

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

Consideration and possible action to resume the Peafowl Trapping Program for 2016

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

- (1) Receive and file a final summary report on the 2015 Peafowl Trapping Program; and,
- (2) Review the 2016 Peafowl Census Report, and direct Staff to resume the humane trapping and relocation of up to 150 peafowl for 2016 within the five neighborhoods identified in the Peafowl Management Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Resuming the trapping of peafowl for 2016, which will occur after July 15<sup>th</sup>, has been included in the draft FY16-17 budget under the Animal Control program.

<b>Amount Budgeted:</b>	\$37,000
<b>Additional Appropriation:</b>	N/A
<b>Account Number(s):</b>	101-1025-421-32-00

**ORIGINATED BY:** Ara Mhrianian, AICP, Community Development Director *Am*

**REVIEWED BY:** Gabriella Yap, Deputy City Manager *Gy*

**APPROVED BY:** Doug Willmore, City Manager *DW*

**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- A. 2016 Peafowl Census Report (page A-1)
  - B. Public Comments (page B-1)
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**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

On August 4, 2015, the City Council adopted the Peafowl Management Plan (PMP) which is a City-initiated plan to humanely manage the peafowl population within the City. This is achieved by reducing and maintaining the peafowl population to the levels identified in the 2000 Peafowl Census Report (134 total birds, citywide). The PMP supports the coexistence of peafowl within the semi-rural character of the City by:

- Encouraging public education and deterrent measures; and,
- Humanely trapping and relocating up to 150 birds per year in order to maintain the 2000 peafowl population.

At that same meeting, in response to the uptick in the City's peafowl population (based on the 2014 census) and the increase and tenor of resident complaints, the Council directed Staff to begin the trapping for 2015 of up to 150 peafowl within the following

five neighborhoods: Portuguese Bend, Crestridge, Sunnyside Ridge, Grandview, and Vista Grande.

2015 Peafowl Trapping Program

On September 14, 2015, the City began implementing its Peafowl Trapping Program. The City purchased five traps, one for each of the five neighborhoods participating in the program. Generally speaking, a trap was placed in the enclosed rear yard of a private residence for approximately a two-week period, and afterwards relocated to another property within the same neighborhood. Since the 2015 trapping began late in the year (September), the City continued trapping through February 15, 2016, until the 150 cap was reached. The table below summarizes the number of birds trapped by neighborhood for the 2015 trapping period.

<b>2015 Peafowl Trapping Summary Count</b>						
	<b>Grandview</b>	<b>Vista Grande</b>	<b>Crestridge</b>	<b>Portuguese Bend</b>	<b>Sunnyside</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Peafowl Trapped</b>	24	48	27	27	24	150
<b>Number of Trapping Days</b>						142

The 150 birds trapped during 2015 included 53 males, 78 females, and 19 juveniles. As stated in the PMP, the birds trapped were collected by the City’s vendor (Wildlife Services) within 24 hours and relocated to ranches in the San Diego, Ventura, and Santa Barbara Counties. Per the Council-adopted PMP, Staff approved the locations to which the birds were relocated<sup>1</sup>.

2016 Peafowl Census Report

Pursuant to the PMP, each year the City is required to conduct a census survey to assess the current peafowl population trends, and based on past census reports, determine whether trapping should resume. This year’s peafowl census survey was conducted between April 1 and April 12, 2016, by Wildlife Services. The census was conducted based on two types of observations. The first was counting roosting peafowl in trees at sunrise, and the second was using a systematic grid pattern during the late afternoon to evening hours. In order to get a sense of where the peafowl are roosting, the community was asked to locate the trees for the City’s vendor (the City received an overwhelmingly positive response for this request). Attached to this report is a detailed description of the census count (Attachment A). It should be noted that there may be an undercount of approximately 10% due to breeding females and limited physical access. The table below summarizes the results of the recent census.

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<sup>1</sup> This information is confidential to protect the privacy of the property owners receiving the relocated birds.

<b>2016 Peafowl Census Summary Table</b>						
	<b>Grandview</b>	<b>Vista Grande</b>	<b>Crestridge</b>	<b>Portuguese Bend</b>	<b>Sunnyside</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2016 Males</b>	2	36	7	30	29	104
<b>2016 Females</b>	2	46	6	22	28	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>2014 Census</b>	17	71	41	85	64	278
<b>2016 to 2014 Comparison</b>	-13	+11	-28	-33	-7	-70
<b>2016 to 2014 %Comparison</b>	-76%	+15%	- 68%	-39%	-11%	-25%

As depicted above, there has been an overall 25% reduction in the City's peafowl population, compared to the census conducted in 2014. The reduction can be attributed to the trapping that occurred last year. However, in 2000 (when the first census was conducted), there were 134 birds counted, and when compared to the numbers today, the population has increased by 36% (74 birds).<sup>2</sup>

Due to the current peafowl population in the five surveyed neighborhoods, and the increased population observed in the Vista Grande neighborhood, Staff recommends that the Council resume trapping for 2016 up to the 150-bird cap<sup>3</sup>. If resumed, the humane trapping will begin on July 15<sup>th</sup>, after the nesting and hatching season has ended, and when chicks are able to function on their own. Similar to the program conducted for 2015, the City will reach out to the community for volunteer properties where the traps can be located. The City will also resume its public outreach and education program, including attending a Rancho Palos Verdes Council of Homeowners' Associations (CHOA) meeting in the near future. Lastly, the trapping services will continue to be provided by the Wildlife Services, who has been extremely cooperative and responsive to the City's needs.

It should be noted that the City received one request from both the *Monaco* and *Mira Vista* neighborhoods, requesting that trapping occur in these areas. At this time, the City has five traps, one for each neighborhood participating in the program. That being said, the City can purchase additional traps, at a cost of approximately \$200 per trap, to include these neighborhoods in the trapping program, or alternatively, direct Staff to intermittently locate traps in these neighborhoods during the trapping period without purchasing any additional traps.

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<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that this comparison does not include figures from census surveys conducted prior to 2014 because a different methodology was used that would skew the results.

<sup>3</sup> The trapping cap cannot be increased unless additional environmental review is conducted, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

### Alternatives to Trapping

At a past meeting, some Council members mentioned using a form of avian birth control as an alternative to trapping and managing the peafowl population. The referenced birth control is known in the industry as “OvoControl.” According to Wildlife Services, this product is only approved for use in pigeons, and there may be some major issues that would make this product ineffective for peafowl birth control and potentially detrimental to native bird species. In addition to ensuring that the pellets are only consumed by pigeons, the product must be consumed on a daily basis during breeding season, which would be difficult to control. Further, according to the manufacturer, the pellets can only be placed on a flat cement surface. For these reasons, it is not recommended as an alternative to trapping peafowl.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The success of the 2015 peafowl trapping program and the collection of data for the 2016 peafowl census was largely because of the community participation. Based on the 2016 census count and continued resident concerns in affected neighborhoods, Staff recommends resuming trapping for 2016 up to the 150-bird cap.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

In addition to the Staff recommendation, the following alternative actions (or some combination thereof) are available for the City Council’s consideration:

1. Identify alternatives to trapping for Staff to research, and for the City Council to consider at a future meeting.
2. Direct Staff to initiate an amendment to the Council-adopted Negative Declaration in order to increase the 150-bird trapping cap.
3. Reduce the number of birds to be trapped for 2016 to fewer than 150.
4. Direct Staff not to trap birds for 2016.

# RANCHO PALOS VERDES 2016 PEAFOWL CENSUS

Provided by Wildlife Services

This census took place between April 1 and April 12, 2016. Two types of observations were used. The first was counting roosting peafowl in trees at sunrise. The second was using a systematic grid pattern during the late afternoon to evening hours.

Listed below are the total counts for each of the five neighborhoods canvased. These numbers represent the minimum amount of peafowl inhabiting these neighborhoods. It is possible that there could be an undercount of up to 10%. Reasons for this would be breeding age females already nesting, therefore on the ground in dense vegetation and peafowl occupying deep or gated lots preventing physical access. With that being said I am very confident with the accuracy of this count.

<b>GRANDVIEW</b>	4	2 males & 2 females
<b>CRESTRIDGE</b>	13	7 males & 6 females
<b>PORTUGUESE BEND</b>	52	30 males & 22 females
<b>VISTA GRANDE</b>	82	36 males & 46 females
<b>SUNNYSIDE RIDGE</b>	57	29 males & 28 females
<b>TOTAL COUNT</b>	<b>208</b>	

## RANCHO PALOS VERDES 2016 PEAFOWL CENSUS

Listed below are the dates, times and addresses of each individual sighting.

### GRANDVIEW

4-2-16	6:14 am	two males and two females	27019 Grayslake Rd
4-6-16	5:07 pm	one male and one female	27031 Grayslake Rd

**Overall total 2 males & 2 females**

### CRESTRIDGE

4-3-16	6:05 am	one male	5414 Middlecrest Rd
	6:10 am	one male	28928 Crestridge Rd
	6:20 am	one male	28870 Crestridge Rd
	6:40 am	one male & one female	5204 Middlecrest Rd
	6:45 am	one male & three females	5203 Middlecrest Rd
	6:55 am	one female	5360 Middlecrest Rd
	7:00 am	one male & one female	28763 Crestridge Rd

Total 6 males & 6 females

4-3-16	6:28 pm	one male	28763 Crestridge Rd
	6:32 pm	one male	28866 Crestridge Rd

6:35 pm	one male	28963 Crestridge Rd
6:40 pm	one female	5417 Middlecrest Rd
6:41 pm	one female	5335 Middlecrest Rd
6:49 pm	one male	5350 Middlecrest Rd
7:16 pm	two males	28510 Robinview Ln
7:18 pm	one male	5205 Middlecrest Rd

Total 7 males & 2 females

4-6-16	5:14 pm	one male	5400 Meadowdale Ln
	5:16 pm	one male & three females	28762 Crestridge Rd
	5:17 pm	one male	28809 Crestridge Rd
	5:23 pm	one male	28868 Crestridge Rd
	5:25 pm	one male	28963 Crestridge Rd
	5:32 pm	one male	5230 Middlecrest Rd
	5:39 pm	one female	5336 Middlecrest Rd

Total 6 males & 4 females

**Overall total 7 males & 6 females**

**PORTUGUESE BEND**

4-4-16	6:05 am	one male	1 Sweetbay Rd
	6:07 am	one male	6 Sweetbay Rd
	6:20 am	one male	29 Sweetbay Rd
	6:20 am	one male & one female	30 Sweetbay Rd

6:30 am	two males & five females	27 Sweetbay Rd
6:32 am	one female	5 Peppertree Dr
6:35 am	one male & 1 female	72 Narcissa Dr
6:40 am	two males & three females	80 Narcissa Dr
6:45 am	one male	10 Narcissa Dr
6:55 am	two males	90 Narcissa Dr
7:05 am	one female	7 Fruit Tree Rd
7:25 am	one male	5 Clover Tree Rd
7:26 am	one male	6 Clover Tree Rd
7:30 am	one male	3 Clover Tree Rd

Total 14 males & 12 females

4-4-16	5:56 pm	one male	5 Peppertree Dr
	5:57 pm	one male	3 Limetree Ln
	5:59 pm	one male	5 Limetree Ln
	6:01 pm	one male	12 Cherry Hill Ln
	6:04 pm	one male & two females	14 Roseapple Rd
	6:05 pm	two males	8 Roseapple Rd
	6:10 pm	two males & one female	42 Peppertree Dr.
	6:14 pm	two males & one female	29 Sweetbay Rd
	6:18 pm	three males & one female	60 Narcissa Dr
	6:20 pm	two males & one female	80 Narcissa Dr
	6:22 pm	one male	90 Narcissa Dr

6:25 pm	one male	57 Narcissa Dr
6:31 pm	three males & nine females	20 Cinnamon Ln
6:32 pm	one male	3 Clovertree Pl
6:50 pm	one male & one female	5 figtree Rd
6:56 pm	two males & six females	28 Sweetbay Rd

Totals 25 males & 22 females

4-6-16	6:00 am	one male	56 Tangarine Rd
	6:05 am	one male	26 Limetree Rd
	6:05 am	one male	8 Cherryhill Ln
	6:10 am	one male	12 Cherryhill Ln
	6:15 am	two males	16 Peppertree Dr
	6:20 am	one male	2 E. Pomegranate
	6:30 am	one male & one female	6 Sweetbay Rd
	6:35 am	one male	16 Cinnamon Ln
	6:35 am	one male & one female	7 Cinnamon Ln
	6:40 am	two males & one female	6 Thyme Pl
	6:45 am	one male	3 Thyme Pl
	6:50 am	one male	2 Cinnamon Ln
	6:50 am	one female	9 Figtree Rd
	6:55 am	one female	1 Figtree Rd
	7:00 am	one male	1 Thyme Pl

Total 15 males & 5 females

**Overall total 30 males & 22 females**

**VISTA GRANDE**

4-6-16	6:10 pm	one male	28104 Lomo Dr
	6:11 pm	one male	28116 Lomo Dr
	6:30 pm	one male	28103 San Nicolas Dr
	6:31 pm	four males & six females	28315 San Nicolas Dr
	6:34 pm	one male	28419 Hazelridge Dr
	6:36 pm	one male & one female	28340 Hazelridge Dr
	6:38 pm	two males	28105 Monero Dr
	6:39 pm	three males & one female	28133 Ambergate Dr
	6:40 pm	three males & three females	28285 Trailriders Dr
	6:42 pm	one male & four females	28310 Trailriders Dr
	6:43 pm	one male & two females	28819 Trailriders Dr
	6:45 pm	one male & one female	28523 Rothrock Dr
	6:46 pm	one male & two females	28433 Cedarbluff Dr
	6:53 pm	three males & one female	6948 Brookford Dr
	6:55 pm	one male	8017 Maycroft Dr
	6:57 pm	eight males & seven females	6928 Brookford Rd
		Total 33 males & 28 females	
4-9-16	6:00 am	three females	27904 Lomo Dr
	6:15 am	two males & four females	28070 Ella Rd
	6:20 am	two males & two females	6512 La Garita dr

6:21 am	one male	28111 Lomo Dr
6:28 am	one male	28403 San Niclolas Dr
6:32 am	one male & one female	27917 Hazelridge Dr
6:35 am	one male	28019 Hazelridge Rd
6:40 am	one male	28119 Lobrook Dr
6:43 am	one male & five females	28111 Braidwood Dr
6:45 am	one male	28037 Hazelridge Dr
6:46 am	one female	28349 Plainfield Dr
6:50 am	one male	28131 Plainfield Dr
6:54 am	one female	28318 Hazelridge Dr
7:00 am	one male	6547 Eddinghill Dr
7:03 am	one male & one female	26804 Eddinghill Dr
7:05 am	six females	28304 Eddinghill Dr
7:08 am	one male	28616 Cedarbluff Dr
7:18 am	two females	6908 Purpleridge Dr

Total 15 males & 26 females

4-9-16	5:34 pm	one male & one female	6902 Maycroft Dr
	5:40 pm	four males & four females	7011 Brookford Dr
	5:41 pm	one male	6949 Brookford Dr
	5:42 pm	two males & two females	6942 Brookford Dr
	5:43 pm	one male	6935 Brookford Dr
	5:44 pm	one male & one female	2815 Ambergate Dr

5:45 pm	one male	28285 Trailriders Dr
5:49 pm	one male	6921 Larkvale Dr
5:50 pm	three males & three females	6910 Larkvale Dr
5:51 pm	two males	6903 Hedgewood Dr
5:51 pm	two males	6902 Hedgewood Dr
5:52 pm	one male	7010 Hedgewood Dr
5:55 pm	one male	28520 Blythewood Dr
5:59 pm	one male	28351 Trailriders Dr
6:00 pm	one male	6923 Eddinghill Dr
6:11 pm	one male & two females	28595 Cedarbluff Dr
6:18 pm	one male	28403 Plainfield Dr
6:20 pm	one male	2716 Birchman Dr
6:23 pm	one male	28058 Braidwood Dr
6:26 pm	one male	28433 Hazelridge dr
6:27 pm	one male	28613 Lomo Dr
6:30 pm	two females	28315 San Nicolas Dr
6:30 pm	one male	28300 San Nicolas Dr
6:35 pm	one male	28028 Lomo Dr
6:37 pm	one male & one female	28056 Ella Dr
6:39 pm	two females	28076 Ella Dr
6:39 pm	two females	28203 Ella Dr
6:42 pm	one male and one female	28052 Lomo Dr

6:43 pm one female 28005 Santana Dr

Totals 33 males & 22 females

4-10-16	6:08 am	one male	28603 Trailriders Dr
	6:12 am	one male	28419 Trailriders dr
	6:14 am	one male	28351 Trailriders Dr
	6:18 am	two males & fourteen females	28318 Trailriders Dr
	6:25 am	one male	28222 Trailriders Dr
	6:25 am	one male	28230 Trailriders Dr
	6:28 am	one male	7026 Brookford Dr
	6:30 am	one male	7010 Brookford Dr
	6:32 am	one male & six females	6928 Brookford Dr
	6:35 am	one male	6902 Maycroft Dr
	6:38 am	one male	27924 Indian Rock
	6:45 am	one male	6930 Larkvale Dr
	6:46 am	one male	6911 Hedgewood Dr
	6:52 am	one male	6902 Willowtree Dr
	7:08 am	one male	28130 Ambergate Dr
	7:13 am	one male	26587 Monero Dr

Total 17 males & 20 females

**OVERALL TOTAL 36 MALES & 46 FEMALES**

## Sunnyside Ridge

4-6-16	6:40 am	three females	6200 Via Canada
	7:10 am	two males	11 Cayuse Ln
	7:15 am	one female	3 Cayuse Ln
	7:30 am	two females	24 Stallion Rd

Totals 2 males & six females

4-8-16	6:15 am	three male & seven females	98 Headland Dr
	6:15 am	one male	28215 PV Dr. E
	6:30 am	three males & nine females	2564 Sunnyside Rdg
	6:35 am	two males & one female	2636 Sunnyside Rdg
	6:36 am	one male & one female	2628 Sunnyside Rdg
	6:50 am	one male	2601 Sunnyside Rdg
	6:55 am	six males	2563 Sunnyside Rdg
	7:00 am	two males	28024 Stonegate
	7:00 am	one male	28032 Stonegate
	7:05 am	one male	27992 Stonegate
	7:10 am	five males & four females	28048 Stonegate
	7:30 am	one male	28003 PV Dr E

Total 27 males & 22 females

4-10-16	5:46 pm	one male	94 Headland Dr
	5:47 pm	one male	96 Headland Dr
	5:51 pm	one male & two females	2 Headland Dr

5:54 pm	one male & one female	32 Headland Dr
6:00 pm	one male	3 Cayuse Ln
6:00 pm	one male	17 Cayuse Ln
6:46 pm	one male	28095 RV Dr. E
6:48 pm	two males & four females	2550 Sunnyside Rdg
6:50 pm	one male	2343 Sunnyside Rdg
6:57 pm	one male	28111 PV Dr. E

Total 11 males & 7 females

4-12-16	5:07 pm	one male & one female	2601 Sunnyside Rdg
	5:09 pm	one male & one female	2615 Sunnyside Rdg
	5:10 pm	one male & one female	2564 Sunnyside Rdg
	5:20 pm	one male	93 Headland Dr
	5:25 pm	one male	2 Headland Dr
	5:36 pm	one male	10 Cayuse Ln
	5:38 pm	one male	567 Bronco Dr
	5:40 pm	two males & one female	28864 Roan Rd
	5:50 pm	one female	10 Mustang Rd
	6:06 pm	two males & two females	28077 PV Dr. E
	6:09 pm	three males & one female	28012 Stonegate
	6:12 pm	three males	28032 Stonegate
	6:14 pm	two males & two females	27990 Stonegate
	6:15 pm	one male	28001 PV Dr. E

Totals 20 males & 9 females

**OVERALL TOTAL 29 MALES & 28 FEMALES**

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**TOTAL COUNT 208**

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** allan rigg <allanrigg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2016 9:56 AM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl Trapping Program

Ara,

I wanted to thank you and the City for the recent reduction of peafowl in our neighborhood. It has made a significant reduction in our being awakened at night by the birds and their feces on the sidewalks.

Please convey my thanks to the Council and my support for a continuation of the program. I have a prior commitment and cannot attend the upcoming Council meeting where this will be considered.

Also congratulations on your new position. I have worked with you for many years and know you will excel in it.

Allan Rigg, PE AICP

**Ara Mihranian**

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**From:** Mike Cross <mike\_h\_cross@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 08, 2016 10:10 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** RE: Peafowl Trapping Program - May 17, 2016 City Council Meeting

Hi Ara,

To suggest the Monaco neighborhood being added to this program, would one need to attend the meeting?

I ask based on the extensive spread we've been seeing in our neighborhood not over the last few years, but especially after the last breeding period where we're seeing them in areas of Monaco where they didn't used to go.

Thanks much,

Mike Cross

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From: listserv@civicplus.com  
To: mike\_h\_cross@hotmail.com  
Date: Fri, 6 May 2016 14:47:37 -0500  
Subject: Peafowl Trapping Program - May 17, 2016 City Council Meeting

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**Peafowl Trapping Program - May 17th City Council Meeting**

The City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 7:00 PM at Hesse Park Community Building, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, to consider the following:

1. Receive and File a summary report on the 2015 Peafowl Trapping Program; and,
2. Resume the humane trapping and relocation of up to 150 peafowl for 2016 within the five neighborhoods identified in the Peafowl Management Plan

Inquiries should be directed to Ara Mihranian, 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:** Saturday, May 07, 2016 10:27 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** Susan Brooks  
**Subject:** Hello

Hi Ara,

Just received the notice today regarding the May 17th meeting, and, unfortunately, we will be out of town. Things have not been going well with the peacocks. They appear to be back with a vengeance, plus there seem to be many more young males. If something is not done soon there will be a huge population spurt shortly. They have been mating like crazy and screaming their bloody heads off.

It does not seem that the recent capture of some birds has helped very much. There must be another way to do this. Otherwise, things are going to get a lot worse before they get better. Please relate my comments to the City Council since I will not be able to do so myself. Thanks for you time.

Inga Cherman-Lurie  
[ingelel@cox.net](mailto:ingelel@cox.net)

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Justin McJones <ripplezero@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 4:17 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl trapping for 2016

Hello Ara,

I am in favor of the ongoing peafowl trapping effort by the City. We live in Portuguese Bend, and there are too many of the birds around our homes, in our yards, etc. You have our vote to take as many as you like.

Thank you,  
Justin and Madeleine McJones  
3 Tangerine Road  
RPV

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Anke Raue <ankeraue@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 1:42 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** peafowl

Hi Ara,

Unfortunately I am out of the country as of May 16th. I would have like to attend the public meeting, as we have peafowl all over the place on a daily basis! 2 are in the trees every night at the corner of Trailriders and Rothrock. 7 were at the infamous corner of Eddinghill and Trailriders just 2 nights ago. They have also spread past Abottswood.

Can you pass this on to the council or do you want me to copy?

Thank you!

Anke

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Joanne Campman <joanne\_dave@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 1:21 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl

Hi Ara

I just want to thank you for sending updates about the peafowl trapping. It has been interesting to see how many mature males there are on Brookford and Maycroft. They are going at each other, I'm guessing to establish territory.

Thanks again.

Joanne Campman

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Sroka, Michael F. <michael.sroka@ngc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 4:24 PM  
**To:** Kit Fox; CC  
**Cc:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** RE: Peacock Abatement

Thank you. I was unaware of the process. I thought we might have had our own animal control team that swept the hill so to speak. Sometimes things are scooped up so fast you would have thought that animal control was right around the corner.

Thanks again.

### Mike Sroka

Manager, ERP Solutions Group (NG-Corp/ESS/ERP)  
*An Enterprise Shared Service Organization*  
310-404-9612 (Office/Cell/Voicemail)

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**From:** Kit Fox [mailto:KitF@rpvca.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 11:09 AM  
**To:** Sroka, Michael F.; CC  
**Cc:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** EXT :RE: Peacock Abatement

I reported the peacock to County Animal Care and Control. For future reference, service requests for dead animal pickups may be submitted on-line at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/acc/request>.

### Kit Fox, AICP

City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
(310) 544-5226  
[kitf@rpvca.gov](mailto:kitf@rpvca.gov)

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**From:** Sroka, Michael F. [mailto:michael.sroka@ngc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 10:40 AM  
**To:** Kit Fox <[KitF@rpvca.gov](mailto:KitF@rpvca.gov)>; CC <[CC@rpvca.gov](mailto:CC@rpvca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ara Mihranian <[AraM@rpvca.gov](mailto:AraM@rpvca.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Peacock Abatement

Thank you for the quick response. I realize that the peacocks move around/relocate and like I mentioned for a period of 3-4 months we had a wonderful respite from the noise and mess they left behind. To further put it in perspective when we moved here in April of 2000 we had looked in other areas on the hill and peacocks or lack of them was a small part of our consideration. We had zero from 2000 until approximately 2007 and over the course of the years you went from having a few or seeing a few over a number of days to them being a permanent presence.

What reminded to write this note was that there was one that was hit and is sitting on PV Drive East by headland.

Thank you again.

### Mike Sroka

**Manager, ERP Solutions Group (NG-Corp/ESS/ERP)**  
**An Enterprise Shared Service Organization**  
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**From:** Kit Fox [<mailto:KitF@rpvca.gov>]  
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**To:** Sroka, Michael F.; CC  
**Cc:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** EXT :RE: Peacock Abatement

Dear Mr. Sroka:

Thank you for your input on the efficacy of the City's peafowl trapping program. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to receive a report on the most-recent peafowl census at its upcoming meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

I have copied Director of Community Development Ara Mihranian on this reply, since he and his department will be involved in preparing the May 17<sup>th</sup> report. You may contact Ara directly at [aram@rpvca.gov](mailto:aram@rpvca.gov) or (310) 544-5228.

Sincerely,

**Kit Fox, AICP**

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**From:** Sroka, Michael F. [<mailto:michael.sroka@ngc.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2016 10:23 AM  
**To:** CC <[CC@rpvca.gov](mailto:CC@rpvca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Peacock Abatement

I wanted to wait until the spring mating season to provide feedback on the recent peacock trapping effort. I have to say initially (we live off of Bronco/Stallion) the results were amazing. There were actual days where either birds weren't seen in our yard or they weren't heard at night. I can't say that is the case now. While I might not have 7-8 peacocks trapesing through our yard we certainly are starting to see a resurgence of maybe 3-4 birds at a time. While that is somewhat a relatively minor nuisance when compared to the calls which have picked up considerably as it seems that the population while reduced we would appear to be once again over run by them. I understand that the intent of the trapping was not to necessarily eliminate them but to reduce them to level that would improve our quality of life.

I think we might still have a ways to go and would appreciate if the city would look a little further into the matter.

Respectfully,

**Mike Sroka**

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## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Sachin Maheshwari <sachinmaheshwari@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 7:11 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** dianerpv@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Peafowl Trapping - PLEASE PLEASE do NOT stop

Hello Ara,

While I was not able to ascertain which tree the peacocks and peafowl rest at night, I took some pictures to provide you atleast an idea of the issue.

By my count the peacock population just within a radius of a few homes is approximately 10% of the city's target relocation program.







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On Fri, Apr 1, 2016 at 12:41 PM -0700, "Sachin Maheshwari" <[sachinmaheshwari@outlook.com](mailto:sachinmaheshwari@outlook.com)> wrote:

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Regards

Sachin

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Thank you!

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## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Linda Herman <lhermanpg@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 7:26 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** RE: Tree where peacocks roost

Hi Ara,

My apologies for focusing again on this issue, but we continue to be overwhelmed by peacocks. We came home the other evening and there were 7 in our driveway and two in the tree. I truly hope they decide to do trapping again...particularly in our area. Their sounds continue day and night.

Thanks for passing this message on.

Linda and Martin Herman  
28070 Ella Road

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**From:** Ara Mihranian [mailto:AraM@rpvca.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:08 PM  
**To:** Linda Herman  
**Subject:** Re: Tree where peacocks roost

Hi Linda,  
Thank you for responding and for the information.  
I will pass this on to the City's trapper.  
The success of this program relies on the community's involvement and assistance.  
If you can do me a favor, please share the City's email with your neighbors and encourage them to subscribe to the list-serve.  
I can use all the assistance in getting the word out!

much appreciated!  
Ara

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**From:** Linda Herman <lhermanpg@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 1:27 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Tree where peacocks roost

Hi Aram,

We have the only large tree on Ella Road and the peacocks definitely love to spend their time there.

The address is:

28070 Ella Road.

We are delighted to hear that 150 had been trapped. I wondered how it ended up in terms of numbers. That is really good news and the number of them walking and flying around definitely seems less.

Linda and Marty Herman

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Walter Wey <walterwey@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 8:04 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** PeaFowl

I understand that a trapping effort has been underway. I offered my yard to facilitate this effort. I live at 28113 Ambergate which is next to a number of Canary Pines where the birds spend the night. As I write this I am listening to their screeching. I have seen no indication that the Peafowl population has been reduced. Every morning I can show anyone that is interested a number of birds near my house. I again offer my property as a place to capture the birds. Please help!

Walt and Ruth Wey

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Geeta Gupta <artbygeeta@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 3:51 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl trapping

I live on Ella road and although this is not the neighborhood listed among the area that have been targetted for Peafowl trapping but there are lots of birds here also. There is a big pine tree on Plainfield off of Hazelridge. (cross section of plainfield and hazelridge). There are at least a dozen or so birds that roost in that tree and there are other trees in that area that the birds use as well. In day time most of them come up to Ella road and stay there till night time.

Hope something can be done here as well

Thank you

Geeta

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Lynn Petak <barrettpetak@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 11:35 AM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl

I am just chiming in again to let you know that I have lived in Portuguese Bend for over 20 years and have never seen our peafowl numbers so low. Last season I saw very few chicks and I am seeing snails and grasshoppers in my yard which is something we have never had as they are eaten by the peafowl. The increase in the coyote population is keeping the numbers down. I urge you to save the City's money and I urge you to leave our population alone.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Petak

## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Khan, Suguftha <SKhan@mednet.ucla.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 6:48 AM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Cc:** 'Paige Asawa'  
**Subject:** Peacock Damage  
**Attachments:** peacock1.jpg; peacock3.jpg; peacock4.jpg

Hello Mr. Mihranian

I live on the corner of Hedgewood Dr. and Trailrider, we have such a huge problem with the peacocks. They leave their wastes everywhere, which requires us to hose down our patio a few times during the day, which causes our water bill to skyrocket. Also, they have left permanent marks on our patio, not to mention the damage to our roof. In addition, there has been a fight amongst the peacocks that has left their blood everywhere, as seen by these attached photos. Please include out location to be included in the census. Thank you.

Suguftha Khan

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**Ara Mihranian**

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**From:** King, Susan (US/Los Angeles) <susanking@kpmg.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 10:31 PM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peacock locations

There are a lot of peacocks in stonegate. We live at 28032 palos verdes drive east. The tree next to our property next to the stonegate community pool has a lot of birds Please let me know if you need more specifics

Sent from my iPhone

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## Ara Mihranian

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**From:** Judy Mitchell <judym.pv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 11:03 AM  
**To:** Ara Mihranian  
**Subject:** Peafowl in Vista Grande Neighborhood

Dear Ara,

Our street, Hazelridge Drive, is inundated with peafowl that I have seen nest in two trees nearest our home.

Pine tree at 28133 Braidwood;  
Large pine tree on Plainfield near the corner of Hazelridge and Plainfield.

I know there are trees they roost in on San Nicholas, but I see them migrate down to these two specific trees at dusk using my roof as a migrating landing spot. Their presence agitates my two dogs, causing them to bark and chase them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Mitchell  
28205 Hazelridge Drive  
310-493-0354