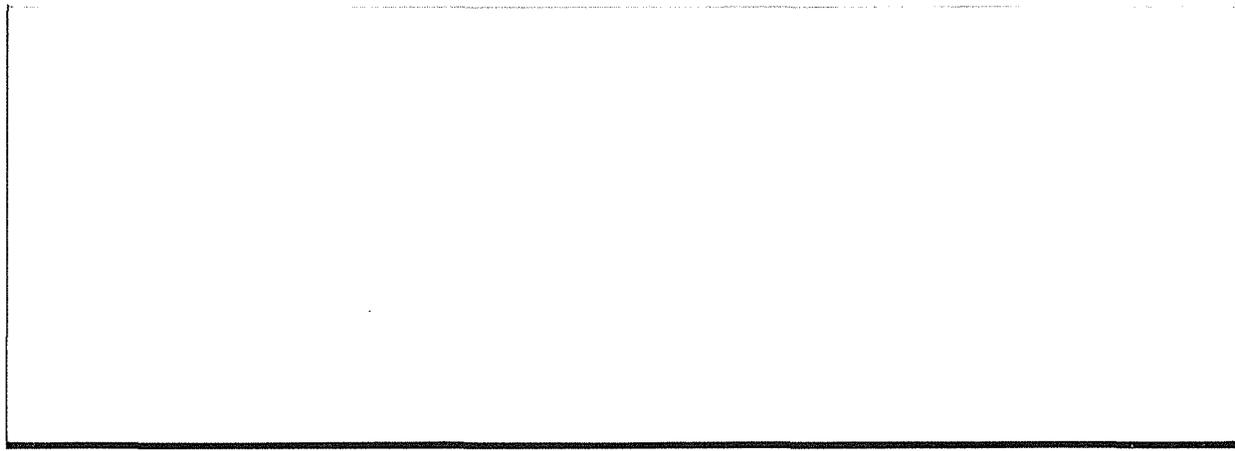
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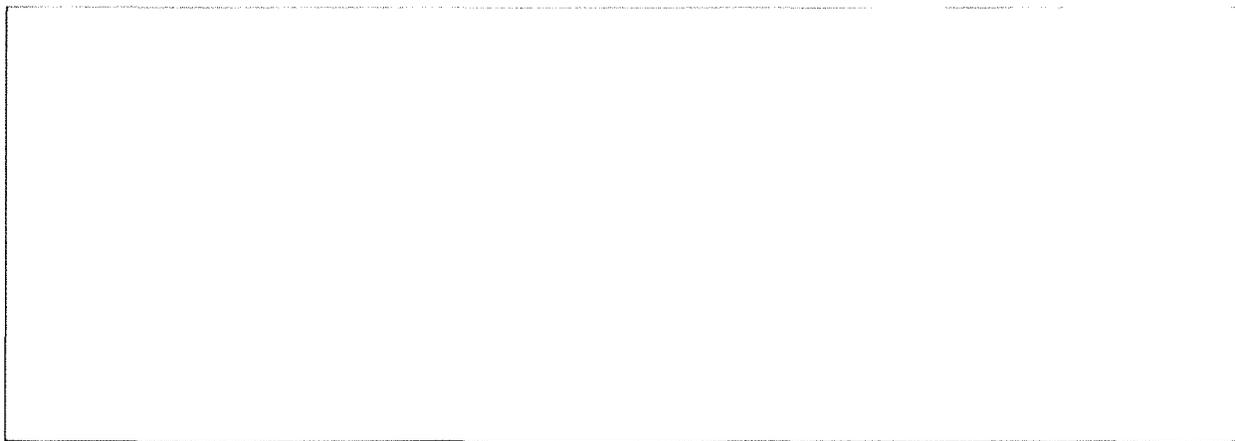
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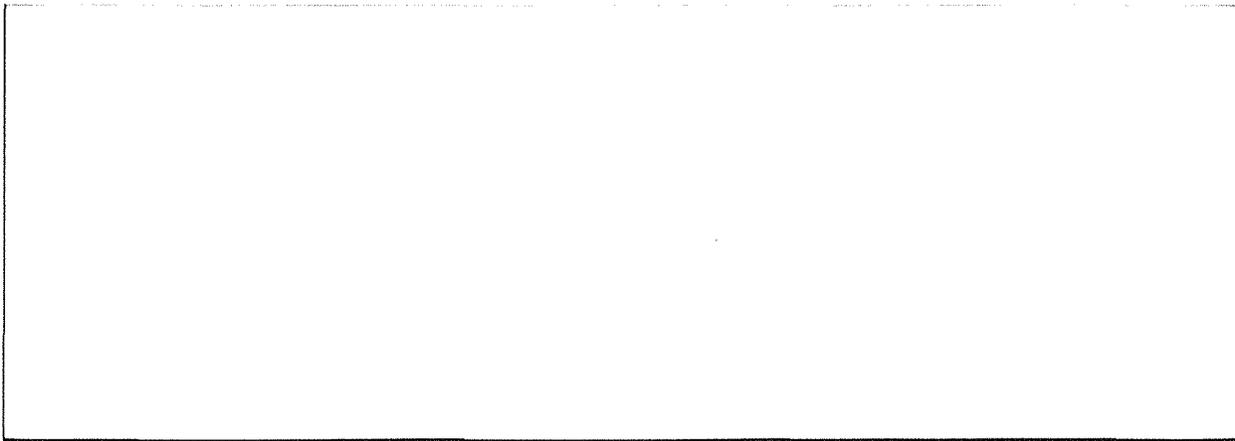
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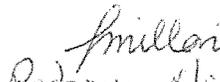
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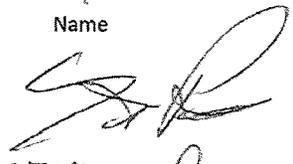
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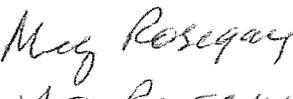

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Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 8:25 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: FW: Deer in Belvedere

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

From: Wyman C. Harris [mailto:boater54@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 1:37 AM
To: Claire McAuliffe; Marty Winter; James Campbell; Nancy Kemnitzer - Councilmember; MCaskill (Bob MCaskill); Mary Neilan - City Manager
Cc: Frank Greene; Marshall Turner; John Owen; Meg Crofton; Wyman Harris; Carolyn Hansen
Subject: Deer in Belvedere

Dear City Council Members,

I will not be able to attend the November City Council Meeting so here is what I would say if I were there:

You have done an admirable job of listening to all sides of the issue. There was a lot of information conveyed at the Deer Forum but the "experts" were clearly biased in favor of doing nothing to manage the population.

In order to have a balanced view, I recommend that Dr. Anthony DeNicola be invited to discuss alternatives and to answer questions.

At some point you will have to make a decision. It really boils down to two questions:

1. Are there too many deer in Belvedere?
2. What is the best way to manage the population down to a sustainable level?

Yes, there are too many deer. Our once lush roadsides have been eaten down to bare dirt and the devastation will continue until something is done.

71% of Belvedere Island residents want the deer managed so that there will be a decreased population; 2% want an increased population. If nothing is done, the population will continue to increase. The current situation appeals to the 2% who want more deer, not the 71% who want fewer deer.

Deer are cute-we all love seeing them but Belvedere is not a deer farm. So let's agree on a humane, non-lethal method to manage the population downward. Dr. DeNicola may be able to bring some clarity to our situation and answer many of the questions that remain.

Yours Truly,

Wyman Harris

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Wyman Harris [mailto:wymanharris1@me.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 8:54 AM

To: Marty Winter; Bob Mccaskill; Bob McCaskill - Councilmember; Claire McAuliffe; Nancy Kemnitzer - Councilmember; James Campbell

Cc: Mary Neilan - City Manager

Subject: NYTimes: As Deer Chew Up Suburbs, Some Say a Good Fence Is the Best Defense

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FYI

White-tailed deer are proliferating across the New York region, devouring gardens and spurring homeowners to fence off their properties.

Sent from my iPhone

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: FW: Deer in Belvedere

Mary Neilan, City Manager
City of Belvedere
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Belvedere, CA 94920
(415) 435-3838
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-----Original Message-----

From: Meg Crofton [mailto:megcrofton@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 6:22 PM
To: Wyman C. Harris
Cc: Claire McAuliffe; Marty Winter; James Campbell; Nancy Kemnitzer - Councilmember; MCaskill (Bob MCaskill <bob@mccaskill.net>); Mary Neilan - City Manager; Frank Greene; Marshall Turner; John Owen; Carolyn Hansen
Subject: Re: Deer in Belvedere

To the City Council Members,

My husband and I want to ensure you know that we could not agree more with Wyman's note to you. We also could not hope to say it more respectfully, clearly or eloquently than he has. Please count us among the many who feel very strongly that you must make a decision and address the fundamental questions that Wyman laid out in his note. We hope that your decision will be to take action.

Respectfully,
Meg and Rich Crofton
470 Bella Vista Ave

Sent from my iPad

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Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: J. Michael Bishop [mailto:bishop@cgl.ucsf.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Subject: deer in belvedere

November 9, 2016

**Mary Neilan
City Manager
Belvedere, CA
94920**

Dear Ms Neilan:

I have been a home owner in Belvedere for 48 years and am dismayed by the city's failure to address the burgeoning problem posed by the over-crowded deer population. Consequently, I am grateful that the matter is once again under consideration. I respectfully call your attention to the attached editorial and letter, which appeared in the New York Times three years ago. The editorial explains the need to control suburban deer, using as an example the circumstances in East Hampton, New York; it could just as well have used Belvedere, albeit on a smaller scale. In the letter, wildlife biologist Brian Murphy sums it up well: "not addressing deer overabundance is biologically, ecologically and socially irresponsible."

Culling by sharp-shooters as used in East Hampton, Rock Creek Park of Washington, DC, and other communities may not be suitable for Belvedere. But the plight of our deer has become inhumane, and the risks they pose to human health, property and our local ecology are unacceptable. Fences may protect private property, but they simply exacerbate the problem for the deer, by driving them into the streets and concentrating them in the ever-diminishing open space on the island. Sooner or later, there may be little left but the city park. A better solution should be found, a solution that will reduce and then control the size of the deer population, to both their benefit and ours.

Sincerely,

**J. Michael Bishop, MD
241 Bayview Ave
Belvedere, CA**

New York Times
Dec 30, 2013

Cull of the Wild

By [THE EDITORIAL BOARD](#)

In eastern Long Island, especially in and around the town of East Hampton, the privet hedges, gentle dunes and white-seashell paths present a vision of a natural world tamed and tailored to the high aesthetic standards of the finest fashion and home-decor magazines. Its a bit of English countryside, but with bigger cars.

Yet even here, wild nature is not fully subdued. For evidence, one can visit the areas auto body shops and doctors offices to see what happens when too many whitetail deer occupy too small a human-dominated habitat. Suburban deer in huge numbers have denuded farm fields and garden plots, caused thousands of car collisions and contributed to the spread of Lyme disease, a debilitating illness borne by ticks that live on deer. Years of mounting agricultural losses and the threat to human health and safety have finally led East Enders to drastic measures [to cull the deer with hired marksmen](#).

With help from East Hampton Town and East Hampton Village and other communities, the Long Island Farm Bureau is enlisting wildlife-control officials at the Department of Agriculture to kill about 2,000 to 3,000 deer this winter. The slaughter is to begin in February, after hunting season ends, and last a few weeks. Marksmen in elevated stands plan to lure deer to baited stations, firing downward to minimize danger. They may also use traps.

Deer fanciers have sued to block the hunt, calling it barbaric, but they should acknowledge that other things are deplorable, too, like emaciated deer from overabundant herds, and humans sickened by Lyme disease. The predators that would control this situation are gone, and unless Long Islanders want to live with wolves, coyotes, bears and mountain lions, they will have to assume responsibility for their place atop the food chain. Nonlethal solutions, like deer contraception, are expensive, slow and unreliable. When a population is this far out of balance, says Allen Gosser of the Agriculture Department, referring to deer, you need a cull before you can implement other measures, like birth control.

For deer, suburbia is a 24-hour salad bar. Shooting them is naturally unnerving to people who hate that the American way of solving problems so often involves guns. But other, more palatable solutions have failed.

Yes, Long Islanders should plant deer-resistant gardens and put up high fences and install lights to keep deer off the roads and keep checking their ankles and shins for deer ticks. But in a confined island space overrun with deer, a targeted, professional cull to get these animals finally under control and to supply large amounts of venison for the poor seems like a reasonable option to help resolve a great unnatural imbalance.

To the Editor:

I wish to commend your balanced and reasoned editorial on the proposed deer herd reduction in East Hampton, N.Y. ([Cull of the Wild](#), Dec. 31).

As a wildlife biologist who has specialized in deer management for more than 25 years, I can assure your readers that while unpalatable to some, herd reduction is the only logical, effective and, ultimately, humane solution. White-tailed deer are a prey species with a high reproductive capacity, as evidenced by their numbers currently exceeding 30 million in the United States more than when Christopher Columbus set foot on our shore.

In the absence of predators and other significant mortality factors, herds quickly reach unnatural and unhealthy levels not just for the deer, but also for humans and countless other animals that share their habitat, such as small mammals and songbirds. Thus, not addressing deer overabundance is biologically, ecologically and socially irresponsible.

BRIAN MURPHY
Bogart, Ga., Dec. 31, 2013

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 1:09 PM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: FW: Deer problem

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

From: Carmen Steil [mailto:seesteil@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 10:57 AM
To: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Subject: Deer problem

Hello,

My husband and I are in agreement with the group that would like find a solution to control our increasingly dangerous deer population. We have been threatened along with our kids and dog. Please include us in any petitions or meetings.

Kurt Steil
Carmen Steil
130 Bella Vista Ave.
415-328-3196

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: John Owen <owen_john@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 8:20 PM
To: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Cc: Alison Foulis - City Clerk; Dawn L Owen; Claire McAuliffe
Subject: Deer Attack Report

Dear Mary:

About 10 pm on Saturday November 5th, we encountered a buck deer on Beach Road near the junction of Beach Rd and Bella Vista.

The buck blocked the centre of the road about 15 - 20 feet from us. He would not move. We inched forward in our SUV and still he did not move so we stopped. After staring us down for a few more seconds, the buck charged our SUV and made contact on the left front side with his antlers several times before bounding away up the road.

Fortunately for us, we were in our SUV and were safe inside. However, had this happened to a pedestrian or neighbor walking his/her dog, a biker, or a Mini Cooper, the outcome could have been very different.

This is a note for your city files.

As more properties erect fences around their perimeters, deers are forced out to the open and now walk the roads of Belvedere with impunity. In our opinion it is only a matter of time before a resident of Belvedere is injured or worse in a deer encounter.

Sincerely,

John & Dawn Owen
416 Golden Gate Avenue
Belvedere, 94920

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 8:22 PM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: FW: Accident on Belvedere

On 11/10/16, 5:33 PM, "Jan Zivic" [REDACTED] wrote:

>Dear (not deer) Mary,
>Claire asked me to let you know about my accident.
>A couple of weeks ago I was driving home about 10:30 pm.
>Don't know all the street names, but was driving slowly, around 5 miles
>an hour or so on a street above Bella Vista; I am not one of the
>people who speed through our streets.
>A deer jumped down off a high land area to my right, and hit the
>passenger side mirror, which snapped toward the car.
>To avoid hitting him, I swung left then stopped the car, as it had hit
>something. My passenger side had veered into a retaining wall when I
>made the quick turn. It did not harm the wall, but did dent and scrape
>the car.
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>At the moment, the repair is something just under \$8,000 as it is a new
>TESLA.
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>I got out of the car to check, but the deer had run away.
>I could see a dent on my car, but on the totally dark street I couldn't
>see how bad the damage was.
>When I got home and pulled into the garage, I looked at the dent in the
>light.
>Unluckily, the car was hit in a way that dented and scraped in the
>middle of the side doors, and knocked out three sensors.
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>If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call: [REDACTED]
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>Jan
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Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 9:22 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Dear James

Begin forwarded message:

From: **Marcella Dirks** <marcellabella@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 6:53 PM
Subject: Dear James
To: James Campbell

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Dear James,

I hope you are well. After a day of aftershock and mourning, it is now time to let go of my attachment to the outcome of this election, re-center, and re-invigorate my whole.

I hope this election inspires us all to participate in creating the world we want to live in and have it thrive for all of life. It brings me back to our local issues and importance that we all participate, rather than expect, observe, demand, blame. I want to thank you for having taken on the position of mayor. It is impossible to please every one, so I understand your particularly unique opportunity of learning the richness of truly hearing and representing the people: the residents, our own neighbors. Thank you, James.

The deer are dear to my heart. To me they represent an innocence, a sensitivity, a gracefulness, and of course having them right here is such beautiful reminder of how we are all part of this natural world, and with that i feel they are such welcome gift every time I see them amidst whatever is going on in my/our world. We know they are residents here, too, and that they belong to this Earth just like we do. And part of the beauty of living just outside of the big city is this possibility of co-habitat. If it was the deer in danger because of the way we are urbanizing, we could stand up for their protection and find new ways to do so. In this case, it seems the deer are in potential danger because of our willingness to interfere with and determine their quality of life (and possibility of future life generation) because of our attachment to our (specific) plants.. for example. Since our conversation this week, and since the shocking outcome of our election, I am constantly reminded of Ecuador, where the government, the first in the world to do so, officially granted Nature rights within their Constitution.

Though we do not have this here (yet), I think the issues we come up against, cannot just be about opposing interests, I think we do well by imagining an invisible third party, the rights of the deer. How do we create a sustainable, just, thriving world for all. I am not more thriving just because no one is there anymore to be eating the flowers I planted and am so attached to. I could empower myself and have my garden thrive by choosing to plant different flowers I know they don't like to eat, or I can build a fence they can't jump over, if protecting what I am so attached to is so important to me. I choose to believe that we can all thrive, we can all learn from each other, we can all have our needs met where we can thrive in celebration of diversity.

With love and respect,
Marcella

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: Mary Neilan - City Manager
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: FW: NYTimes: How to Deter the Deer

On 11/11/16, 9:00 AM, "Ed & Heike" <sandyegg@aol.com> wrote:

>Here's a novel approach to dealing with your deer problem.

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>Your welcome!

>Ed

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><http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/11/opinion/how-to-deter-the-deer.html?smpro>d=nytcore-ipad&smid=nytcore-ipad-share>

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>A reader recounts her father's clever solution in his Bay Area garden.

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