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Subject: Fw: I support URBAN AG

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On Mar 8, 2012, at 12:19 PM, "Charlie Dodson" <CDodson@lbschools.net> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Lowenthal

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> I am a former constituent and current property owner in your District. I have owned the duplex located at 345/347 Olive Avenue, Long Beach 90802 since 2001, and I resided there for 7 years. I presently rent out both units.

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> I presently own and live at 3050 San Francisco Avenue, across the street from "horse country". My neighbors are responsible and considerate: I have never had a problem with odor, flies or any other inconvenience. Along with the usual fruit trees and veggie gardens, I also have neighbors with chickens. These last actually give the neighborhood a bit of a San Juan Bautista feel as they occasionally stroll their owners' front yards. The seasonal 'crop exchange' at Veterans Park is a community event.

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> My rental property has a large yard, 55 x 35, between the main building and the garage. My tenants have a modest veggie garden. I think it would be entirely appropriate for them to have a couple of chickens. I have heard that some are concerned about noise; having lived through 7 summers of non-stop birthday parties with loud music and jumpers, (to say nothing of the ominous drone of the Grand Prix!), my first reaction is that people wanting pin-drop quiet really ought to relocate. And I for one would be very happy if the feral cat population was displaced by more useful animals!

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> My point is that we should be most concerned with achieving a responsible balance between urban realities, quality of life concerns, and the demonstrable benefits of urban agriculture. I don't want my tenants to live next door to Harris Ranch. Nobody in their right mind would. But I do live next door to a large number of horses without any ill effect, and I think that model could be the norm.

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> The proposed code changes would allow my tenants to engage in responsible urban agriculture, and I hope you will listen with an open mind.

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> Sincerely,

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