



**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Date:** August 4, 2015

**Subject:** Adoption of Peafowl Management Plan

**Subject Property:** Citywide

1. **Report of Notice Given:** City Clerk Morreale
2. **Declare the Hearing Open:** Mayor Knight
3. **Staff Report & Recommendation:** Ara Mihranian, Deputy Community Development Director
4. **Public Testimony:**  

**Appellant:** N/A

**Applicant:** N/A
5. **Council Questions:**
6. **Rebuttal:**
7. **Council Deliberation:**
8. **Declare Hearing Closed:** Mayor Knight
9. **Council Action:**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
**FROM:** JOEL ROJAS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
**DATE:** AUGUST 4, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF THE PEAFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN  
**REVIEWED:** DOUG WILLMORE, CITY MANAGER *mw*

Staff Coordinator: Ara Mihranian, Deputy Community Development Director *Ara*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-xx approving a Negative Declaration thereby finding that there will be no significant environmental impact with the adoption and implementation of the City's Peafowl Management Plan;
2. Approve the Peafowl Management Plan which, among other things, will allow the trapping of up to 150 peafowl every year; and,
3. Direct Staff to proceed with the humane trapping of peafowl within the five neighborhoods identified in the Peafowl Management Plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

On November 18, 2014, Staff presented the June and October 2014 Peafowl Census Reports for the Council's review. According to the Census Reports, peafowl within the following five neighborhoods: Portuguese Bend, Vista Grande, Crestridge, Sunnyside, and Grandview have increased since the last census which was conducted in 2009. Additionally, throughout 2014, the City experienced an increase in resident complaints regarding peafowl with the majority of the complaints coming from the Vista Grande neighborhood. In light of the increase in peafowl population in the surveyed neighborhoods combined with a recent increase in resident complaints, including the tenor of the public comments expressed at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council directed Staff to move forward with the development of a peafowl trapping and management plan.

On February 17, 2015, prior to preparing a Peafowl Management Plan, the City Council was asked to enter into a professional service agreement with Wildlife Services (Mike Maxcy) for future peafowl trapping and other professional management services. That same evening, the Council appropriated \$34,115 to cover costs for preparing the Peafowl Management Plan and to conduct trapping of up to 150 birds.

Tonight, the Council is being asked to adopt the Peafowl Management Plan (PMP) and to direct Staff to begin the trapping of peafowl based on the trapping protocol described in the PMP.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Negative Declaration (CEQA)**

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, the City determined that the PMP qualifies as a project and is therefore subject to an environmental assessment to determine whether the adoption and implementation of the PMP, including the trapping of up to 150 peafowl per year (worst case scenario), would result in an adverse impact to the surrounding environment. Thus, the City prepared an Initial Study that found that the PMP would not have an adverse impact on the environment including biological resources. This is because peafowl were introduced to the Palos Verdes Peninsula by man and are not considered an indigenous species to the area. Therefore, peafowl are not identified as a candidate or as a special status species in a local or regional plan, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agencies. Thus, there will be no impact to any protected species, riparian habitat, sensitive natural community, wetland, biological resources or to any adopted habitat conservation plan as a result of the adoption and implementation of the PMP.

*Staff recommends that the Council independently review and approve the Negative Declaration thereby finding that there will be no significant environmental impact with the adoption and implementation of the City's PMP.*

### **2. Peafowl Management Plan (PMP)**

The PMP for consideration by the City Council was prepared with the assistance of the City's trapper, Mike Maxcy of Wildlife Services, as well as information gleaned from various resources including best management practices used in the industry. The PMP is divided into the following sections:

- Purpose
- Goals
- Peafowl (Historic) Background
- Peafowl (City) Census Trends
- General Peafowl Information
- Management Strategies

- Deterrent Measures and Public Education
- Trapping and Relocation
- Appendices

Aside from general information, the core of the PMP is the Management Strategies that is divided into two subsections. The following summarizes each of these two subsections:

A. Deterrent Measures and Public Education

This subsection essentially describes the measures the City will take to educate the public on how to discourage peafowl activity from occurring on private property. The following is a summary list of suggested deterrent measures:

- Use of water spray (applicable during non-drought conditions)
- Use of dogs
- Use of landscape repellents
- Trim or remove large trees
- Secure or remove pet food and bird seeds

The success of the aforementioned deterrent measures is dependent on residents working together consistently. Thus, as part of the implementation of this PMP, City Staff intends to proactively educate the public on these suggested deterrent measures by using the following public outreach tools:

- Website updates
- List-serve messages (Peafowl subscribers)
- City Quarterly Newsletter articles
- Speaking at the Council of Homeowner's Association (CHOA) and various homeowner's association meetings
- Public service announcements on Channel 33
- Communicating and sharing information to neighboring cities
- Distributing educational leaflets to households in targeted neighborhoods

B. Trapping and Relocation

As previously reported, the peafowl population is currently at levels that exceed the levels when the first census was conducted in 2000. Thus, in order to control and reduce the peafowl population to the 2000 levels, the PMP proposes the humane trapping and relocation of up to 150 birds off the Palos Verdes Peninsula. In order to achieve this, the PMP proposes trapping to occur in the following five stages (summarized from the attached PMP):

- I. Peafowl Census – Every year, the City will conduct a census between February and March to assess the peafowl population trends. At a minimum, the census will occur in the five standard neighborhoods (Portuguese Bend, Crestridge, Sunnyside

Ridge, Grandview and Vista Grande), as well as other neighborhoods where significant complaints or sightings have been documented. Neighborhoods may be added, deleted or modified from the census, and the census will determine how many birds need to be trapped per neighborhood (up to 150 per calendar year).

- II. Selection of Trapping Vendor – If a service agreement is not already in place for a trapping vendor, the City will issue an RFP to select a vendor based on experience, capability, and cost. The City Council will then be asked to enter into a service agreement.
- III. Seasonal Trapping – Generally, the peafowl nesting/hatching season takes place during April and May which is not considered a humane season to trap. Thus, it is suggested that trapping occur between July 15<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> primarily because of the peahen (female). However, peacocks (male) can be trapped throughout the year, if warranted through the census report, trapping of the males can occur at any time.
- IV. Trapping Protocol - The humane trapping of peafowl is proposed to occur as follows:
  - Traps will be made from chicken wire, or other similar material deemed acceptable by the City (traps are considered City property)
  - Traps will generally be approximately 8'(L) x 6'(H) in size intended to hold approximately 6-8 birds at a time.
  - Traps will be placed on private property based on agreements between the City and the property owner. The City will ask for volunteers.
  - Traps will be serviced on a regular basis, but no less than once a week, by the City's trapping vendor and based on feedback from the property owner where the traps are located.
  - Traps will be maintained and monitored in accordance to the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife standards.
  - Traps occupied by peafowl will be serviced within 24 hours. The property owner where the traps are placed will be required to notify the City and the trapping vendor within 24 hours of the trap being occupied by peafowl.
  - The trapping vendor will be required to report to the City with dated photo documentation of each bird trapped within 24 hours of its removal, as well as where the bird was relocated as described in Stage 5.

In addition to the use of traps, the trapping vendor will also be able to gather peafowl using large, soft hand-held "fishing" style nets. This method is considered a very effective and quick way to quickly and humanely remove the young and fearless birds from the trapping regions.

- V. Relocation - Once peafowl are trapped or removed from a trap they become the property of the trapping vendor. Trapped peafowl will be relocated off the Palos Verdes Peninsula to homes that have been screened by the trapping vendor and reviewed by the City to ensure the individuals adopting the peafowl have some avian experience and have adequate space for peafowl to roam freely. The location and contact information (name and phone number) of the individual(s) accepting the trapped peafowl will remain confidential to protect their privacy. Under no circumstances will the trapped peafowl be euthanized or treated inhumanely.

Since releasing the PMP to the public on July 9<sup>th</sup>, Staff has made minor editorial changes to the document to improve its readability, as well as spelling corrections. The most notable change is to clarify Staff's recommendation that the trapping program could occur every year based on the census reports. Attached is the latest version of the PMP (see attachment).

*Based on the aforementioned discussion, Staff recommends that the City Council approve the PMP which, among other things, will allow the trapping of up to 150 peafowl every year.*

### 3. Authorize the Commencement of Trapping

As described above, the PMP suggests trapping occur in five stages over the course of the calendar year. Since the adoption of the PMP is being considered in August, for this year, Staff is proposing a modified schedule so that trapping can occur sooner rather than later. For this year, Staff proposes that a census (Stage 1) be waived since it was taken last year which prompted the Council's direction to prepare a PMP. Secondly, Staff proposes that the trapping begin after the traps have been constructed and the agreements with the property owners where the traps will be located are secure. Staff anticipates this occurring within approximately the next 30 days with trapping beginning on or around September 1<sup>st</sup>. Trapping will occur throughout the remainder of the year until 150 birds are trapped.

*Based on the aforementioned, Staff recommends that the Council authorize the commencement of trapping for 2015.*

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### Prohibition of Feeding Peafowl

The availability of food causes peafowl to flock in certain areas. Thus in order to control the peafowl population, on May 19, 2009, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 488 amending the Municipal Code making it illegal to feed peafowl. Prohibiting the feeding of peafowl is intended to help control the overall peafowl population in the City. Specifically, Section 6.04.020 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code (RPVMC) enacts by reference Los Angeles County Code Section 10.84.010 which states the following:

Providing food for certain animals. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 10.84.020 of Los Angeles County Code, no person shall feed or in any manner provide food to any peafowl, crow, pigeon, seagull, non-domesticated rodent, including tree squirrels or ground squirrels, or to a non-domesticated mammalian predator, including coyotes, foxes, opossums, skunks and raccoons.

It is an infraction if any resident is caught feeding peafowl in violation of this ordinance that is subject to penalty fines for each violation.

#### Sabotaging Peafowl Cages

Pursuant to Section 6.04.070 of the RPVMC, no person shall prevent or interfere with the trapping or relocation of peafowl, either on public or private property, by releasing any captured peafowl or by damaging, disabling or disengaging any peafowl trap or enclosure.

If an individual is caught interfering with peafowl trapping, they will be subject to an infraction which will result in penalty fees for each violation.

#### Public Notification

To ensure residents are aware of the Council's consideration of the PMP tonight, a public notice was mailed on July 9, 2015 to every property owner within the five neighborhoods slated for trapping. Additionally, on the same date, a public notice was published in the Peninsula News and a listserve message was sent to the Breaking News and Peafowl subscriber groups.

#### Public Comments

In response to the public notification, thus far, the City has received numerous correspondence all in support of the PMP and the proposed trapping (see attachments). Most of the letters describe in detail the nuisances experienced living with peafowl in their neighborhoods. It should be noted that Staff received one letter from a resident in the Sunnyside Ridge area expressing concerns with the lack of public notice. However, this letter was sent prior to the City's public notification process. In fact, the Sunnyside Ridge HOA polled its residents and provided Staff with the outcome that seems mixed (see attachments). Additionally, the City received a request from the Rolling Hills Riviera HOA requesting that the City Council expand the trapping to its neighborhood which is adjacent to the Sunnyside Ridge neighborhood.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS

On February 17, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-13 appropriating \$34,115 to cover costs for preparing the Peafowl Management Plan and to conduct future trapping of up to 150 birds for 2015. At this time, no further funding is warranted for implementing the trapping program.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

In addition to Staff's recommendations, the following alternatives are available for the City Council's consideration:

1. Direct Staff to conduct the trapping and relocation of 150 birds every other year;
2. Direct Staff to conduct the trapping and relocation of 150 birds on an as needed basis or at some other frequency;
3. Direct Staff not to proceed with trapping at this time but to continue monitoring citizen complaints and provide educational information about co-existing with peafowl to residents in peafowl neighborhoods; and,
4. Direct Staff to conduct another peafowl census during fall 2015 to determine if there are further changes in the peafowl population.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No. 2015-XX (page 8)
  - Negative Declaration
- Peafowl Management Plan (PMP) (page 13)
- Public Comments (page 33)

## **CEQA Resolution**

**Peafowl Management Plan  
August 4, 2015  
City Council Meeting**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION THEREBY FINDING THAT THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WITH THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S PEAFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WILL ALLOW THE HUMANE TRAPPING AND RELOCATION OF UP TO 150 PEAFOWL.**

WHEREAS, in 2000, the City began monitoring the City's peafowl population in response to periodic public concerns regarding problems caused by Peafowl such excessive noise, damage to private property (i.e. yards, roofs, vehicles, etc.), and excessive animal waste. Around the same time, the City enlisted professional services to conduct a census of the City's peafowl population within the Ridgecrest, Portuguese Bend, and Vista Grande neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, in 2001, the City began a trapping program to trap up to 50 peafowl within the Ridgecrest, Portuguese Bend, and Vista Grande neighborhoods. However, due to routine sabotage to the traps by peafowl enthusiasts, only 19 birds were trapped and relocated;

WHEREAS, in 2008, the City Council conducted a peafowl census which concluded that the City's peafowl population grew by 53% with the majority of the growth occurring in the Vista Grande neighborhood since the 2000 census. This was primarily associated with the abundance of food, prime habitat and lack of predatory animals in the area;

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2009, Ordinance No. 488 was adopted by the City Council amending Chapter 6.04 of the RPVMC prohibiting the feeding of and interference with efforts to trap and relocate peafowl;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2009, the City Council authorized the reduction of peafowl in the Vista Grande area by approximately 60 birds because this area experienced a peafowl increase of 207% since the 2000 census;

WHEREAS, between August 14, 2009 and January 15, 2010, Mike Maxey of Wild Life Services trapped and relocated 71 peafowl birds in the Vista Grande neighborhood;

WHEREAS, on November 2-3, 2011 and April 18-19, 2012, a peafowl census was conducted in the following five neighborhoods: Portuguese Bend, Vista Grande, Crestridge, Sunnyside, and Monte Verde. This census revealed a reduction in the

peafowl population compared to past census reports. In light of this, no City-sponsored trappings occurred during this time period;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014, the City Council reviewed the census reports taken in June and October 2014 within the Portuguese Bend, Vista Grande, Crestridge, Sunnyside, and Monte Verde neighborhoods and found that the peafowl population has significantly increased since the last census was conducted in 2009. Additionally, throughout 2014, the City experienced an increase in resident complaints regarding peafowl with the majority of the complaints coming from the Vista Grande neighborhood. Thus, in light of the increase in peafowl population in the surveyed neighborhoods combined with a recent increase in resident complaints, including the tenor of the public comments, the City Council directed Staff to move forward with the development of a peafowl trapping and management plan;

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WHEREAS, on June 9, 2015, the Peafowl Management Plan (PMP) which, among other things, proposes the trapping of up to 150 peafowl was publicly circulated along with the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Additionally, a public notice was mailed on July 9, 2015 to every property owner within the five neighborhoods slated for trapping. Additionally, on the same date, a public notice was published in the *Peninsula News* and a listserv message was sent to the Breaking News and Peafowl subscriber groups; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, the City Council determined that the approval of the Peafowl Management Plan which, among other things, proposes the humane trapping and relocation of up to 150 peafowl per year would not result in an adverse impact to the surrounding environment including biological resources. This is because peafowl were introduced to the Palos Verdes Peninsula by man and are not considered an indigenous species to the area. Therefore, peafowl are not identified as a candidate or as a special status species in a local or regional plan, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agencies. Thus, there will be no impact to any protected species, riparian habitat, sensitive natural community, wetland, biological resources or to any adopted habitat conservation plan as a result of the adoption and implementation of the PMP.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes as follows:

**Section 1.** That the Peafowl Management Plan is intended to control and reduce the peafowl population in the City by allowing the humane trapping and relocation of up to 150 birds off the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Generally, the peafowl nesting/hatching season takes place during April and May which is not considered a

humane season to trap. Thus, trapping will occur between July 15<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is primarily because of the peahen (female). However, peacocks (male) can be trapped throughout the year if warranted.

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**Section 4.** In addition to trapping, the City will educate the public on how to discourage peafowl activity from occurring on private property. Since the success of the deterrent measures is dependent on residents working together consistently, as part of the implementation of the PMP, the City intends to proactively educate the public on these suggested deterrent measures by using various public outreach tools.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk  
State of California )  
County of Los Angeles ) ss  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes )

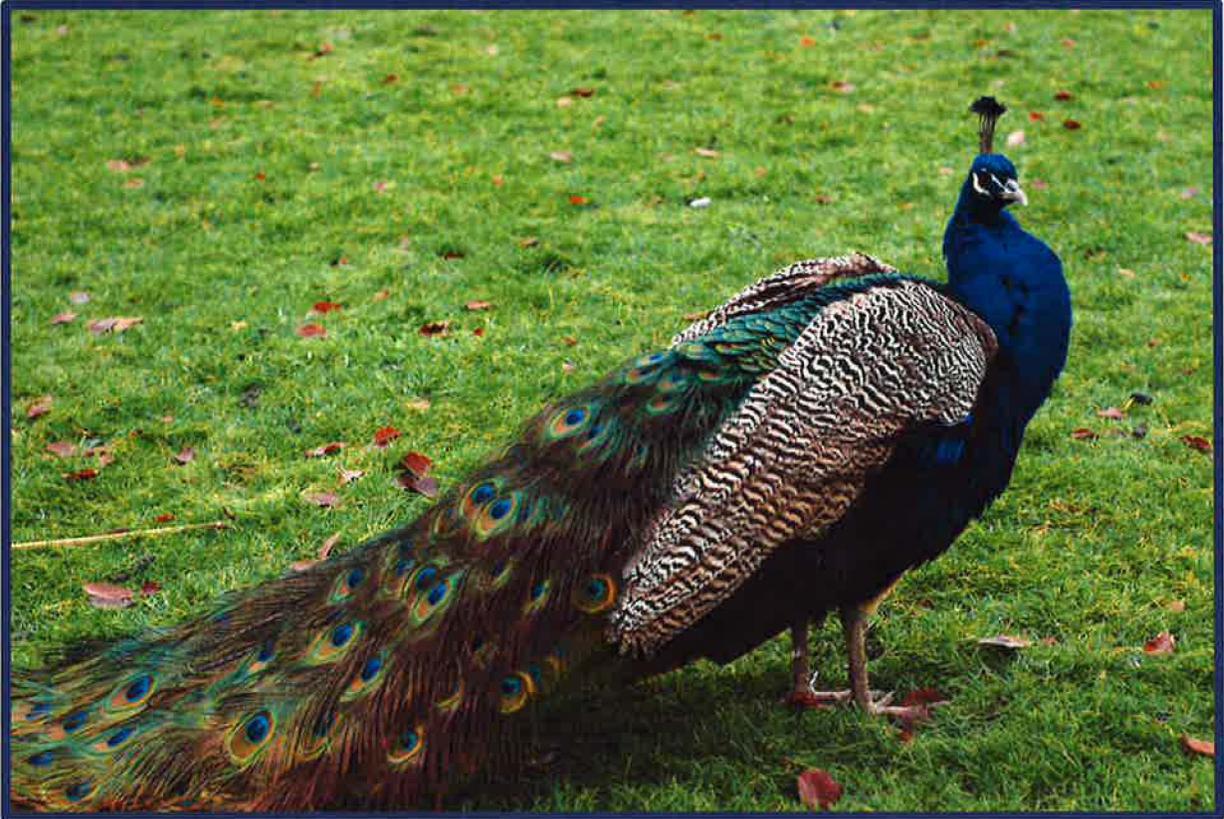
I, Carla Morreale, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 2015-\_\_ was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the said City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on August 4, 2015.

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City Clerk

# **Peafowl Management Plan**

**Peafowl Management Plan  
August 4, 2015  
City Council Meeting**

# PEAFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN



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**City Council Adopted:**



**RANCHO PALOS VERDES**

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## PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of this Management Plan is to humanely manage the peafowl population within the boundary limits of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

## GOAL

The goal of this Management Plan is to reduce and maintain the peafowl population within certain City neighborhoods to levels identified in the 2000 Peafowl Census Report and to create an environment that supports the coexistence of peafowl within the semi-rural character of the City. This goal will be achieved by implementing the following two strategies:

- 1) Deterrent Measures & Public Education
- 2) Humane Trapping & Relocation of up to 150 birds in a calendar year in order to maintain the 2000 peafowl population.

## PEAFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The intent of this Management Plan is to provide educational guidance for City Staff and residents on how to deal with and manage the peafowl population in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The guidelines and provisions of this Plan do not supersede federal, state and county regulations or policies.

The City will update and modify the Plan as needed on a biennial basis based on the frequency of resident complaints and survey data conducted periodically by professional wildlife stewards.



# PEAFOWL BACKGROUND

## EARLY HISTORY

Peafowl have a long, storied history in Rancho Palos Verdes and on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The peacock originally comes from India, Sri Lanka, and Burma. However, the original peacock colony on the Palos Verdes Peninsula is a result of a gift of 16 birds from the daughter of William Wrigley, Jr. to Frank Vanderlip, Sr. from Mr. Wrigley's aviary on Catalina Island.

These birds were maintained at the Vanderlip Estate in Portuguese Bend for years. It is also suspected that some of the birds were introduced to Palos Verdes Estates by former mayor Fred Roessler sometime in the period from 1960-65. There are now numerous peacock flocks in various neighborhoods in Rancho Palos Verdes including the Crestridge, Vista Grande, and the Portuguese Bend areas, as well as in the Lunada Bay and Malaga Cove areas of Palos Verdes Estates.

## RECENT HISTORY

Due to an increase in resident complaints about the City's peafowl population and the impacts experienced by those who live in close proximity to peafowl flocks, such as noisy calls, excessive animal waste and damage to private property (i.e. yards, roofs, vehicles, etc.), in October 2000, the City Council enlisted the professional services of Dr. Francine Bradley of U.C. Davis to study the City's peafowl population and to provide recommendations to manage the population.

Between October 2000 and January 2001, Dr. Bradley conducted workshops to educate the public on how to humanely trap peafowl and to increase public awareness on how to coexist with peafowl and minimize impacts caused by the birds. Additionally, Dr. Bradley conducted field visits to observe the City's peafowl presence, flock behavior and to conduct a population count. A total of 134 peafowl were counted in the Crestridge (also referred to as Ridgecrest), Portuguese Bend, and Vista Grande neighborhoods. In response, in February 2001, the City Council approved a program to humanely trap and relocate up to 50 peafowl in an effort to reduce the City's peafowl population in the Crestridge (Ridgecrest), Portuguese Bend and Vista Grande neighborhoods. However, only 19 birds were trapped and relocated due to routine sabotage to the traps by peafowl enthusiasts.

In 2008, the City conducted another peafowl census which concluded that the overall peafowl population grew by 53% since 2000/01 with the majority of the growth occurring in the Vista Grande neighborhood. This was attributed to the abundance of food, prime habitat and lack of predatory animals in the area. In response, in May 2009, the City Council approved another trapping and relocation program, and adopted Ordinance No. 488 to prohibit the feeding of, and interference with efforts to trap and relocate, peafowl.

Due to the substantial peafowl population growth in the Vista Grande neighborhood, in June 2009, the City Council approved the reduction of the peafowl population in this neighborhood by approximately 60 birds. Trapping in the Vista Grande neighborhood occurred between August 2009 and January 2010 resulting in 71 birds being trapped and relocated to approved locations in California.

In 2014, the City began to once again experience an increase in resident complaints regarding peafowl. The majority of the complaints were once again coming from the Vista Grande neighborhood. In response, a census was conducted in June and October 2014 which revealed that the peafowl population had significantly increased in some City neighborhoods since the first census in 2000. As a result, in November 2014, the City Council directed Staff to develop a Peafowl Management Plan intended to reduce and manage the City's peafowl population, particularly in the 5 neighborhoods where previous census reports were conducted, since 2000.

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES PEAFOWL POPULATION CENSUS DATA TABLE								
Geographical Area	2000	2008	2011-12	June 2014	October 2014	Average 2014	2011-12 to 2014 Comparison	2011-12 to 2014 Percentage Comparison
Portuguese Bend	67	75	70	97	74	85	+15	+22%
Vista Grande	29	89	40	71	71	71	+31	+76%
Crestridge	38	30	27	33	50	41	+14	+52%
Sunnyside Ridge	0	11	25	38	90	64	+39	+156%
<b>TOTAL (4 neighborhoods)</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>162</b>	239	285	<b>261</b>	<b>+99</b>	<b>+62%</b>
Monte Verde	n/a	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grandview	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	20	14	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL (6 neighborhoods)</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>165</b>	253	305	<b>276</b>	<b>+114</b>	<b>+69%</b>

## GENERAL PEAFOWL INFORMATION

### The Peafowl (*pavo cristatus*)

Males are referred to as peacocks and females are referred to as peahens, and are collectively known as peafowl. However, the term "peacock" is commonly used to refer to birds of both sexes. There are two common peafowl species: Indian or blue peafowl and green peafowl. Most people, including residents of Rancho Palos Verdes, are familiar with the Indian peafowl, since that is the kind found in many zoos and parks.

### Peafowl Characteristics

Peafowl are large, colorful pheasants (typically blue and green). The males are known for their iridescent tails. These tail feathers, or coverts, spread out in a distinctive train that is more than 60 percent of the bird's total body length and boast colorful "eye" markings (ocelli) of blue, gold, red, and other hues. The large train is used in mating rituals and courtship displays. It can be arched into a magnificent fan that reaches across the bird's back and touches the ground on either side. Females are believed to choose their mates according to the size, color, and quality of these outrageous feather trains.

When a peacock is in his second year, he grows his first train, but it has no ocelli and is not as long as a full-grown male's. The train gets longer and more elaborate every year after that. At about five or six years of age, it reaches its maximum splendor. The peacocks that are the toughest—those that are able to survive long enough to have a really impressive train—are the ones that have the most mates and offspring. The coveted blue-eyed feathers of the train are dropped once a year; new feathers immediately begin growing and are completed a few months later.

Peahens seem to prefer males with the longest trains and biggest displays. In fact, the peacock's female-attraction power is directly related to the perfection of his spectacular train, including its overall length, the number of iridescent "eyes" that are present, and even the symmetry of their patterning.

Normally, when a peacock is just walking around, his train trails behind him but held just above the ground. But when he wants to show off for a peahen, he props up the train with his shorter, stiffer tail feathers and unfolds it like a fan into a semicircle 6 to 7 feet (1.8 to 2.1 meters) wide! If the peahen seems interested, he quivers, making his feathers shimmy and flash to entice her further.

## **Peafowl Daily Routine**

Peafowl follow a certain routine every day. They roost overnight in large groups in tall, open trees. That way they are safe from predators during the night, and the males can travel through the branches. In the morning, they break up into small groups. In the nonbreeding season, these are usually groups of all peacocks or all peahens; but during the breeding season, there are groups of one peacock and several peahens or all bachelors. These groups forage on the ground for food. During midday, peafowl drink, preen their feathers, rest in the shade, or take dust baths. Once it cools down, they go back to foraging for food before taking one last drink and returning to their roost for the night.

## **Where do Peafowl Live**

Peacocks are very unique animals. They can live anywhere there is shelter and food/water. Extreme environments with very high temperatures are not ideal for the birds.

## **What do Peafowl Eat**

Peacocks are ground feeders. They hunt for small animals, like spiders, reptiles (snakes) and amphibians in tall grasses, and minnows in shallow streams. They also eat plant parts, such as flower petals, seeds, berries, figs, leaves, and seeds.

## **As Loud as a Peacock**

Peafowl have 11 different calls, but the peacocks are the ones that really yell. They have a call that carries for a long distance and sounds like “may-AWE, may-AWE.” Some say the call sounds like a human crying for help! Peacocks call in the early morning and late evening, and practically all day during the breeding season. Because peacocks make so much noise in the early morning or late evening, some consider them a real nuisance! Other animals don’t mind, though. With their sharp eyes, peafowl are likely to be the first to see a predator and call out a loud alarm.

## **Breeding & Nesting Season**

Generally, nesting/hatching season takes place between April and May. During this period, a peahen makes a scrape in the ground and lines it with sticks, where she lays three to eight light green or tan eggs. She sits on them almost constantly for about four weeks. The peachicks are able to walk and forage on their own right after they hatch, but they are very vulnerable. It takes two weeks before they can flap up into a tree for safety, where they crowd on both sides of their mother and are covered by her wings. At four weeks, the young grow crests, and at two months they look just like their mother (both males and females) but are only half her size. It is not until their second year that the males achieve their mature coloring. Only half of the chicks that hatch, survive to join the rest of the group. The typical lifespan of peafowl is 15 years.

# MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

The discussion on the following two management strategies is intended to be used by the City and its residents to humanely manage the peafowl population in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes:

1. Deterrent Measures & Public Education
2. Humane Trapping & Relocation of up to 150 birds in a calendar year in order to maintain the 2000 peafowl population.

## 1. Deterrent Measures and Public Education

### Deterrent Measures

Based on information gleaned from various resources, the City has been advised that in situations where residents are adversely impacted by peafowl, the implementation of one or the combination of the following deterrent measures may help discourage peafowl from returning. The success of the listed deterrent measures is dependent on residents working together and consistency.

- **Peafowl do not like water.**

Water is one of the best known deterrents for peafowl. During non-drought conditions, the intermittent use of sprinklers or a hose with a jet nozzle will act as a negative reinforcement for the birds. Or consider a motion sensor activated water spray, such as the Scarecrow, that is battery operated and covers an area of about 35 feet and can be connected to your garden hose. It's available on-line or at home improvement and garden stores.

- **Peafowl are afraid of dogs.**

Walk your dog around the property and neighborhood. Additionally, keeping your dog in the backyard will also serve as a deterrent.

- **Peafowl will avoid certain repellents.**

Cat repellent and mothballs around planting beds, porches, and along walkways may be an effective means of repelling peafowl. Caution should be used so as not to allow young children or animals to ingest the repellents.

- **Trim or Remove Large Trees**

Since peafowl prefer to roost in large overhanging trees, trimming or removing said trees will help deter peafowl. The Canary Island Pine is a favorite resting spot for peafowl because of its sturdy horizontal limbs and ample cover. Albeit a short-term, balloons in trees can deter peafowl from roosting in trees.

- **Be cautious when composting.**

Avoid open compost and manure sacks as they tend to attract peafowl because they love to take dirt baths. If you wish to compost, use a covered compost bin and keep the composting area clean.

- **Peafowl like to eat wild birdseed, bread and pet food.**

These are delectable treats to peafowl. Once they're hooked, it's difficult to wean them. It's a good idea to remove any leftover pet food immediately, feed pets indoors, or cover/enclose animal food bowls.

- **Peafowl like to eat seeds and plants**

Avoid planting young tender seedlings in areas you do not want peafowl to visit or cover the plants until they are well established. Additionally, certain plants are favored by peafowl while other plants are disliked. See Appendix A for a list of plants peafowl like and dislike, and follow the suggested list when landscaping. Peafowl like to take daily dust baths irrespective of the type of plants found in a garden and this can be destructive. It is suggested that gardens be covered with gravel or rocks to prevent peafowl from digging plants up to create loose soil for bathing purposes.

- **Prohibition of Feeding Peafowl**

The availability of food will cause peafowl to return. Thus, the City's Municipal Code prohibits the feeding of peafowl. Specifically, Section 6.04.020 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code (RPVMC) enacts by reference Los Angeles County Code Section 10.84.010 which states the following:

Providing food for certain animals. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 10.84.020 of Los Angeles County Code, no person shall feed or in any manner provide food to any peafowl, crow, pigeon, seagull, non-domesticated rodent, including tree squirrels or ground squirrels, or to a non-domesticated mammalian predator, including coyotes, foxes, opossums, skunks and raccoons.

It is an infraction if any resident is caught feeding peafowl in violation of this ordinance which could result in penalty fines for each violation.

## **Public Education**

Over the years, the City has received numerous complaints from residents expressing frustration with the destruction peacocks cause to their property, such as damaging roofs, plants, walkways, and vehicles. Nuisance complaints revolve around noise, fecal material, and emotional angst caused by peacocks. Thus, in an attempt to assist residents to minimize impacts caused by the peacocks, listed above are a number of deterrent measures to discourage peafowl from visiting private property. Because the effectiveness of these deterrent measures relies on cooperation among neighbors, a

public education campaign will occur on an as-needed basis using the following methods to disseminate information to the public:

- Website Updates (see Community Development Department Homepage under Code Enforcement)
- List-serve messages to the Peafowl notification subscribers
- Articles with helpful tips in the City's quarterly newsletter
- Speaking at:
  - Council of Homeowner's Association (CHOA) meetings
  - Homeowner's Association Meetings
- Public Service Announcement on Channel 33
- Communicating and sharing information with neighboring cities
- Preparing and distributing educational leaflets

## 2. Trapping and Relocation

In an effort to humanely maintain the peafowl population to the levels reported in the 2000 census, this section of the Management Plan describes a citywide trapping and relocation program. The program proposes the trapping and relocating of up to 150 birds per year in order to maintain the 2000 peafowl population level. The trapping and relocation program consists of the following 5 stages which are described below:

- Peafowl Census
- Selection of Trapping Vendor
- Seasonal Trapping
- Trapping Protocol
- Relocation

### **Stage 1: Peafowl Census**

Every year, the City will conduct a census survey to assess the peafowl population trends based on past census reports. The census will occur in February and/or March in the Portuguese Bend, Crestridge, Sunnyside Ridge, Grandview and Vista Grande neighborhoods along with other neighborhoods where significant peafowl complaints or sightings have been documented since the previous census. Neighborhoods may be added, deleted or modified for future census years based on previous census results or the success of previous trapping efforts. The census will be used to determine whether to proceed with any trapping in the subject calendar year. If trapping is deemed necessary, the census will dictate the number of birds (up to 150 in a calendar year) to be trapped.

### **Stage 2: Selection of Trapping Vendor**

Based on the outcome of the census report, if the City determines trapping is necessary to control the peafowl population, if a service agreement is not in effect, the City will go through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select an outside vendor. In

considering a vendor, the City will factor experience, capability and cost. The City Council will enter into a Service Agreement with the selected vendor.

### **Stage 3: Seasonal Trapping**

Generally, the nesting/hatching season takes place during April and May when chicks flock with their peahen before being able to function on their own. This is not considered a humane time period to conduct trapping of peahen. Therefore, seasonal trapping of peahens (female) will take place July 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Since peacocks (males) can be trapped all year long, if deemed necessary by the City, the trapping of peacock (males) may occur outside the July 15<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> trapping window.

### **Stage 4: Trapping Protocol**

The neighborhoods selected for trapping will be determined by the City based on peafowl population trends memorialized in the biennial census reports, as well public input (See Appendix B for neighborhood boundary maps identified for trapping). The humane trapping of peafowl will occur as follows:

- Traps will be made from chicken wire, or other similar material deemed acceptable by the City.
- Traps will generally be approximately 8'(L) x 6'(H) in size intended to hold approximately 6-8 birds at a time.
- Traps will be placed on City property or private property based on agreements between the City and the property owner. Private property will be selected by the City based on input from the trapper.
- Traps will be serviced on a regular basis, but no less than once a week by the City's trapping vendor.
- Traps will be maintained and monitored in accordance to the State of California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Department of Wildlife and Fish standards.
- Traps occupied by peafowl will be serviced within 24 hours. The property owner where the traps are placed will be required to notify the City and the trapping vendor within 24 hours of the trap being occupied by peafowl.
- The trapping vendor will also be able to gather peafowl using large, soft hand-held "fishing" style nets as this method is considered a very effective and quick way to quickly and humanely remove the young and fearless birds from the trapping regions.
- The trapping vendor will be required to provide the City with dated photo documentation of each bird trapped, as well as information as to its relocation destination.

### **Stage 5: Relocation**

Once peafowl are trapped by the vendor or removed from a trap by the vendor they become the property of the trapping vendor. Trapped peafowl will be relocated off the Palos Verdes Peninsula to homes that have been screened by the trapping vendor and reviewed by the City to ensure the individuals adopting the peafowl have some avian

experience and have adequate space for peafowl to roam freely. The location and contact information (name and phone number) of the individual(s) accepting the trapped peafowl will remain confidential to protect their privacy. Under no circumstances will the trapped peafowl be euthanized or treated inhumanely.

### **Sabotaging Peafowl Cages**

Pursuant to Section 6.04.070 of the RPVMC, no person shall prevent or interfere with the trapping or relocation of peafowl, either on public or private property, by releasing any captured peafowl or by damaging, disabling or disengaging any peafowl trap or enclosure.

If an individual is caught interfering with peafowl trapping, they will be subject to an infraction which will result in penalty fees for each violation.

## Appendix A – Plant List

The following is a list of plants that peafowl like and dislike. It is suggested as an added deterrent measures that the following plants be considered when landscaping. It should be noted that peafowl take daily dust baths irrespective of the type of plants found in a garden and this can be destructive. It is not uncommon for residents to think peafowl are eating plants when in fact they are digging plants up to create loose soil for bathing purposes.

### Peafowl dislike these plants:

Agapanthus  
Azalea  
Baby's Breath  
Bee Balm  
Bird of Paradise  
Blazing Star Liatris  
Bouganvillea  
Butterfly Plant  
Cactus  
Camellia  
Cannas  
Clivia  
Columbine  
Coneflower  
Ferns  
Fuchsia  
Gaillardia  
Gardenia  
Geranium  
Giant Columbine  
Gladiola  
Gloriosa Daisy  
Hen & Chicken  
Hibiscus  
Hardy Lavender  
Hostas  
Iris  
Ivy  
Lantana  
Lavender  
Marigold  
Mint  
Mum  
Oleander  
Painted Daisy  
Periwinkle  
Peonies  
Phlox  
Pink Lady  
Plumbago  
Poinsettia

Pyracantha  
Rhododendron  
Rose  
Shasta Daisy  
Snap Dragon  
Sunburst Coreopsis  
Weigela

### Peafowl like these plants:

Amaryllis  
Begonia  
Broccoli  
Brussel Sprout  
Cabbage  
California Poppy  
Cauliflower  
Chive  
Holly Berries  
Impatiens  
Kale  
Kohlrabi  
Lettuce  
Nasturtium  
Pansy  
Petunia  
Primrose  
Stock  
Stock Cauliflower  
Sweet Alyssum  
Tomato  
Water Stock  
Young Spinach and  
Any young plants

## Appendix B – Trapping Neighborhood Limits

### Portuguese Bend











## **Public Comments**

**Peafowl Management Plan  
August 4, 2015  
City Council Meeting**

July 27, 2015

Nancy and Joseph Hyman  
28212 Ella Road  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Community Development Division  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes for 22 years. During the last five or six years, the peacock population has increased greatly in our local Los Verdes area. A few years back, the city placed traps on a few local neighbors' property to capture peacocks, with very limited success. Over the last two years, the peafowl population has **exploded exponentially**. They are omnipresent—on Monero Drive, San Nicolas, Acana Drive, Certa, Ella, La Garita, Plainfield and Lomo.

My greatest concern is the also omnipresent peafowl droppings on the streets and sidewalks of our neighborhoods. The bothersome noise (of their loud cawing) notwithstanding, the peafowl droppings diminish the aesthetic appearance of the neighborhood, is a health hazard, and possibly may affect property values. The unsightly and frequent appearance of peafowl droppings on sidewalks and driveways may give potential buyers pause when considering this lovely area. Further, the droppings are potentially hazardous to pets if they consume the feces.

Of course, to have peafowl, there must be a food source. I know some people enjoy peacocks and feed them. Is it possible to strongly enforce and publicize the ordinance that prohibits the feeding of them?

As Neighborhood Watch captain, several of my neighbors have informed me of the destructiveness of the peafowl on their property. A few mentioned the peafowl consumption of lovingly-tended garden plants and flowers. Others have mentioned the destruction of structures, including roofs and broken windows. I myself have not experienced this destructiveness, but I am aware of it.

I hope the city will take stronger measures to capture, control, and relocate the peafowl to other more suitable wild areas. Our local neighborhood ambiance and property values have been negatively impacted by the over-presence of the peafowl.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hyman and Joseph Hyman

JUL 27 2015

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DEPARTMENT

To Whom it may concern.

I have lived in the Vista Grande area for 17 years. When we moved into this area we did not have a peacock population. If we did, I was unaware of it....

During the past 10 years, the population in our area has exploded! There is a huge problem (and at this point I would call it an infestation) in our area that needs to be dramatically addressed. These birds are extremely destructive.

- 1) I have had to replant my front slope at least 3 times to the tune of over \$5000.00 in order to keep plantings on it and prevent erosion.
- 2) My neighborhood sidewalks and landscaping are covered in peacock feces. This is a health hazard.
- 3) The noise that these birds emit all night long with their constant screaming has made it impossible for my husband, myself and my children to sleep. Going to work and school is not an optional daily activity and when a full night's sleep is impossible the existence of peacocks in my neighborhood is directly affecting our quality of life and property values. No one wants to pay market rate for homes infested with peacocks, feces and noise.

When I attended the meeting and spoke I was told that the City Council agreed that this was unacceptable and trapping was going to begin in late May. We were led to believe that an effort to remove all peacocks would begin in RPV.

What I just received in the mail seems to be a drastically different plan. Not enough is going to be done. Who gets to decide how many peacocks are allowable? Even one peacock screaming all night long outside of a window of the random unlucky individual is one too many. This is about more than just pretty feathers. This is about quality of life, noise pollution and feces all over the neighborhoods that create a health hazard. A peacock sitting in my neighbor's pine tree and screaming into my window is not something that I can do anything about.

It is unfair for people who like to look at pretty feathers and want to believe that we live in a semi rural neighborhood to inflict this kind of torment on their good neighbors. Rancho Palos Verdes has changed quite a bit during the years and I know with absolute certainty that my neighborhood is NOT rural or semi rural. Every square inch of buildable land is occupied by homes with small yards. Do we allow roosters in this neighborhood? The peacock is far noisier. Will it take a noise ordinance to eliminate these birds? May we start talking about that?

Not enough is being done to decrease this population of birds and fine those who are feeding them. Fines should be greatly increased to help defer the cost of the trapping.

Even if one of the 5-6 chicks per female lives that means the population doubles each year. When is this going to stop? These birds are not a native species.

Susie Collins

Community Development Department

Attn: Ara Mihranian

30940 Hawthorne Boulevard

22 July 2015

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Subject: on2015-00326

Dear Sir:

We strongly support the Peafowl Management Plan to humanely reduce the number of peafowl in our neighborhood.

We live at 28802 Crestridge Road in RPV. We have a 25,000 square foot lot overlooking a small canyon. Since moving here in May 2003, we have learned to coexist with the peafowl. We have learned to ignore their screeching, their toenails scraping on our metal shingle roof, and the fact that we cannot grow tomatoes and certain flowers. We have learned to look down while walking in our property so that we do not step on "droppings."

We admire the male peacocks displaying their beautiful tails during mating season.

We do not approve of the "droppings" all over our driveway, front porch, patio furniture, walkways, and pool area. We have a wrought iron fence overlooking our hill that is a prime perch for the birds, and is a great place for them to defecate on our patio. No bench or chair is "safe" from the "droppings." Water restrictions prevent us from using a hose to clean our driveway.

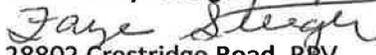
We can have as many as 6 or 7 peafowl in our yard at one time. Please observe the photo.

There has been a large increase of peafowl in our neighborhood since we moved here. A controlled reduction of the peafowl population would be very helpful to property owners.

Sincerely,



Gene & Faye Steiger

  
28802 Crestridge Road, RPV

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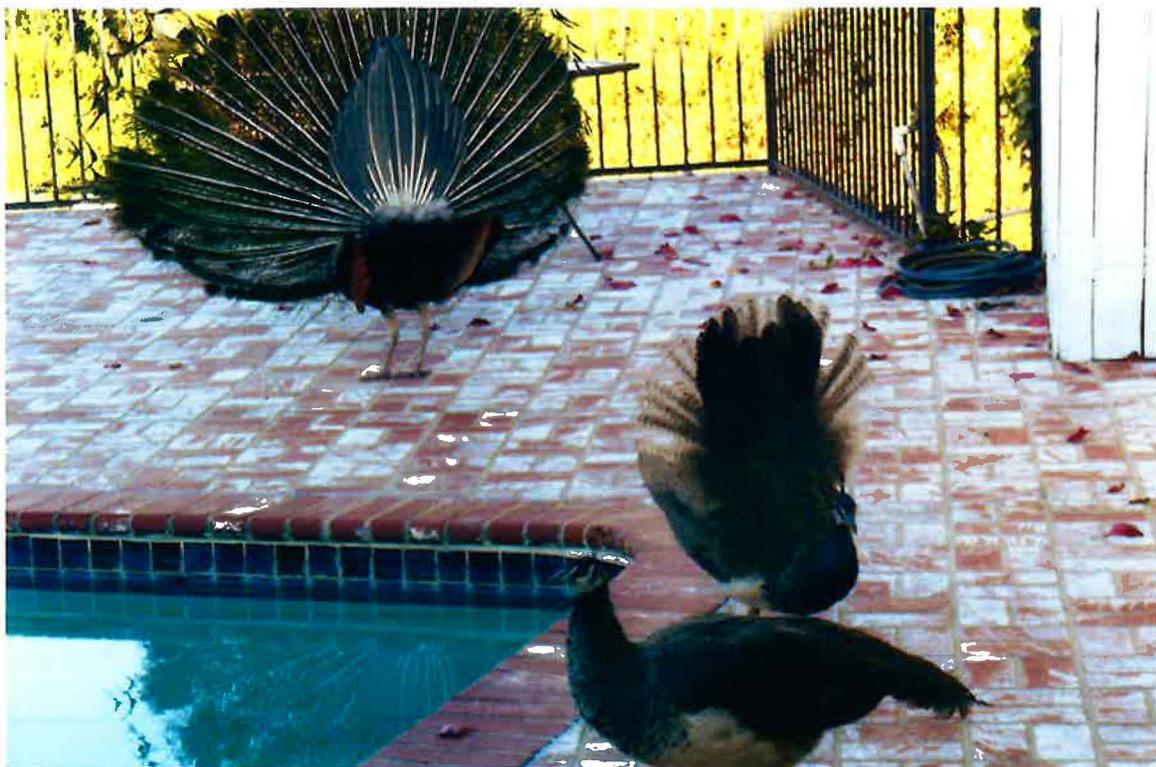
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28802 Crestridge Rd., RPV



5 Peafowl



3 Peafowl

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** ce35@mac.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Case No. ZON2015-00326 Comments

Hello Ara,

These are the comments I wish to make regarding Case No. ZON2015-00326.

Could you please let me know you got this OK?

Thanks,

July 26, 2015

My wife and I live at 73 Headland Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes.

There is not a day that passes that we are not negatively affected by the presence of pea fowl in our lives at home.

Screeching day and night, defecation around our property and on our roof, eating plants and vegetables we have spent good money to plant and grow, the threat of damage to cars park outside our garage, the risk of our older dog getting hurt, these are the daily annoyances pea fowl bring into our lives.

We encourage the Council to vote to support the trapping of pea fowl so that the pea fowl population in Rancho Palos Verdes is reduced. According to the city survey, there were no pea fowl in our area (Sunnyside Ridge) in the year 2000 and now that area is one of the most highly populated ones. I don't find this hard to believe because of the incessant noise we are subjected to. Driving from our home last night we saw over 12 pea fowl in a 1 minute drive on Headland.

We would even support the entire removal if that were a possibility.

Why is this important to us?

Because; We hear the pea fowl screeching almost every hour of the day. During the day, this sound might blend with some other daytime sounds but in the middle of the night and early in the morning, this sound is so loud it is impossible for us to sleep through it.

Because; Their defecation makes it difficult for our visitors to walk up to our house without stepping in it.

Because; There is this huge build up of pea fowl poop on our roof. This builds up year round and when we finally get rain, all the poop washes into our rain gutters and onto our property. We were thinking of getting one of the rain water barrels the city was offering but the rain water collected would be contaminated by pea fowl poop.

Because; We are tired of having our vegetable garden attacked and having to plant plants pea fowl don't like to eat.

Because: We know pea fowl have attacked cars and done hundreds of dollar of damage to them. For this reason we cannot feel comfortable in parking our cars outside our garage.

Because; We have a steep hillside in our yard and because our dog is old, but her mind is young, when she starts to chase the pea fowl in our yard she is at risk of hurting herself.

Please, please, support the trapping and removal of the pea fowl. The 10 -15 minutes a year we might see males in full display is absolutely not worth ALL the aggravation and headache we experience the rest of the time.

Thank you.

Chris and Kim Engen  
73 Headland Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

July 12, 2015

City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you to express my views regarding the peafowl population in Rancho Palos Verdes as it will be discussed during the upcoming public hearing on August 4, 2015. I have been a resident in the city for over 55 years, and I cannot remember a time where the peafowl population was so abundant or dangerous. I am in favor of the city taking measures to reduce the population.

My home is in the area off of Palos Verdes Drive East near Bronco Drive and Headland Drive. I am sure you are aware that this is a well traveled road. In recent years, as the peafowl population has grown in this area and there have been numerous encounters with the birds in the roadway. These encounters have created very dangerous conditions for drivers. On this very windy road with many blind curves, there have been instances where motorists have stopped just past the blind curve to allow the birds to pass safely across the roadway. There have been several near collisions due to traffic traveling at normal and lawful speeds that find themselves almost rear ending another vehicle stopped for the birds. Another very recent instance where the peafowl had caused a very dangerous traffic situation was when my husband was driving just past one of the curves, and a peafowl had flown into the road way, between his vehicle and one passing in oncoming traffic. The bird nearly entered his driver side window.

I understand that we cannot control the actions or flight paths of these animals; however, we can take steps to manage the population. I believe that if the city did initiate a peafowl management plan taking measures to control the population, it will be a benefit to the residents of the city as well as the motorists that travel the city roadways.

Sincerely,

Susan and Ken Gates  
17 Surrey Lane  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063-3294

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DARYL L. OSBY  
FIRE CHIEF  
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

July 20, 2015

Ara Mihranian, Director  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Community Development Department  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Ara Mihranian:

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, "RANCHO PALOS VERDES PEAFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN", CONSISTS OF THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN TO HUMANELY MANAGE THE PEAFOWL POPULATION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, INTENDS TO REDUCE AND MAINTAIN THE PEAFOWL POPULATION WITH THE CITY AT THE LEVELS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2000 PEAFOWL CENSUS REPORT, RANCHO PALOS VERDES (FFER 201500136)**

The Public Notice and Proposed Negative Declaration has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

**PLANNING DIVISION:**

1. We have no comments at this time.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:**

1. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department has no objection to Rancho Palos Verdes Peafowl Management Plan.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LA PUENTE	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAKEWOOD	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LANCASTER	PALMDALE	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	TEMPLE CITY
BELL	COMMERCE	GLENDORA	IRWINDALE	LAWNDALE	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	ROSEMEAD	WALNUT
BELL GARDENS	COVINA	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	LOMITA	PARAMOUNT	SAN DIMAS	WEST HOLLYWOOD
BELLFLOWER	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA HABRA	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SANTA CLARITA	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
BRADBURY							WHITTIER

Ara Mihranian, Director  
July 20, 2015  
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2. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.
3. Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit's Inspector Nancy Rodeheffer at (323) 890-4243.

**FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

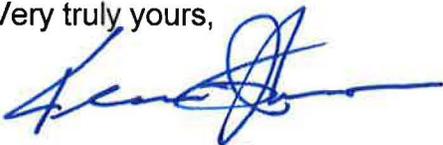
1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance.
2. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division has no objection to the proposed Peafowl Management Plan project.

**HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:**

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) of the Los Angeles County Fire Department has no comment or objection to the project.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



KEVIN T. JOHNSON, ACTING CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

KTJ:ad

Re: Peacock Management

Please get rid of these birds from my neighborhood. They are unwanted, unnecessary, loud and a beautiful PEST.

Get rid of them all!

Emw

July 13, 2015  
Dear Joel Rojas,

This is to let you know that  
Joe & Anne Morgan are  
both deceased.

Also, their house at  
28318 Trailriders Dr. R. P. V. 90815-  
has been sold.

I understand that the present  
owners are renting the house  
out.

Thank you for sending  
on the public notice. Dad &  
Mom would have been all  
for culling their population.

The peafowl like to roost  
in the pines and their droppings  
made a terrible mess.

Anyway, you might want  
to delete Joe & Anne Morgan from  
your computer.

Thanks,  
Catherine A. Moore  
daughter

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5911 Flambeau Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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DEPARTMENT

July 21, 2015

To The City Council of Rancho Palos Verdes

After months of sleep interrupted nightly by shrieking peacocks, one morning I discovered the sources of the unpleasant sounds. No longer in distant trees, they were strutting in my small garden, eating my herbs and some of my other plants, and leaving plentiful evidence of their visit. It was no trouble to throw rocks at the birds, and I inadvertently separated the peafowl from her three young chicks. At the moment I had the certainty of a kill, I stopped myself in dismay. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has made it illegal to kill the offensive birds that they have permitted to propagate and thrive. But even more than as a law-breaker, I did not like the image of myself as a slayer of helpless creatures. My temporary misjudgment and heinous actions, a by-product of nightly sleeplessness and fatigue, were suppressed. Reconfirmed was my belief that governments and their legislation exist to bring out the best in their citizens and keep them from their own nasty and brutish actions.

Therefore, it is with great joy that I welcome the decision of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to do something about the non-indigenous birds originally brought into our community by misguided folks who wanted, perhaps, to achieve some exotic elegance. Although the courts of France, that of Louis the XIV's Court, at least, may have relished the affectation of peacocks strutting about their spaces, these birds do not belong in Rancho Palos Verdes, and I do not believe that our neighbors in Rolling Hills or Palos Verdes want them either. Relocation of the birds, other than to a zoo, is not an option. The reality is to recognize that the offensive, imported birds are multiplying at an astonishing rate, they are loud and destructive creatures, and our only option is to applaud our government for removing them to confined cages or exterminating them as they should otherwise undesirable animals like skunks and rodents. Certainly the physical and emotional well-being of the residents of Rancho Palos Verdes should continue to be protected by our government.

Today, were we to desire to bring into our community other exotic animals, perhaps flamingoes, the city would require us to file permits to house these creatures. In contrast, the original peacocks—probably never permitted—are not caged, have been allowed to breed, are illegally fed by oblivious citizens, and multiply yearly or more often in an amazing courtship ritual of shaking and shrieking that nightly deprives citizens of sleep. Have realtors warned potential home buyers that they are possibly moving into communities that provide environments for shrieking peacocks? Let me publically document that on Flambeau Road that should be a realtor's responsibility. Let the City Council of Rancho Palos Verdes meet its responsibility: Protect your constituency and get rid of the peacocks.

Melinda Barth

*Melinda Barth*

**DOUGLAS L. & GAIL L. ALLEN**

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT

July 17th, 2015

To: CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

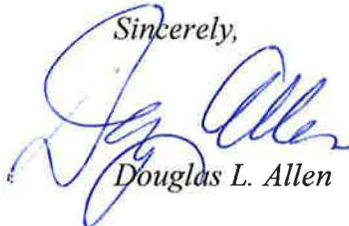
From: Doug Allen

Re: Pea Fowl Issue

*My wife and I have lived at the above address since 1971 and for most of those years since had not been subjected to the activities of the PV Pea Fowls. However, about ten years ago they moved into the pine trees in the house next to ours and seemed to multiply daily until there were at least 25 or thirty of them. Our home and yard became a favorite hangout for many of them and the result was continuing frustration with the noise and bird manure on patio, paths and outdoor furniture. Often being awakened early in the morning by the trampling of bigbird feet on the roof over our bed.*

*We understand that there are some in our community that enjoy all of the above and more and even encourage them by setting out food for them. However, we are among those that do not and would much prefer to "enjoy" them from an appropriate distance. Therefore, why does the city not take a survey and determine which neighborhoods have a majority of Pea Fowl lovers and move them there. It seems reasonable to me that those residents and city officials that insist that we keep them running loose thru our neighborhoods should be the ones to deal with them.*

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Allen

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Roger L Hausvick <rhausvick@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Case No. ZON2015-00326

To: RPV City Council,

Please remove the peacocks from our neighborhood. They are destructive, dirty, aggressive, bad tempered, and their noise is ear shattering. We bought in this neighborhood because there were no peacocks, and we do not want them here. We are retired and do not welcome being awakened every morning between 3 AM and 4 AM and having to listen to them honking and screeching for the next 3 hours. They nest in our neighbors yards about 20 feet from our bedroom window.

Even though we have no plants that they like they dig in our yard and then make a mess on our driveway. We cannot leave our cars in the driveway for fear that they will see their reflections and scratch the cars.

They are completely disgusting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Roger and Paula Hausvick  
28731 Plainfield Dr.  
RPV

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Dennis Yue <outie@outie.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 3:56 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** RE: Public Notice - case no. ZON2015-00326

Hi Ara, I would to submit some pictures on peacocks colony around my house located at 28111 Braidwood Dr. I just moved here few months ago and noticed peacocks noise are beginning to disturb our family because a large number of them live in my immediate neighbor's tree which is 20 ft away from our bedroom.

I read about recent complaints about the issue on our street but it did not go anywhere at the end.

Attached are pictures supporting the growing numbers of peacocks on our street, as you can see the 4 little ones just born recently...

If you are not the right person please forward to the appropriate department. Thank you.

Best Regards,  
Dennis











## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Sunnyside Community <sunnysidecommunityassociation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:53 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** Chrissy Meisterheim; Barzia Tehrani; Louise & David Samuel Barrett; Andy & Clarinda Kotowski  
**Subject:** Sunnyside Community Association- Peafowl Feedback  
**Attachments:** Staff\_Report\_RPV.pdf

Dear Community Development Department/ Ara Mihranian

The Sunnyside Community

Association recently conducted a survey among our resident members regarding the ongoing discussion and potential plan for Peafowl Trapping/Relocation in our area.

At our annual Association Meeting in May, concerned members requested a tally of opinion on our street. On June 10, we sent the attached email and asked they respond in either favor or not in favor of the plan to trap peafowl. If a member chose not to respond via email or phone, the board would assume that the member had no objection to the peafowl plan.

Summary of the feedback received:  
13 Not in Favor of Trapping/Relocation  
9 In Favor  
1 Undecided

The remaining 21 members did not respond.

We have advised our HOA members to attend the upcoming August 4th meeting and to address all concerns or questions to your department.

Regards,

Sunnyside Community Association Board  
Chrissy Meisterheim, Clarinda Kotowski, David Barrett, Barzia Tehrani

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**From:** Sunnyside Community <[sunnysidecommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sunnysidecommunityassociation@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 10, 2015 at 12:40 PM  
**Subject:** Peafowl Update  
**To:** Sunnyside Community <[sunnysidecommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sunnysidecommunityassociation@gmail.com)>

Dear Sunnyside Community,

As many of you know, the city has presented a plan to control the population of peafowl in parts of RPV with a trapping and relocation plan.

Please see attached RPV staff report that outlines this Peafowl Control and Trapping plan.

The HOA board has been in contact with City Council and Community Development. An approval for the Peafowl Trapping plan was to be decided by the Council in May. This has been put ON HOLD.

The city has requested that an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT be presented in order to justify the trapping efforts.

This is tentatively due to be presented sometime in August.

In the meantime, our HOA would like to poll our members.

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL WITH EITHER**

**Yes in favor of Peafowl trapping/relocation**

**No not in favor.**

**If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are in favor and have no objection.**

**Please reply by June 15th.**

**In regards to additional questions, please refer to the city's website or contact the city by phone. The board will be keeping you updated, but will not be answering individual questions. Thank you for your understanding.**

**<http://www.rpvca.gov/101/City-Services>**

Thank you so much

Your HOA Board

## **Important - please note**

The document of June 10, sent from City Services, was sent to the 50 or so houses (only if they are a member of the Association) who live on Sunnyside Ridge Road. It was sent to the Sunnyside Community Association & no one else in the Peacock Trapping map for the "Sunnyside Community". There are about 50 residences on Sunnyside Ridge.

Because of notifying only the Sunnyside Community Association the other households were not able to have a say about the trapping. This is a very poor way to treat the other people in the area.

Because of this it seems likely that the same thing happened in the other trapping areas.

**RPV peacock trapping plan compared to  
Cal. Fish & Game code 465.5 (g) (3)**

The below communication was never received by a large bunch of our neighbors , nor us, in the "Sunnyside Community", (whatever that is ), for a few possible reasons; new neighbors, no email , new email , not received via mail (mail theft), on vacation etc.. If these reasons happened in the "Sunnyside community" it also happened in the other trapping areas.

For the above reasons the notification is not accurate or valid. If an accurate response is needed the city must insure every household must be notified to get a true picture of this activity by complying to the above Cal. Code.

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This section violates Cal. State law.

This line seems to allow trapping on everyone's property who did not respond to this document. This runs counter to State Law.

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## PEACOCK QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ANSWER

It might be easier if you addressed these issues before taking questions

[See you at the meeting !](#)

1. How many people received the document dated June 10 ?
2. Who received the "public notice" dated July 9, 2015 ? Was it all of the rpv city, or only the trapping "communities" or only a relative few people or only on the city web site ?
3. As an example were only the people on Sunnyside Ridge notified (June 10 Doc.), or were the people in "Sunnyside Community" also notified ? If not why not? None of my neighbors were notified about the June 10 document -(Not residing on Sunnyside Ridge but live in the "Sunnyside Community").
4. How many people have actually complained to the city about the birds ? Our assumption is a very few have complaints. If this is the case they are in a very small group considering the RPV population.
5. Some have mentioned damage to cars, have you looked into this to verify this has actually happened ? One comment, in an email to the city, said the birds scratch our windows. The beaks are not hard enough to do that. This is a very questionable complaint among others.
6. The comments on Bird noise at night is not our experience at all. It seems the people complaining aren't being accurate. Have you heard or had dialog from other people that have none of these so called issues ?
7. Who is going to be the trapper?
8. Is the trapper aware that he needs to follow the Cal. State law 465.5 (g) (3) ?
9. What is their experience trapping large birds ?
10. Cost of trapping ?
11. Where will the birds be relocated too? The council has said this is a "secret location for the trappers safety" . How about telling the residents the general location of this relocated sanctuary ? It should be in a mild climate for their benefit.
12. What happens to the birds once they are relocated ? Are they kept on this location or sold or ....? We have a right to know as we are paying for this activity.
13. We all have seen Peacocks fly straight up 10 + feet to land on a roof. Is the location they go to enclosed with a roof or ....
14. Is the city Atty. aware of the 465.5 state law & supports this law or not ?
15. Has RPV considered having this issue voted on by the citizens of RPV ?

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Lacombe <chateau4us@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:59 AM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Re: Peacock Management Plan

Hi Ara,

I would not assume that just trapping in Sunnyside Ridge would reduce peacocks in our area. I think if the goal is to reduce the number of peafowl, then it would only make sense to include our area since our neighborhood has a connecting canyon. If trapping is only done on part of the canyon the peafowl will just move more into the area that there is no trapping.

Thanks for making my comments part of the staff report.  
Jeanne

**From:** [Ara Mihranian](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:00 AM  
**To:** [Lacombe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Peacock Management Plan

Hi Jeanne,

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding the proposed Peafowl Management Plan.

Your email will be provided to the City Council as part of the August 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Report.

Additionally, your request to expand the trapping of the Sunnyside Ridge neighborhood to include your neighborhood will be shared with the Council for consideration.

However, I gather the reduction of peafowl in the Sunnyside Ridge will indirectly reduce peafowl in your neighborhood as well. Notwithstanding, I truly understand your concerns and will see what can be done.

Let me know if you have additional comments or concerns.

Ara

**Ara Michael Mihranian**  
Deputy Director of Community Development

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**From:** Lacombe [mailto:[chateau4us@att.net](mailto:chateau4us@att.net)]

**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 2:28 PM

**To:** Ara Mihranian

**Subject:** Peacock Management Plan

After reviewing the Peacock Management Plan, Rolling Hills Riviera HOA would like to have the city include our area (around Dodson Middle School off Western Ave between Avenida Feliciano and Toscanini) included with the Sunnyside Ridge area. The peacocks have been breeding like crazy in the Dodson Creek area that connects our two neighborhoods. There is also the Sol Vista Trail, Sol Vista Park, and the Carriage Trail area that leads to the George F. Canyon Nature Preserve that is also between our two neighborhoods so there are plenty of breeding places there too.

We have seen a dramatic increase in peacocks in our area in the last several years. I observed three peacocks on my next door neighbors roof at the same time. There are many people in our area too that complain about the damage and horrible screeching sounds the peacocks make before dawn or late at night. The policy that was publicized before was don't "molest" the peacocks or face a \$10,000 fine. We were unaware of the City possibly taking action against the over population and spread of the peacocks so most people would not have called the city to complain.

By the way, the peacocks figured out dogs and are not a deterrent. Peacocks just drive the dogs nuts by staying just out of range and they bark like crazy without any effect on the peacocks.

Thanks

Jeanne Lacombe, Director

Rolling Hills Riviera HOA

(310)833-0444

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** shari graner <sharigraner@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 7:59 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Opinion regarding Peafowl Management

I understand that I am to write to you to express my opinion BY JULY 25th on the above-referenced topic.

Quite frankly, I believe RPV has its own agenda that has nothing to do with government by the people. But for what it's worth, I'll express my opinion anyway.

It is true that the Sunnyside Ridge area has had an increase in peafowl over the years. However, due to some unknown phenomenon (poisoning is my personal belief), at present we have very few peafowl. As a result, I see no reason to thin our population.

Why don't you save the city some money - you can put it towards 'our' half-million-dollar Sunnyside-Ridge-Trail-to-Nowhere that will allow burglars easier access to our homes from the canyon - and take our area off this year's peafowl trapping? That might be way too simple for RPV to grasp.

If you are not the person with whom I should register my opinion, would you please let me know IMMEDIATELY (since there's a DEADLINE) to whom I should forward this email?

Thank you.  
Shari Graner

Sent from my iPad

**Ara Mihranian**

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**From:** DLJaquette Gmail <dljaquette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 3:51 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Case ZON2015-00326 ... Peafowl removal

Dear Planning:

We both (Anette and David Jaquette of 28347 Hazelridge Drive, RPV) are in full support of your proposal to remove peafowl from RPV.

There are several negative results of these Peafowls ,

1. These peafowl get into garden, front and backyard and loves to dig up our succulents. We have as many as 10 in our back yard and on our roof at times. They are also multiplying at a very rapid rate, since they do not have any enemies, 5 babies for each Peahen.

2. The excrement is difficult to deal with
- A. requiring a pressure washer ( which is not allowed to be used at this time) to clean patio pavers, tables, driveway and walkway .
  - B. our dogs (2 Golden Retrievers) eat the excrement, and have come down with 2 intestinal diseases as a result of eating the excrement. Giardia is one and Eimeria Oocysts was the second one, this resulted in costly vet bills and extended medical treatment.
  - C. We walk our dogs in the neighborhood on leashes and is constantly having to deal with excrements on the sidewalk, again the dogs being quick to nose out the excrements it is a struggle to keep them from eating it, and difficult not to step on, We often meet a flock of 20 -30 Peahens and Peacocks.

3. The screeching and calling at all hours especially through the night is very unpleasant to be awoken by and VERY LOUD disturbing the otherwise lovely quiet city, we chose to live in.

We do understand that some people might love the Peafowl, but they are not native to our area and has become a pest.

For these reasons we heartedly support the removal of peafowl from RPV.

Thank you for your work and understanding on this issue

DAVID and ANETTE Jaquette

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Clarinda Kotowski <ckotowski@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 12:24 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl management

Dear Mr. Rojas and Mr. Mihranian,

I am writing to express my support in the city plan to control the peafowl population on Sunnyside Ridge Road. I have lived here for almost 30 years; for most of that time, an occasional peafowl would explore our street, and then leave, but in the past 10 years, they have begun to reside and multiply exponentially. I realize this is a very devious issue, at least on our street, but in my opinion they can go somewhere else.

I consider one or two peacocks to be pretty, if noisy. However, 100+ of them is a loud, messy nuisance. The least bothersome problem is blocking the street; there are droppings everywhere, loud calls at all times of day, and they destroy vegetation.

Since they are not native, I consider them to be an invasive species, and would like to see the population under control.

Clarinda Kotowski

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Philip de Souza <pdesouza@aurorait.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 12:18 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** sebarryte@cox.net; Bernadine  
**Subject:** PPM - Peafowl Management Plan

Ara

I am an RPV resident (Starstone Drive) and received the Public Notice about implementation of the PMP.

I would like to strong emphasize my support for this plan and want to say that the city cannot act fast enough on this matter.

- RPV is not a farm or a petting zoo, nor are we trying to emulate Versailles or an Indian forest.
- Our inherent need for political correctness around these artificially introduced birds, is endangering and affect a lot of facets of life in RPV.
- I see drivers suddenly slam on their brakes to give way, hundreds of yards in advance of a distant peacock
- Children dash out on the streets and pedestrians stop to update their social media sites with a candid shot of these beautiful birds.
- The shrill squawking at odd hours of the night are a huge irritant.
- The droppings and destruction of flora caused by the increased peacock population further aggravate the issue
- Given the drought conditions, reduced feeding and an increased bird population I am sure we are facing death due to starvation and spread of disease.
- The menace will see a reduction in property values and in turn a lower property taxes and income for the City, this should be a matter close to our City Councilmen's' hearts.
- I am sure the City does not have the money or the resources to constantly address this issue every year.
- I strongly support this plan and recommend relocating the culled population to the Land Conservancy reserves.

Thank you for your consideration  
Philip de Souza  
310.999.8260

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** cd2thdr@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:03 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** peafowl

To the City Council of RPV:

As residents of RPV since 1960, we strongly support the city's plan to manage the peafowl population. We hope this project will be implemented soon!

Lois & Richard Cowan

5943 Finecrest Dr. Rancho Palos Verdes Ca. 90275

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** SunshineRPV@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:57 AM  
**To:** amcdougall1@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** CC; PC; Doug Willmore; Ara Mihranian; jeanlongacre@aol.com; momofyago@gmail.com; pvpasofino@yahoo.com; ebmendenhall@aol.com; beachjake@sbcglobal.net; raymadelin@gmail.com; susanmswank@gmail.com; vgranoff@verizon.net; gardner4@earthlink.net; Sherihastings@yahoo.com; pdownjac@hotmail.com; yorklgpt@verizon.net; george.fotion@homeispalosverdes.com; leneebilski@hotmail.com; radlsmith@cox.net; robert.cumby@cox.net  
**Subject:** My position. Re: City Council to Consider Peafowl Management Plan on August 4th

Hi Anna,

Scroll on down:

In a message dated 7/13/2015 8:54:48 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, amcdougall1@yahoo.com writes:

How do y'all feel about this?

Honestly... I feel against it. Not only do I think they could spend money on better things, but the peacocks of always been a part of Palos Verdes... At least since the Vanderlip's brought them.

Sent from my iPhone

"This" is three issues: The definition of the problem. The effectiveness of the recommended solution to the problem. The cost effectiveness of the recommended solution. I am not happy with Staff's draft Peafowl Management Plan. On the other hand, there were no peafowl foraging, sleeping nor screaming on my property when I purchased it in 1977. I have joined the ranks of the peafowl haters.

RE: The definition of the problem. There is definitely a problem. Is it that there are too many? Is it that their territory is expanding? Or, is the problem that they are here at all?

RE: A solution. The cages where the peafowl used to be kept on the Vanderlip property are standing there, empty. There is probably something in each of our four cities' Municipal Codes about keeping caged exotic birds. Like the invading ravens and squirrels, I think every private property owner should be able to "eliminate" the invaders on their property. Anyone who really loves these nuisances should be able to contain them on their own property. That would eliminate the problem.

RE: The cost effectiveness of the proposed Plan. I agree. The proposal creates an unnecessary and ongoing expense to tax payers.

About the Plan as proposed, you are familiar with RPV's east side Equestrian Overlay District. Do you see any reason why the "Trapping Neighborhood Limits" should be slightly different from the clearly defined Q Zone? It appears to me to be adding a bureaucratic complication to the enforcement of this proposed Plan (should Council approve it as recommended.) The same thing can be said for the Crestridge and Portuguese Bend trapping neighborhoods/Q Zones.

Ara's Mother passed away, recently, so we have not discussed any of this. Please email him your comments soon, so that he can address them in his Staff Report. [AraM@rpvca.gov](mailto:AraM@rpvca.gov).

Think of this as a matter of how RPV takes care of business as opposed to a love/hate relationship with peafowl. ...S 310-377-8761

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nextdoor Miraleste Hills RPV <[reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com](mailto:reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com)>  
**Date:** July 13, 2015 at 8:46:41 AM PDT  
**To:** [amcdougall1@yahoo.com](mailto:amcdougall1@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** City Council to Consider Peafowl Management Plan on August 4th  
**Reply-To:** [reply+GE3DIMZVGYYF64DSN5SHKY3UNFXW4X2QJ5JVIXZRG2DGNRTGEZQ====@reply.nextdoor.com](mailto:reply+GE3DIMZVGYYF64DSN5SHKY3UNFXW4X2QJ5JVIXZRG2DGNRTGEZQ====@reply.nextdoor.com)

 Kit Fox, City of Rancho Palos Verdes AGENCY

 The City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 PM at Hesse Park Community Building, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, to consider adopting the City's Peafowl Management Plan (PMP), along with adopting an Environmental Assessment/Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The PMP is a City-initiated plan to humanely manage the peafowl population within the boundaries of the City by reducing and maintaining the peafowl population to the levels identified in the 2000 Peafowl Census Report. The PMP will support the coexistence of peafowl within the semi-rural character of the City by using the following methods:

Public Education & Deterrent Measures

Humane Trapping & Relocation of up to 150 birds per year in order to maintain the 2000 peafowl population.

Please click the links below for related documents:

Public Notice: <http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View...>

Initial Study/Negative Declaration (CEQA document):

<http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View...>

Peafowl Management Plan:

<http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View...>

Inquiries should be directed to Ara Mihanian, Deputy Community Development Director, at (310) 544-5228 or via email at [aram@rpvca.gov](mailto:aram@rpvca.gov).

Jul 13 in General to City of Rancho Palos Verdes

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July 16, 2015

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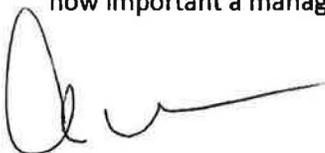
Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you so much for taking up the difficult issue of peafowl regulation in our City. In my experiences this issue tends to polarize many people at extreme opposite ends. It is reasonable to expect that at the end your decision will be somewhere in the middle, and reminds of the adage that "The best negotiated situation is usually the one in which no one feels that they have won".

No doubt you will hear from the public regarding the noise, mess, and inconveniences caused by the huge number of peafowl in our City. Rather than reiterate those concerns, I would like to briefly address some other issues that may not otherwise come up:

- Stormwater compliance – The City is subject to some of the most extreme stormwater regulations in the state through the NPDES permit. Bacteria is an impairment in the Santa Monica Bay as determined by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and is the subject of a TMDL that dictates maximum levels of bacteria. The feces from the peafowl carry bacteria that can cause the bacteria levels to rise and degrade the quality of the stormwater, and could cause a violation of these standards.
- Freedom to decide on your own terms – Currently the City does not have any outside agency or group dictating how the City addresses the peafowl situation. This may not always be the case if the previously mentioned water quality standards are violated and the City is put into a situation in which all peafowl must be removed to comply or risk severe fines. Additionally the neighboring city of Palos Verdes Estates was mandated by a court settlement agreement as to how they manage their peafowl. Although that program has been effective, the Council lost their freedom to act on their own.
- Good governance – This is an issue that is difficult and could be ignored quite easily to the detriment of many of your residents. Coming up with a solution to difficult problems is a sign of a healthy and well-functioning Council. I would hope that this will be the beginning of a policy that is continuous and puts this issue to rest. Although the City of Palos Verdes Estates was mandated with their program, it has been very effective and may be a good starting point for the Council to consider.

As you move forward I would be happy to be involved as I was very involved in Palos Verdes Estates' peafowl management program for many years. It is ironic that after helping in the relocation of hundreds of peafowl, I can now usually count 40 within two blocks of my home and they wake me most nights. It has made me realize how important a management program is to the quality of one's life.



Allan Rigg

## LEE BOOHER

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28121 Palos Verdes Drive East  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5120

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

RE: **Peafowl** population in Rancho Palos Verdes

To whom it may concern,

I moved to RPV in November 1996 with no knowledge of the peafowl problem. The first week I was here I thought the loud noises I was hearing all during the night were cats in heat. After a few days, I found out that it was peafowl.

The noise that these birds make on and off 24 hours a day is very disturbing to us who live near their nests and causes some of us have great difficulty trying to sleep at night. My wife has tried to mask these disturbing sleep interruptions by running a fan at high speed all night which is another problem in itself.

**I don't believe that any of these birds should be nesting in close proximity to human residences.**

Respectfully,



Lee Booher

**MICHAEL J. & LIDDI KENDEL**  
5809 FLAMBEAU ROAD  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275-2154  
(310) 541-0262 E-mail: vnhs54@gmail.com

July 15, 2015

City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Community Development Dept.  
30940 Hawthorne BLVD  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

VIA FAX: (310) 544-5293

In re: PUBLIC NOTICE Peafowl Management Plan hearing of August 4, 2015

Dear Community Development Director:

We are in receipt of your notice dated July 9, 2015 of the above-referenced hearing. Because of previously scheduled matters, we may not be able to attend that hearing. We are writing this to let you know our opinions on this matter that is of great personal importance to us.

**WE ARE TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEASURES AND ACTIONS TO SEVERELY LIMIT OR TOTALLY ELIMINATE THE PRESENCE OF ALL LIVING PEAFOWL FROM WITHIN THE BORDERS OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES AS WELL AS IN NEIGHBORING CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA.**

**IT IS OF ABSOLUTELY NO IMPORTANCE TO US IF THE REMOVAL OF ALL PEAFOWL IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IS DONE HUMANELY OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS, REGARDLESS OF ITS CRUELTY.**

**PEAFOWL ARE NOT A NATIVE SPECIES OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS NOR OF CALIFORNIA NOR OF ANY OTHER PLACE IN NORTH OR SOUTH AMERICA THAT MAY BE PROTECTED BY LAWS GOVERNING THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES IN OUR LANDS. THESE BIRDS ARE NATIVE TO THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT AND ADJACENT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND THEY SHOULD REMAIN THERE.**

**PEAFOWL ARE A SEVERE PUBLIC NUISANCE AND A THREAT TO OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. THEY ARE A THREAT TO OUR NATIVE ANIMAL AND VEGETATION SPECIES THAT MAY BE LEGITIMATELY PROTECTED.**

Peafowl wandering through our yards are a threat to our gardens, our pets, and they leave bodily wastes anywhere anytime on our properties. These birds have a loud screaming call and they do so at all hours of the night and day which disturbs our sleep at night and, otherwise, in daylight hours. They jump on top of the roof of our house and, by doing so, the "thumping" noises that they make on the roof are very disturbing to us.

Peafowl in our neighborhoods, California, and the entire United States of America should be limited only to zoos or other specified areas where they can exist under the supervised care of persons who are qualified to care for them. They should be restricted by closed cage enclosures from wandering away to other inappropriate locations such as within our city of Rancho Palos Verdes.

The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council should pass an ordinance banning the harboring of all peafowl by any resident who feeds those birds or otherwise encourages them to remain in our area. The City Council should pass an ordinance that mandates the complete removal of that nuisance foreign species from our city as soon as possible.

Please enter this letter into the public record regarding this matter.

Thanking you in advance, we shall remain,

Sincerely yours,



Michael J. Kendel

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## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Patricia Penny <PLPenny@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 7:56 AM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** 'Robert Penny'  
**Subject:** Peafowl Management Plan and August 4, 2015 City Council Meeting - written comments  
**Attachments:** pea fowl 1.JPG; pea fowl 2.JPG

**Importance:** High

Sirs and/or Madams:

I attended and spoke at the November 2014 City Council Meeting in support of peafowl management in our community. By way of background, I have lived in this community since 1964, and always on the eastside (now off Palos Verdes Drive East, across from Miraleste Intermediate, and previously near the Eastfield Gate). When my family first moved here in 1964 (near the Eastfield Gate), there were only a few peafowl in the immediate community/and streets surrounding ours (most were down in the Strawberry Lane area). From 1964 until 1990, we had one peacock on our property, and I do not recall having many, if any, others on our street.

I moved to my current location (Via Canada, across from Miraleste Intermediate) in 1991. When we first moved in, we had no peafowl whatsoever. Beginning about 9-10 years ago, we noticed one or two of them. Within the next few years, we had dozens, and now we have well over 3 dozen on just the lower half of our street. Several times, I personally have counted 2-3 males and 4-5 females with chicks all together at one time in one yard, and I attach some photos as an example – both photos taken the same date and time. And there are 3 or 4 other houses where birds also congregate. During these past years, among other things, the peafowl have: (1) continually soiled/continue to soil (defecating) our driveway, entry concrete and brick, backyard brick, walkways and patio furniture; (2) eaten our plants (we now have planted peafowl resistant plants); (2) pecked at and scratched our upstairs windows (they stare at themselves in the reflection) beyond repair; (3) pecked at/marred our automobile wheels (we try never to leave our cars outside), as well as other neighbors' car wheels; (4) continuously soiled/defecated on and clawed/pecked at our red tile roof; (5) roosted on our roof and in our second floor fireplace chimneys; (6) and continuously nested and reproduced in trees immediately behind our home and in several tall trees just up the street from us.

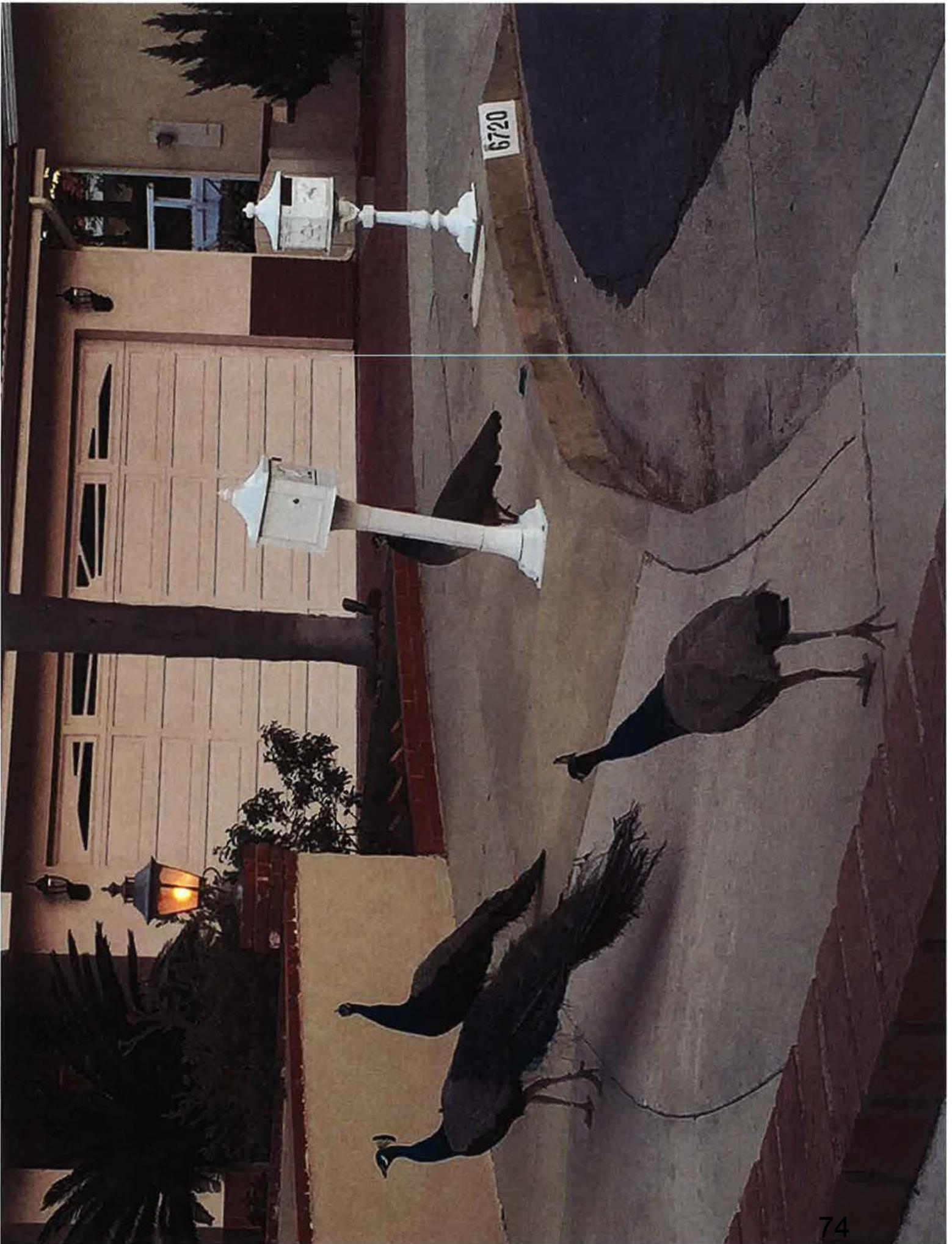
Beyond all of the above, they are incessantly noisy and very loud. It used to be they began their loud screeching in early spring to mid-summer, mostly at dusk for a few hours. Then they began in around January, continuing to mid-summer, and started as early as 4:00 a.m. Now, they begin around January, and continue all summer long and into the fall, screeching loudly all day and all night long. It has become unbearable and extremely difficult to sleep (and work – my husband works from home and I often work at home too) because there are so very many of them, and they are so very loud. In fact, as I sit here and type this (mid-day), I can hear half a dozen of them continually screeching in the various tall trees.

Having lived in this community for over 50 years, I know the peacocks well and appreciate their beauty and their uniqueness to our community. But they multiply faster than rabbits and they are messy, dirty, loud, stubborn, and destructive. I am very appreciative that our City has decided to re-enact the Peafowl Management Plan, and humanely trap and relocate them so as to keep the population to a respectable and tolerable level. I whole heartedly support these efforts. Hopefully, this reduction plan includes our street as well as the others!

Thank you very much for all of your efforts and hard work, and I sincerely hope the planned reduction helps everyone in our community.

Patricia L. Penny

PS My husband also supports the proposed Peafowl Management Plan.





## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** David Ho Chung <smartcpu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2015 9:03 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** David Ho Chung  
**Subject:** PEAFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN (PMP)

Hi representatives of City of RPV,

I am submitting a written request to the City regarding the UNCONTROLLED number of peafowls in my neighborhood, that is, Finecrest Drive, RPV (Hawthorn + Grayslake).

I do NOT want peafowls to roam around in my backyard, roof, and near my house. They shit everywhere around my house. Please remove them completely from my neighborhood, if possible.

I just want to say City of RPV is great and you are all doing an excellent job keeping this city clean and nice but I have to say that my family does not like peafowls.

Thanks,  
David

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Inga Lurie <ingelel@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 10:25 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian; Jim Knight; Susan Brooks; Jerry Duhovic; Brian Campbell; Anthony Missetich  
**Cc:** Abramowitz Esther; Steiner Barbara and Paul; Finklestein Marilyn; Tyndall Kathy  
**Subject:** Peacock Management

To the City Council Members and Ara Mihranian:

Thank you for announcing the meeting to discuss the Peafowl Management Plan. Unfortunately, it has been a long time in coming since the original meeting where the decision was made to control the peafowl population. In the interim the population has greatly increased, especially in the upper Vista Grande area. As I mentioned in my previous e-mail many new chicks of all ages and sizes have been evident in recent months. Since this is the case, which can certainly be attested to by upper Vista Grande residents, I am concerned about the limitation of "up to 150 birds per year." Is this limitation necessary? Most of the females give birth to four or five chicks at a time. I would like to request that either this limitation be upped or removed. It certainly appears to me that the population in our area has increased by at least 150 birds just since your last census. The birds should be trapped on an as needed basis without the limitation of "up to 150 birds per year."

Please reconsider this limitation and let's get the show on the road once and for all. Thank you for your time.

Cordially,

Inga Cherman-Lurie

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Lacombe <chateau4us@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 2:28 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peacock Management Plan

After reviewing the Peacock Management Plan, Rolling Hills Riviera HOA would like to have the city include our area (around Dodson Middle School off Western Ave between Avenida Feliciano and Toscanini) included with the Sunnyside Ridge area. The peacocks have been breeding like crazy in the Dodson Creek area that connects our two neighborhoods. There is also the Sol Vista Trail, Sol Vista Park, and the Carriage Trail area that leads to the George F. Canyon Nature Preserve that is also between our two neighborhoods so there are plenty of breeding places there too.

We have seen a dramatic increase in peacocks in our area in the last several years. I observed three peacocks on my next door neighbors roof at the same time. There are many people in our area too that complain about the damage and horrible screeching sounds the peacocks make before dawn or late at night. The policy that was publicized before was don't "molest" the peacocks or face a \$10,000 fine. We were unaware of the City possibly taking action against the over population and spread of the peacocks so most people would not have called the city to complain.

By the way, the peacocks figured out dogs and are not a deterrent. Peacocks just drive the dogs nuts by staying just out of range and they bark like crazy without any effect on the peacocks.

Thanks  
Jeanne Lacombe, Director  
Rolling Hills Riviera HOA  
(310)833-0444

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Linda Herman <lhermanpg@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 1:28 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** RE: Peafowl Report

Hi Ara,

I see that we are covered....went to another computer with a much larger screen than mine and was able to determine that we are in the targeted area. No need to respond to my previous email.

Thanks,  
Linda Herman

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**From:** Ara Mihranian [mailto:AraM@rpvca.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:32 PM  
**To:** Linda Herman  
**Cc:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Re: Peafowl Report

Linda,  
I am out of the office until Tuesday...I will get back to you then.

I will also try to improve the maps...stay tuned.

Thanks!  
Ara

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2015, at 8:58 PM, Linda Herman <[lhermanpg@cox.net](mailto:lhermanpg@cox.net)> wrote:

To: City of RPV Staff

I have just reviewed the map indicating the area in Grandview where peafowl management is proposed. The maps are very blurry, are generally upside down and the street names are difficult to decipher.

We live at 28070 Ella Road, near Lomo and La Garita. Would you please advise whether our street is within the area under consideration for peafowl management as shown in the maps accompanying the recent information provided by email.

Thank you so much,

Martin and Linda Herman  
310-541-3373  
[lhermanpg@cox.net](mailto:lhermanpg@cox.net)

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Gasteiger, Peter <peter.gasteiger@sap.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 12:57 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** PMP

Hi Ara,  
Does the Peafowl Mgmt Plan include Portuguese Bend?  
Pete Gasteiger

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Linda Herman <lhermanpg@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 8:59 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl Report

To: City of RPV Staff

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lhermanpg@cox.net



adopting an Environmental Assessment/Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Case No. ZON2015-00326). The PMP is a City initiated plan to humanely manage the peafowl population within the boundary limits of the City by reducing and maintaining the peafowl population to the levels identified in the 2000 Peafowl Census Report. The PMP will support the coexistence of peafowl within the semi-rural character of the City by using the following methods:

- Public Education & Deterrent Measures
- Humane Trapping & Relocation of up to 150 birds per year in order to maintain the 2000 peafowl population.

[Click here](#) to view the Public Notice

[Click here](#) to view the Initial Study / Negative Declaration (CEQA Document)

[Click here](#) to view the City's Peafowl Management Plan

Inquiries should be directed to Ara Mhuranian, Deputy Community Development Director, at (310) 544-5228 or via email at [aram@rpvca.gov](mailto:aram@rpvca.gov)

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## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Inga Lurie <ingelel@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:38 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** Susan Brooks  
**Subject:** Re: Peacocks

Dear Ara,

Thank you for your e-mail and the information it contains. I received notice today of the upcoming meeting. Is there anything I need to do to help move this project along? I would hope that since it has already been approved further lobbying is unnecessary, but you never know. What do you suggest?? Please let me know. Thank you.

Inga

**From:** [Ara Mihranian](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2015 1:10 PM  
**To:** [ingelel@cox.net](mailto:ingelel@cox.net)  
**Cc:** [Doug Willmore](#) ; [Susan Brooks](#) ; [Nicole Jules](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Peacocks

Hi Inga,

Your email was forwarded to me as I am the project planner processing the Peafowl Management Plan.

As Mayor Pro-Tem Brooks mentioned, this item is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Peafowl Management Plan will be released for public review towards the end of the week. The document will be posted on the City's website and a list-serve message will be sent to subscribers to the peafowl program with a link to the document at the following link:

<http://ca-ranchopalosverdes.civicplus.com/337/Peafowl>

If you are not a subscriber, I suggest going to the City's website at the following link and sign-up (and please pass the word).

<http://ca-ranchopalosverdes.civicplus.com/list.aspx>

A notice will also be sent to each property owner within the 5 neighborhoods previously included in the census.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Ara

**Ara Michael Mihranian**

Deputy Director of Community Development

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**WE ARE IN PROCESS OF SWITCHING TO A NEW WEB AND EMAIL DOMAIN. IF YOU HAVE ME IN YOUR CONTACTS, PLEASE SWITCH MY EMAIL FROM [ARAM@RPV.COM](mailto:ARAM@RPV.COM) TO [ARAM@RPVCA.GOV](mailto:ARAM@RPVCA.GOV).**



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**From:** Nicole Jules  
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 2:54 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** FW: Peacocks

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Nicole  
**Department of Public Works**  
**310-544-5275**

**From:** Susan Brooks  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 04, 2015 3:33 PM  
**To:** Inga Lurie  
**Cc:** Doug Willmore; Nicole Jules  
**Subject:** Re: Peacocks

Inge.  
Did u get my email? It's agendized for Aug. 4 th. I cc'd the CM to confirm its importance.

Susan Brooks



Mayor Pro Tem  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
310/ 541-2971



Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 4, 2015, at 1:19 PM, Inga Lurie <[ingelel@cox.net](mailto:ingelel@cox.net)> wrote:

To the City Council:

Just to let you know, it has been months since you decided to resolve the peacock situation in Rancho Palos Verdes. Following our recent return from a five week trip we find the peacocks to be thriving and multiplying in large numbers. They are here in all sizes and ages from newborns to adults. What is the current plan? With all the noise they are making it sounds like they are anxious to continue multiplying. Please let me know when this problem will improve. Thank you for your time.

Inga Cherman-Lurie

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Jarel Wheaton <jwheat2007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 1:38 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Fwd: Peafowl Census / Trapping Plan 2015

Here's another copy of the email I mentioned to you last night at the RPV CC meeting.

We continue to see about the same numbers of peafowl as I mentioned in my email from November (see below). Mid-afternoon on Monday there were ten or eleven in front of our house. We chased them up the street away from our property...and then a couple of our neighbors did the same thing...just moving them further up the street.

Although we're part of the about 50% of RPV that doesn't have a homeowner's association, we did organize a neighborhood watch a little over a year ago. We're block assistants and will be glad to help coordinate with our neighbors to help get people involved and identify the best place for a trap in this area.

Thanks,  
Jarel Wheaton  
(310) 541-9336

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Jarel Wheaton <jwheat2007@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Sun, Nov 16, 2014 at 2:13 PM  
**Subject:** Peafowl Census / Trapping Plan 2015  
**To:** Ara Mihranian <aram@rpv.com>  
**Cc:**Carolynn Petru <carolynn@rpv.com>

Ara / Carolynn:

The peafowl problem has now spread to our neighborhood. How do we make sure this area is considered and included in the census and trapping plans at the appropriate time? It seems to us that it would be easier to address the problem while the numbers are smaller.

We counted 11 peafowl at the intersection of LaGarita and Lomo last week. Normally, we see five or six at a time on houses/flowerbeds on a regular basis, but other neighbors who have large trees often see twice that many.

Jarel & Betty Wheaton