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Environmental Committee
City of Long Beach
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Dear Environmental Committee members,

I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for easing the barriers to raising chickens and other egg laying fowl, miniature goats and bees in Long Beach so that everyone can have their own eggs, milk and honey if they wish.

I believe that any health or nuisance issues that may arise are small compared to the more common domestic animals (dogs, cats, rats, snakes and others) which are allowed in all parts of Long Beach and do not require your neighbors to approve (or veto) your choice of a pet.

Goats and chickens are intelligent, social, domestic animals that have lived with people for thousands of years just like our dogs. They make fine pets and provide food.

I hope we can maintain the "egg laying fowl" language found in the current code so that people will be able to have quail etc.

Also, I encourage you to adopt regulations which allow 8 birds on all lots without setbacks or permits, so that a family can have an adequate supply of eggs. A large dog could easily weigh 100x what a chicken does, and I do not believe that it is fair to equate them by numbers.

Also, I would like to see 3 or 4 goats allowed, why not equate THEM to dogs by numbers?

Please make these code changes happen, now.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Passmore, Ph.D.