



Additional Documents List City Council Meeting August 17, 2022

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Distributor	Document
11.	Presentation of City Council Meeting Minutes	Yolanda Chavez, Interim City Clerk Records Specialist	Memo provides corrections.
13.	Job Description, Classification and Salary Schedule Creations, Updates and Corrections for Various Positions	Belinda Varela, Acting Director of Management Services Tamara Binns, Assistant to the City Manager	Memo providing corrections.
15.	Award of a Contract for Professional Services to Conduct a Water and Wastewater Service Rates Study	Ted Gerber, Public Works Director	Memo provides updates
	Public Comments, Item Nos. 2, 16 and 17.	Yolanda Chavez, Interim City Clerk Records Specialist	Public comments attached.



City of South Pasadena Management Services

Memo

Date: August 16, 2022
To: The Honorable City Council
Via: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager *Ac*
From: Yolanda Chavez, Interim City Clerk Records Specialist
Re: August 17, 2022 City Council Meeting Item No. 11 Additional Document – Presentation of City Council Meeting Minutes

Page 11-15: Correction will be made to the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022 as follows:

Councilmember Mahmud inquired about the In-Lieu Fee Option #2b (Blend of low and very low income subsidy) and how complicated is it to differentiate would be to differentiate by fraction the low and very low income for rentals.

Page 11-19: Clerical correction will be made to the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022 as follows:

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Muñoz Yolanda Chavez
Deputy City Clerk Interim City Clerk Records Specialist

Page 11-20: Clerical correction will be made to the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2022 as follows:

~~Attest:~~ **ATTEST:**

Christina Muñoz Yolanda Chavez
Deputy City Clerk Interim City Clerk Records Specialist

Page 11-27: Clerical correction will be made to the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2022 as follows:

Respectfully submitted:

~~Christina Muñoz Yolanda Chavez~~
~~Deputy City Clerk Interim City Clerk Records Specialist~~

Page 11-28: Clerical correction will be made to the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2022 as follows:

ATTEST:

~~Christina Muñoz Yolanda Chavez~~
~~Deputy City Clerk Interim City Clerk Records Specialist~~



City of South Pasadena City Manager's Office

Memo

Date: August 17, 2022

To: The Honorable City Council

Via: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager *BVM for AC*

From: Belinda Varela, Interim Management Services Director

August 17, 2022 City Council Meeting Item No. 13: Job Description, Classification and Salary Schedule Creations, Updates and Corrections for Various Positions

The memo provides further information relating to Item 13:

The Deputy City Manager position was created in October 2021. While the City of South Pasadena has had an existing position of Assistant City Manager for a number of years, in assessing the City Manager's Office and a subsequent reorganization effort that resulted in the creation of a Management Services Department to provide for director oversight of the Information Technology, Human Resources and City Clerk divisions, the City Manager received City Council support in creating a Deputy City Manager position to oversee an execute a number of new responsibilities for the City, but to also assist the City Manager in operationally overseeing various City departments. It was the intent of the City Manager then, to strategically situate the Deputy City Manager in an operational oversight role for all departments, reserved the oversight of the Police and Fire Departments. The Deputy City Manager position is a lower position than that of the Assistant City Manager, Police Chief and Fire Chief positions, and as such, the salary range for the Deputy City Manager position should strategically provide for compaction between those three positions, as well as for the other Director positions that make up the executive team. Salary compaction (or compression) provides for a range between staff positions in organization structure, reporting relationships, responsibilities and respective salaries.

A Deputy City Manager position does not exist in every City, and the role and responsibilities vary for the City's that do have such a position. Staff has reviewed the job

descriptions and salary ranges for existing positions in Azusa, Alhambra and Monrovia. There is no salary range for the position in Azusa, as that employer executes an individual employment contract with their respective employee. A review of the position's salary ranges among the other cities in the region shows that our salary range is in-line with this job classification.

As it stands, the Deputy City Manager position salary range is in line with the Community Development, Finance and Public Works director ranges, and is situated to operationally oversee Management Services, Library and Community Services. This discrepancy was realized upon the deliverance of the current Unrepresented Management Employee Benefits Listing and Salary Schedule that was reviewed and approved by the City Council on July 15, 2022. The salary range increase as proposed provides for the position's salary range to provide for the operational oversight of all department director positions, save the Police and Fire Chief positions.



City of South Pasadena Public Works

Memo

Date: August 17, 2022

To: The Honorable City Council

Via: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager *Ae*

From: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director

Re: August 17, 2022 City Council Meeting Item No. 15 Additional Document – Award of a Contract for Professional Services to Conduct a Water and Wastewater Services Rate Study

The Scope of Work in Exhibit A of the Professional Services Agreement attachment (starting on Agenda Packet Page 15-19), is amended to include the following schedule:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Schedule</u>
Task 1.1: Ongoing Project Management and Quality	Ongoing
Task 1.2: Project Initiation, Kick-Off Meeting, and Data	August 2022 (depending on City provision of data)
Task 2: Financial Plan Development	November 2022
Task 3: Cost-of-service Analysis	November 2022
Task 4.1: Rate Calculation and Development	November 2022
Task 4.2: Customer Impacts Analysis	November 2022
Task 5: Draft and Final Report Preparation	January 2023 (depending on City review time)
Task 6: City Council Meeting/Public Hearing	March 2023

**Public Comment
August 17, 2022
Item No. 2**

Yolanda Chavez

From: Chris Bray <chrisabray@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:15 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: General Public Comment, Open Session, August 17
Attachments: stratford between maple and alhambra 2.jpeg; fletcher and oak.jpeg; mound.jpeg

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Councilmembers,

The consistent theme in communication from city staff is about backlogs, overwork, and understaffing. One of your staff reports tonight says the Finance Department "is understaffed by at least 2 full-time positions not including current vacancies." Similarly, staff proposes that you reject a recommendation for a legal services RFP: "The City Manager does not recommend pursuing this at this time given staffing levels, outstanding projects and overall workload. It will be extremely challenging changing the City Attorney firm in the midst of all of the current and ongoing organizational challenges." And when I discuss the astounding condition of city streets with people in the community — see the attached photos for just a few examples — I hear very clearly that Public Works is understaffed, overworked, and buried in a significant backlog of major street repair projects, with no near-term hope of catching up.

So the City of South Pasadena is, in general, overwhelmed and understaffed, and city staff is already racing just to keep up with its daily workload — "in the midst of all of the current and ongoing organizational challenges."

Meanwhile, the council proposes to take over the Caltrans quagmire, to buy a large portfolio of houses and apartment buildings, to start a new housing agency, and to go into the landlord business, owning and maintaining dozens of properties under a 50-year affordable housing covenant.

- 1.) We can't keep up with our existing workload, we're overwhelmed by our current responsibilities, and we have a backlog of unfinished major projects that we won't be able to catch up to for years;
- 2.) Let's start a new city agency and expand our direct responsibility into housing.

How do you make the leap from #1 to #2? Why does this make sense to you?

A prediction: If the City of South Pasadena buys Caltrans properties, those properties will persistently resemble the photos of the streets I've attached below. We'll swap a state government slumlord for a local slumlord.

If you can't maintain the streets — and you very clearly can't — how are you going to maintain a large number of housing properties? Notice reality while it's still early enough to avoid getting run over by this oncoming train.

Chris Bray
Grace Dr. (unmaintained)







**Public Comment
August 17, 2022
Item No. 16**

Yolanda Chavez

From: Larry Chen <chenski2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:59 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peafowl

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I live in the Altos very close to Via Del Rey and Flores de Oro. I am in favor of relocating all the Peafowl from this area as they are a tremendous nuisance to the people who not only reside in the area but also to those who travel through the area. This has been addressed through various media. I have also signed the petition associated with this problem.
Larry Chen

Yolanda Chavez

From: Archer Willems <archerwillems@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:59 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Council Meeting Agenda Item #16

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To the City Council of South Pasadena:

I have lived in this town for two decades now, and the abundance of local wildlife, especially in comparison to our neighboring cities, has always been a point of pride for me.

Please permit the peacocks to remain in South Pasadena, let them beautify our city and keep South Pas lively.

Best,

N. Archer Willems

Yolanda Chavez

From: Fel Castellanos <feliza.c@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:55 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peacocks! Agenda item #16

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I am resident of South Pasadena, I live at 821 Adelaine Ave, South Pasadena, CA 91030. My name is Feliza Castellanos and I am against the removal of the peacocks and peafowl. I don't see any real nuisance with these animals or how they could possibly be hurting anyone in our community. As an animal lover I love them roaming our neighborhood with their little babies. I see them bring smiles and happiness to the children of my block. If you removed them from our neighborhood what would you propose to do with them? What would be the alternative of them free roaming? I am at work and could not attend your zoom meeting but I wanted to voice my opinion in this matter.

With Kind Regards,

Feliza Castellanos

Yolanda Chavez

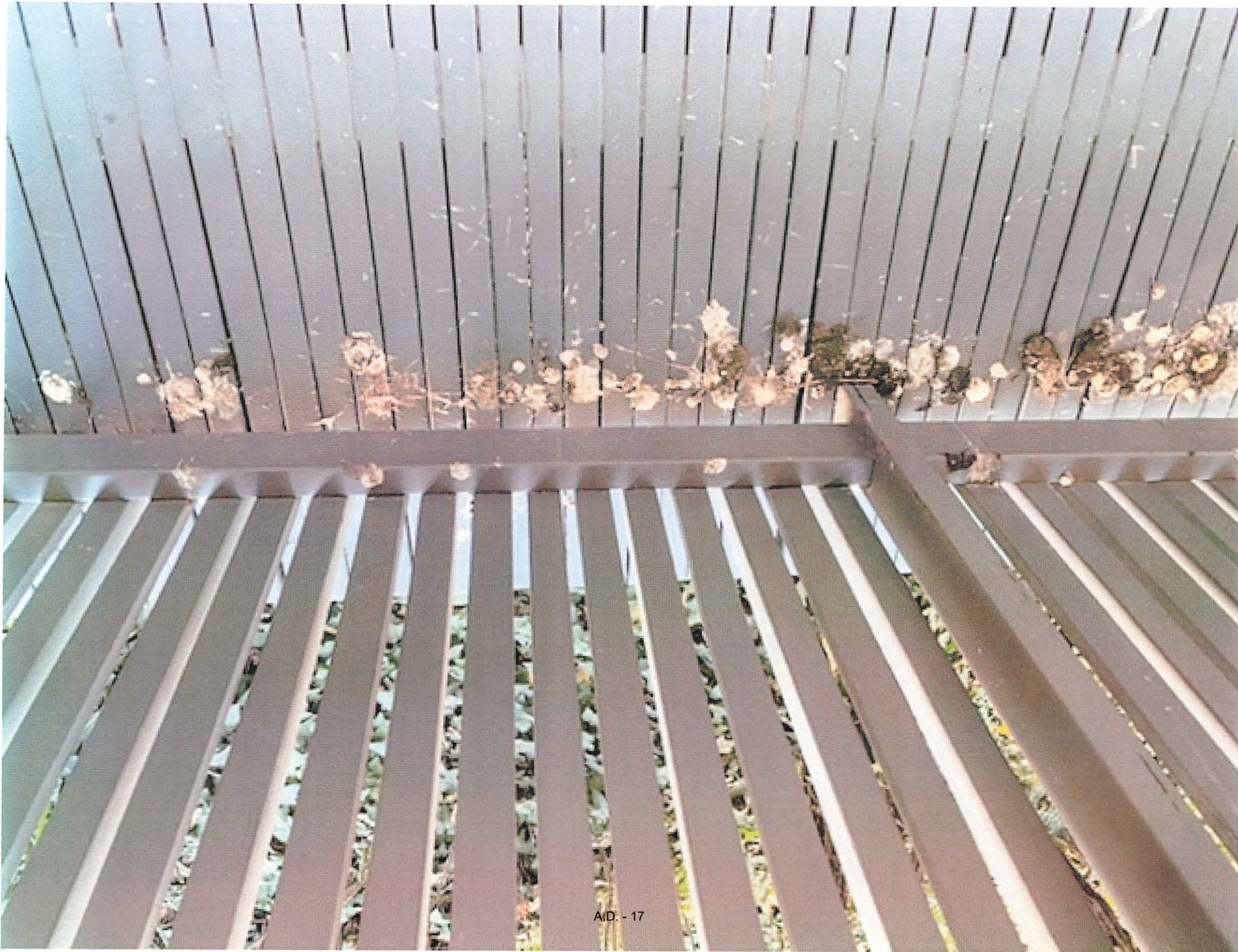
From: Karen Young <klyfit4life@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:40 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda#16 - Peafowl Issue in the Altos
Attachments: IMG_3029.jpg; ATT00001.txt

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Greetings,

As a resident of the Altos who lives on Via Del Rey close to Monterey Hills School, we are impacted daily by the out of control exponential growth of the peafowl. This nuisance has been extremely frustrating and will only continue to exacerbate if nothing is done to control their growth and they continue to roam out of control in our neighborhoods. The nuisance they bring: property destruction to rooftops, gardens, cars etc., traffic congestion, continual screeching noise through out the day and night causing sleepless nights, and the feces they leave on our sidewalks, house patios (picture attached), driveways etc. will only increase with only a feeding ordinance as the solution. I work from home, and I am continually interrupted with their loud screeching noises and chasing them off my property. The only way to control their growth is to safety trap them and have them placed in a sanctuary.

Regards,
Karen Young



Yolanda Chavez

From: Jamie Spidle <elvampirorubio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:17 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Follow to Previous Email...

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Please see article below...

<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/summer-2022/california-has-peacock-problem>

Best,
Jamie Spidle

Yolanda Chavez

From: Jamie Spidle <elvampirorubio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:09 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peacock Population

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Hello,

I am writing to express my hope that the Peafowl of South Pasadena can be allowed to stay in our community. I do not live where they are nesting, but I live about 5 blocks down from the intersection of Via Del Rey and Monterey Rd. From May to early July I will hear the strong calls of the male birds, but no sounds from them for the rest of the year. In the winter I don't see or hear them at all and wonder if they migrate somewhere else. I walk up Via Del Rey to get exercise and often come across a few peafowl. They are beautiful and it is a joy to see them. I haven't noticed the sidewalks covered in bird poop, so I don't see how they are causing a mess. I believe that we are lucky to have the birds in our neighborhood. I also think their population will naturally grow and diminish depending on the changing variables of nature. I am including a link to a recent article in Audobon magazine which addresses the issues raised in South Pasadena's debate about the peacocks. I truly hope the City decides to keep some of the birds, rather than relocating them all. Here is the link:
audobon.org/magazine/summer-20222/california-has-peacock-problem

Let's keep these birds and continue to protect one of the elements of charm in this lovely city.

Thank you,
Jamie Spidle

Yolanda Chavez

From: Lisa Carlson <philisa2006@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:00 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item #16, Peacocks

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City Council:

I am a twenty year resident of South Pasadena. During the last few years, we have witnessed a significant decrease in birds of all types in our town. The loud noises from the parrots are rare now. Birds in general throughout the nation have decreased.

There is no need to reduce the number of any wild birds. Peacocks specifically have a cycle every year. There are large numbers of them in the spring. As summer and fall come, the numbers decrease. As I have seen some remains, I suspect coyotes are responsible for some of those losses.

Do not remove peacocks from South Pasadena. They are one of the things that make our city special.

Thank you,

J. L Carlson

Yolanda Chavez

From: Edward Dagermangy <dagermangy@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:52 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Altos de Monterey, Peacock Problem

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Council Members and City Manager,

The South Pasadena Council Members and City Manager have received and heard the problems the Altos residents have lived with for the past eight years with the peacocks.

I live on Camino Lindo with the same daily frustrations, awoken at 4:30 am, roof and landscape damage, foul maintenance and my time. It is time to hear, at the meeting, from

the council person who lives and represents the district to present her peacock experiences with the other council members who do not live with the peacock issues. The problem

will only be resolved for the removal of the peacock birds. The peacocks are a disturbance of a peacefull environment.

Thank you,

Edward Dagermangy

Yolanda Chavez

From: Margaret Lee <margaretmlee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:43 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item #16 - Peafowl in the Altos

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The peafowl population in the Altos is out of control. I am writing to ask our city leaders to take action. As you deliberate the pros and cons of certain responses, I'd like to counter three arguments that are widely circulated.

Peafowl are not indigenous to CA. In the 1800s Elias J. Baldwin aka Lucky Baldwin, brought several pairs of peafowl from India to his ranch in Arcadia. The ones in the Altos could have migrated from Arcadia but they certainly have not been here before housing was built.

Peafowl are not endangered. They are in the same category as chickens and turkeys. In fact, they are for sale by local breeders in Hemet, Simi Valley and the Inland Empire. They are valued as pets and a novelty by some.

Peafowl have no natural predators in the Altos. In the wild, jungle cats, dogs, leopards and tigers are their predators. There really are none in an urban setting such as ours so the population continues to grow unmitigated. During the mating season from February to August, peahens, on average, lay 5-9 eggs.

While some South Pas residents wish to minimize the scope of the problem, I invite them to spend a few hours on the highly impacted streets in the Altos so they can experience for themselves the filth, noise, and physical destruction that goes on daily. In my opinion, it is time to remove the peafowl from the Altos.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lee
632 Alta Vista Circle

Yolanda Chavez

From: Ben Chang <bnchn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:40 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peacocks

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Ben Chang
Agenda #16

We would like the idea to remove the entire flock of Peafowl. The peacocks not only damage our roof and create traffic jam.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Yolanda Chavez

From: keila holloway <keilanicolee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:28 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: peacock removal agenda item #16

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Hello,

My name is Keila, and I'm emailing to express my opinion on agenda item #16 for south Pasadena's peacocks. I personally don't think removing them would be a good thing. I've lived here for 5 years now and in my opinion the fact that there are random peacock families roaming around is one of my favorite parts of living here. They're a beautiful animal and it's a really unique aspect of this town that many people enjoy. Almost any time I come across the peacocks there's always people around enjoying watching them or taking pictures. It would be a shame to have them all removed... They're beautiful and peaceful creatures and they make south Pasadena a more special and unique part of LA, and I think they deserve to stay in their home!

Thank you for your time and consideration

-Keila

Yolanda Chavez

From: Lizzy Denny <drumidizy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:20 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Removal of PeaFowl

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Hello,

I am a long-time resident of South Pasadena and would like to state my disapproval of the removal of the peafowl and peachicks in South Pasadena. The fact that they would be removed due to causing a "nuisance" in the neighborhood is ridiculous. Regardless of their not being native, we should focus on watering restrictions, recycling, supporting unhoused individuals, native plants, and neighborhood upkeep. Removing the peacocks is NOT a priority and it's shameful we're making it one when there are so many other issues at hand.

Respectfully,
Lizzy Denny
drumidizy@gmail.com

Yolanda Chavez

From: Christian Spicer <christian@christianspicer.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:17 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item 16
Attachments: 2022 08 17 City Council Agenda Item 16 Letter.pdf

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Honorable City Council Members,

My daughter wrote a letter in regard to Agenda Item 16. Her letter is attached here as a PDF.

Sincerely,
Christian Mazza

Agenda #16

Dear South Pasadena City Council, I am a 4th grader at Monterey Hills Elementary School. I am writing to ask that you **NOT** remove the peafowl from our neighborhood. The peafowl are an important part of our community.

Seeing the peafowl and their babies make me feel happy and ready for the day and looking at the feathers colors make me feel like I can do anything! I really feel like the peafowl are an important part of our town!

Sincerely,
Estelle Mazza

Yolanda Chavez

From: Chris Chen <chenski7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:12 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Remove Peafowl from South Pasadena

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RE: Request to Remove Peafowl from South Pasadena

To the South Pasadena City Council:

Please do whatever you can to remove "All" the Peafowl from the City of South Pasadena.

For me, the peafowl have been dangerous and potentially very harmful to my life. A few times they have jumped out in front of me as I take my daily walks. They frightened me so much I screamed and ended up frightening them too!

The peafowl jumping out in front of me could have caused me to have a heart attack right there on the sidewalk! The peafowl are dirty and defecating all over the place, even on my front porch! I see walked stepping on on it and tracking it down the sidewalk! I used to wash it off the sidewalk but with the drought recently, have stopped doing that.

In another incident, the peafowl flew from the tree right into the windshield of the car I was riding in and almost caused us to drive off the road! The peafowl also walk the road like they own it and don't even move out of the way w/ the noise of the horn. Cars then back up and before you know it, there is a potential fender bender accident!

Please do something to rid our neighborhood of the danger from this peafowl population.

Sincerely,
Christine Chen

Yolanda Chavez

From: Annika Buxman <annika@demilodesign.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:01 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peafowl relocation--Yes!

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Dear City Council,

I saw on the [nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) site that peafowl removal is on the agenda. Unfortunately I cannot be at the meeting but would like to support the humane, no-kill, removal of these beautiful birds to a more suitable location. For their sake and ours! I loved seeing them in my yard the first time. But they are noisy, messy, poopy and drive my dog crazy when they're out there.

Thank you,

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Annika Buxman
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1005 Palm Ave
South Pasadena, California 91030

Yolanda Chavez

From: Sing Tsai <stsai@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:58 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item # 16 - Peacocks

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- 1) Jenny Tsai
- 2) Agenda item # 16

To South Pasadena City Council, My name is Jenny. My family has lived close by Monterey Hills Elementary School for 4+ years. We have been suffering from all issues caused by peacocks since the first day we moved into this neighborhood. These peafowls poop and mess up all over our deck, backyard, front door stairs, and front yard. And, they stepped on and damaged our roof.

South Pasadena is a lovely and safe home for our kids. However, there are many peacocks' poops which are so big (like small dogs' poop) on the walkways on Via del rey, Camino Cerrado and nearby streets. I need to remind my kid not to step on them on the way to school. These are the walkways for young kids to Monterey Hills Elementary school everyday. Sadly, we cannot provide young children a safe and clean way to school. Breathing dust or water droplets containing contaminated bird droppings can lead to several diseases, including a flu-like illness called psittacosis. Salmonella - a bacterial infection that can cause diarrhoea - may also be present in some bird droppings. It's an aggravatedly unhealthy and harmful problem for our kids and residents. Also, peacocks are viruses and disease carriers and spreaders. We really don't need any deadly disease which is totally preventable after Covid.

What diseases do peacocks carry?

In addition to wild predators, the free-ranging peacocks face an even more deadly enemy: HPAI, or Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, commonly known as bird flu. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture suggested that zoos remove their free-roaming fowl because of concerns that they could spread HPAI

[Why zoos are purging themselves of peacocks - The Washington Post](#)

Do peacock feathers carry diseases?

Poultry mycoplasmosis—Mycoplasma gallisepticum is an often diagnosed disease on poultry farms that occurs in chickens, turkeys, peacocks and pheasants. This disease induces two types of disease: sinusoidal and mixed mycoplasma infection.

[Bird feathers as potential sources of pathogenic microorganisms - NCBI](#)

Can peacocks get bird flu?

Chinnadurai said the birds most at risk from the flu are guinea fowl, peacocks and peahens, the birds most closely related to chickens and turkeys. All birds can carry it, however, even penguins, and there is no vaccine approved yet in the U.S. Apr 18, 2022

[Zoos nationwide take bird flu precautions - NewsNation](#)

Is there a bird flu in 2022?

Learn about 2022 detections of HPAI in Commercial and Backyard Flocks. Wild birds can be infected with HPAI and show **no signs** of illness. They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, potentially exposing domestic poultry to the virus.

[2022 Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds](#)

Please relocate these peacocks for the health and safety of our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Jenny Tsai

Yolanda Chavez

From: Betty Emirhanian <BEmirhanian@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:55 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Cc: Michael Cacciotti - Personal; ezneimer; Ed Simpson; Erin Fleming; Bev B; Tracy Reiman
Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting 8/17

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Public Comment for City Council Meeting 8/17: **Agenda Item #16**

I understand the frustration that the residents are experiencing as a result of the peafowl population increase. **If the city council approves the removal of the peafowl, I ask that it be contingent upon an investigation of the proposed sanctuaries.** According to the agenda packet, it seems we only have the word of Raptor Events that the birds will be taken to a wonderful place where they can live out their lives happily. It sounds a little like what children are told when their dog dies - "He is now on a farm where he is very happy and can roam free."

Please make sure that the peafowl will be treated well.

Thank you

Elisabeth Emirhanian

Yolanda Chavez

From: Mpasebani <mpasebani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:49 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Item 16

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Resident of Alpha Street

Opposing elimination of peacock flock as being proposed.

Their "nuisance" should be considered as fact of life in these neighborhoods, as is noise And traffic generatEd by the schools during drop off and pick up times,and.....

Yolanda Chavez

From: Kathy LaRussa <thelarussas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:22 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item #16

Importance: High

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Regarding agenda item #16, the proposed relocation of peafowl in the area:

We have lived on Via del Rey for over 20 years and have seen the peafowl population grow to out of control numbers. Our sidewalks are fouled with hundreds of droppings of feces, which must be hosed away while observing the water restrictions now in place. Our cars and windows are pecked and dented constantly by peafowl seeing their reflection in the car windows, doors and hoods. We are awakened each morning from 4 am on by the loud cries of the peafowl in the trees outside our windows. People in cars pull over suddenly to take photos and gaze at the birds. Others sprinkle birdseed on the sidewalks to feed them. We see cars slamming on their brakes to stop for strolling peafowl on the streets, causing hazards to the unsuspecting cars behind them. Now that school has started, it has gotten much worse. There will be more accidents because of this.

We do not want the peafowl killed or eliminated in an inhumane fashion. They truly are beautiful and unique. However what once was a curiosity of 5-10 birds has now grown to numbers approaching 100 and upwards just in the Los Altos area. You must live up here to truly see just how many birds there are, it is shocking. The peafowl population in the Los Altos area is out of control and no elected representative or employee of the City seems to be monitoring or recognizing this. Yes, we know they are beautiful, no one disagrees with this. Yes, they are a creation of nature. We get it. But many of the comments regarding the relocation of peafowl are from people who do not deal with this on a daily, hourly basis. If this was a rat issue those people would not be so quick to "protect" them.

We are asking that the peafowl be humanely relocated away from the area. We are begging. It is a mess and a problem that needs to be addressed in a hurry, as each day we see more and more baby peafowl. Please, do something to address this problem.

Kathy & Frank LaRussa
1407 Via del Rey
South Pasadena

Yolanda Chavez

From: Carl Lo <carlo0425@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:16 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda #16

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Hello,

1. My name is Carl Lo living between Via Del Ray and Camino Cerrado.
2. Agenda #16: The peacock situation has been out of control and detrimental to the living situation in the neighborhood. It causes a lot of traffic hazard and slowing on Via Del Ray. The noise level at 3-4 am morning is harming the sleep quality of the neighborhood. Also, hygiene is a big issue because they drop feces all over the yard, street, driveway, roof, and all around the neighborhood, and they are difficult to clean. They damage the roofs of many houses including ours, cracking the roof tiles because they constantly land on the roofs. The exponential growth of the population will only become a growing problem if we do not act right now. Down the line it would be a bigger problem and more expensive quickly. I fully support the city to please humanely relocate these peacocks, for the safety and living quality of our wonderful neighborhood.

Thank you so much,

Carl Lo

Yolanda Chavez

From: Craig Parks <craigcparks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 8:53 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Pro-peacock, pro-parrot

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Hi -

I'm a resident of "Peacock Alley" as our kids like to call it. We've been enjoying the peacocks for over 5 years. Yes, they slow down traffic, they make loud noises, and drop poop that our dogs like to annoyingly eat. But if you compare them to the other various "annoyances" - coyotes, people who run traffic stops and drive too fast, people who don't pick up their dogs' poop, police helicopters, and so on and so on, they don't look so bad. In fact, they also add to our neighborhood. They're beautiful, fun to look at, and something that makes our area special.

Lastly, if we get rid of the peacocks because 5 or 6 homeowners hate the peacocks, then what's to stop us going after the parrots, which create huge noise, and decimate orange trees?

Thanks for listening.

Craig

Yolanda Chavez

From: Nichol Nelson <nicholnelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 8:02 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Please keep the peacocks!

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Hi, I've been a South Pasadena resident for 9 years, and live on El Tesorito, right near what my family affectionately calls "Peacock Alley." I am delighted by the birds every day, and feel they are a part of our neighborhood fabric. Seeing the tiny chicks at the end of every summer on our way to MHS is truly one of the highlights of our year. I understand that they can be a nuisance, but they aren't exactly a surprise to homeowners. Since they are so clearly out in the public, anyone purchasing a home does so knowing that peacocks are a part of the deal.

(Same for the parrots - are we going to start shooting them out of the sky because they're loud?)

I hope you decide to keep the peacocks in my neighborhood.
Nichol Nelson

Yolanda Chavez

From: John Haglund <jkhaglund@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 7:11 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item #16 City Council on Peafowl Removal

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My name is John Haglund residing at 1506 Via Del Rey, South Pasadena, CA 91030. My wife, Karen Kennedy, and I have lived at this address for over 20 years, moving here from our previous home in SP on South Grand Avenue. Karen's parents built this house in the mid 60's.

We support full removal of the peafowl. Only within seemingly the past 5-10 years, the population of these animals has grown dramatically.

They roam the neighborhood generally in packs, often 10-20 birds in a group. Often in the late afternoons they come Via Del Rey leading to traffic problems with cars trying to avoid the birds crossing the street which leads to impatient drivers swerving to get around the lookie-lou drivers who stop and linger watching the birds. We have seen people park their cars and, while so focused on the birds, not notice traffic swerving to avoid them getting out of their vehicles.

We have had significant economic costs due to the birds. We had to replace our shingled roof well before the expected life span of the roof due to damage from these birds flying down from adjacent very tall trees and landing on the roof causing the shingles to crack and in many spots creating open pinholes into the attic. These are not small birds and every time they fly down from the trees, or they fly onto the roof from ground level, they are damaging the roof due to their weight as they do a "full stop" on landing and the damage is exacerbated by the sharp nature of their claws.

Over the years ornamental plants and flowers, both in pots as well as in the ground have been eaten and destroyed by these birds.

The birds come into our backyard and congregate in front of glass doors leaving messy and large poops which need to be washed off, a waste of water. Not infrequently we will come home and find patios and walkways and driveway covered with 20 or more poops which need to be washed off. The sidewalk in front is often full of poops which people have walked on further spreading the mess. Again wasting water to spray and wash so as to control the mess.

I totally support the humane culling/removal of these birds.

I further support establishing an ordinance to prohibit feeding these animals. They are wild and overpopulation is in part due to the overabundance of food. And we should take steps to prevent a recurrence of this problem.

Yolanda Chavez

From: Jodi Kasper <jmrkasper@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 4:38 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peacocks

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They are a menace and cause traffic problems as well as damage to cars, roofs etc. There is a person on Flores de Oro who has been feeding them and therefore we are now inundated with peafowl. They are not native to the area and should be humanely removed and relocated. There are at least 50 roaming around the neighborhood. Please take action.

Jodi Kasper
1574 Indiana Ave
South Pasadena.

Sent from my iPhone

Yolanda Chavez

From: Jocelyn Kitada <jafkitada@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:41 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item #16 - removal of Peafowl

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I support the removal and relocation of the entire peafowl population in South Pasadena by a professional.

We have lived in South Pasadena for 30 years, 20 of which are in the Monterey Hills area. We have watched the peafowl population explode in recent years from an original number of two males near the Via del Rey/Flores de Oro intersection and one female from the area of El Centro/Indiana area. Although, I have seen an estimate for the current population to be around 60-70, from my observations I think this is quite underestimated. For instance, we have seen currently at least 20 peachicks roaming with their mothers each morning as we drive to work.

Also, due to the mature males seeking new territory, the area in which they live is not isolated to where the largest population is centered (Via del Rey/Flores de Oro/Camino Lindo). At least three males have been observed half way down the hill on Alpha and at least one has made his new home on the hill behind La Fremontia. His mating call usually starts before 4:00 AM. I prefer to wake up later than 3:30 each morning, especially on my non-working days

We understand and sympathize with the plight of our neighbors whose homes, yards and automobiles have sustained damage from these non-native animals. Although the peafowl have not found our yard as of yet, I fear that they eventually will and will settle here. Due to the water feature and native plants in our yard, native birds thrive here. We are concerned with the potential effect on the native bird population if the peafowl decide to settle in our yard.

I am greatly concerned that, if left unchecked, peafowl will continue to expand their territory. In addition to the spread down Alpha and La Fremontia, I have also observed them in the area of Camino Lindo near Camino Verde and at the base of Via del Rey near Monterey. As they continue to spread, the problems they cause will only effect more and more South Pasadena citizens.

Please vote to remove the entire peafowl population from South Pasadena.

Thank you.

Yolanda Chavez

From: Christiana Miller <christiana.miller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 2:50 AM
To: City Council Public Comment; publiccomment@southpasadenaca.gov
Subject: Peacocks - Agenda Item #16

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Agenda item # 16

We love the peacocks of South Pasadena. We live down the hill from them, so I understand we don't experience what other people who live in the heart of Peacock Central do. My daughter and I drive the Via del Rey loop every day to see the peahens, their tiny chicks, and the showy peacocks. They're beautiful and calming. Seeing them always brightens our day and it eases my daughter's anxiety. They're a hallmark of South Pasadena, like the wild parrots, and they bring their own type of charm to the city. I know people are speaking against them and want them gone, but it will be sad to see them all go.

A lot of fuss is being kicked up about people stopping or pulling over, so as to not run over the birds, and people who are walking stopping on the sidewalk to take pictures of the peafowl. We've driven that route at all different times, for many years, and there's not a lot of traffic on it, except for school pick-up and drop-off. And the peafowl are not out all the time. During the limited time they're roaming, people slowing down to let them get off the street, or pulling over to take a picture of them, does not seriously impede traffic. It might inconvenience one or two drivers for a couple of minutes. The school being there creates and impedes traffic exponentially more than the peacocks do.

South Pasadena has a surprising amount of wildlife. Peacocks, wild parrots, coyotes, raccoons, possums even an occasional deer and bobcat. After the peafowl are removed, what's going to be targeted next? I understand not wanting the flock to grow too large, but getting rid of them altogether seems a bit harsh... I know there are a lot of people who would miss them. Our peacocks, our wild parrots, they're part of the charm of living in South Pasadena. The coyotes not as much. But I'm sure they're probably keeping the flock size down.

Christiana Miller

Yolanda Chavez

From: Est <estyes57@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 1:19 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item #16

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Agenda item #16:

Dear city council,

We are South Pasadena residents and we are in favor of removing the entire flock of peacocks from South Pasadena. They have been a nuisance to us and to our neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration!
Best,
Ester

Yolanda Chavez

From: NULL-A NULL-A <garagehero1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:40 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peafowl.

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The hideous screams in the middle of the night or early morning, the feces, which is some of the STINKIEST in the animal kingdom, and the gardens destroyed, flowering plants being their favorite food. Get rid of them. Its no secret our "friends" in Arcadia, Monrovia etc., dropped them off here some years back.

Rudy Martinez
408 Hawthorne st.
South Pasadena, Ca, 91030

Sent from my iPhone

Yolanda Chavez

From: timonyu <timonyu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:49 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Re: Agenda item #16 - Peacock problem in city of South Pasadena

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Hi council members,

My name is Timon and I am a resident in South Pasadena for over 20 years. The rapid population of peacock really bothering the residents along Monterey Hills of South Pasadena. The peacocks multiply rapidly and we see new born baby peacocks every week! The problems are that the peacocks drop Poopoo on the street, rooftop, and also backyard, they scream overnight that windows have to be closed all the time, they also like to hang out on rooftop and cause damage of the roofing. We strongly urge the city to do something to control the situation.

Best regards,

Timon Yu

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Timon Yu

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From: Sam Kee Hong <samkeehong@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:35 PM
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Subject: Agenda #16.

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To whom be concerned,

We been resident in South Pasadena Montetey Hill for more than a decade. We always enjoy the small and quiet community.

Since couple years ago we had our new visitors, the peacock families. Use to be couple of them walking around the neighborhood. They are very pretty and adorable. Times goes by, they brought us the completely upside down atmosphere. They scream at day and night time . They broke my patio top, within 3 years we had to change the top for 2 times. Pee and Poo along my swimming pool . And flying from my roof to my garage roof. Became disaster and destroyed the whole area quiet atmosphere.

Hope our city and council can take care these peacock and return our peace and quiet home environment.

Thanks for your attention.

Thanks for your attention

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Yolanda Chavez

From: SAM YU <samyukachun@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:39 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item#16

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Sam Yu, I am one of loyal resident who have been living in Monterey Hills, South Pasadena for more than 20 years. I am writing to strongly support the petition to remove all peafowl to a better area more suitable for them to live.

The population of the peafowl has grown to 70 from zero in the small area at the corner of via del Rey and Flores De Oro! It is really out of control and they have been creating a lot nuisances to the neighborhood daily, here I would like to list out some of them:-

- .Damaging our neighbor's cars, lawn, broken roof tiles, destroyed vegetable, flower gardens**
- .Piles of poop at the front door and yards.**
- .Screaming at 3-4 AM by horney males.**

Best regards,
Sam

Yolanda Chavez

From: Crystal Zamora <zamora.crystalm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:36 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Crystal Zamora / Agenda item # 16

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Hello everyone I would like to ask the council to please not remove the peacocks completely they are beautiful and my children and I love seeing them. I understand they are not native to South Pasadena but they are wildlife and they bring life to the area. I have lots a of friends that tell me they come to the local restaurants and cafés just to see them. Maybe we can find away to keep these beautiful birds somewhere that they won't be a nuisance to anyone and we can still enjoy there beauty.

Thank you very much,
Crystal Z

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Yolanda Chavez

From: Debbie Eller <dr_debb@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:21 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peacocks!

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I want to voice my thoughts regarding our Peacocks!
I love seeing them when I walk and drive through our community.
I especially love seeing our white peacock.
Please listen to the community and keep them. They give such character and does the the parrots.
Please don't let them be moved. They have been here far longer than many of the residence.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debbie Eller, Ed.D.

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Yolanda Chavez

From: Rob Benjamin <rob_benjamin14@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6:42 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item #16 (removal of the entire flock of peafowl)

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I was raised in SP and have been a resident for over 50 years. I've seen them on various streets such as Romana, Magnolia, and Cam Lindo a lot more in the last 2-3 years. While I enjoy the outdoors, nature, and seeing wildlife in the community, there is a limit. They are NOT native to SP and are doing damage to property.

The flock should be relocated.

Rob Benjamin

Yolanda Chavez

From: Muse Mak <musemak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:43 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Cc: Evelyn Zneimer; Jacob Wong; Jon Primuth; Michelle Lee. =0); Diana Mahmud
Subject: Public Health Harzards caused by PeafowlsCouncil Meeting August 17 #16
Attachments: 20220719_190753.jpg; 20220809_195140.jpg; 20220725_185747.jpg; 20220721_200321.jpg; 20220807_194637.jpg; 20220802_184637.jpg; 20220719_190815.jpg; 20220711_184529.jpg; 20220813_182058.jpg; 20220719_190304.jpg

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Feces and Filth everywhere along Via Del Rey and its cross streets as seen in photos attached.





















Yolanda Chavez

From: brent@brentbradshaw.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:34 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: peafowls

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I am opposed to removing the peafowls from our town. My family has really enjoyed them over the years, and I haven't found them to be an inconvenience. I understand animals are sometimes an annoyance, but if we get rid of everything that is slightly annoying there wouldn't be anything interesting left. This feels like an over reaction by a loud minority to me.

Thanks,
Brent Bradshaw

Yolanda Chavez

From: Sharon Sekhon <sharonesekhon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:23 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Peacock - Agenda item #16

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Dear South Pasadena City Council:

My name is Sharon Sekhon and I have a doctorate in US history with a focus on Southern California. I am writing because of behalf of Agenda #16 which seeks to remove peacocks from our community. I am against removing any wildlife from our community. Instead, those who have issues with the peacocks should move.

Peacocks predate the people who want them out of the town. They are more wanted than the people who complain about birds making their normal sounds. Yes, the first time you hear a peacock cry can be jarring, but once you know what it is, it is a welcome sound.

I have lived here since 1995 when I moved to South Pasadena to attend graduate school. I got married in my backyard here over twenty years ago, and I am appalled. **I have lived in this community for over 25 years.**

The peacocks and other wildlife are the best things about this community. The people who love nature and these creatures are other good things.

To those who want the peacocks removed -- I suggest you move to a more urban environment. South Pasadena is beautiful and the peacocks are part of it. I also have a question for you: do you normally move into places expecting the place to change to accommodate YOU? I am asking because your position on this appears extremely self-centered and not actually connected to a larger community of people.

Sharon Sekhon PhD
Historian

South Pasadena Resident

Yolanda Chavez

From: Muse Mak <musemak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:17 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: August 17th Meeting Agenda #16 Re: Peafowl Removal

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Dear Councilwomen, Councilmen, and Mayor,

School has started. Would you ladies and gentlemen consider making a field trip to the Monterey Hills around 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.? What will you expect to see?

1. Traffic congestion caused by parents who stop their vehicle to await peafowls to cross the streets, especially on Via Del Rey.
2. Impatient anxious parents or going-to-work residents who cut the line to drive in the opposite direction link to get past the traffic due to the traffic jam. Potential accidents and injuries waiting to happen!!
3. Students exit their parent's car in a rush to run to school due to the delay caused by the crossing peafowls.
4. Students step on peafowl's feces while walking/rushing to school and carry the filth/germs to their classroom with their shoes. Their hands will be in touch with the feces when they sit on the classroom floor or in the schoolground (then possibly their mouth and nose).

I would like to reinstate once again my concerns regarding the public health hazards caused by the growing population of peafowls in the Monterey Hills/ Altos area. The peafowl population in the Altos is out of control and many issues have arisen. In addition to the nuisance: sound pollution, property damages, another major problem is **public health hazard and zoonotic disease (disease transmitted from animals to humans) that can be transmitted by the peafowl feces, including cryptosporidiosis and histoplasmosis (fungi), and psittacosis (bacteria). If those peafowl catch or develop bird flu by any chance, it will become another threat to our children and community. Prevention is better than treatment. The entire population of peafowl must be removed and relocated to a habitat that is suitable for peafowls.** Attached please find additional photos of the peafowl's feces everywhere along Via Del Rey, Camino Lindo, and Flores De Oro. It is obvious that the peafowls have moved their activity zone beyond Monterey Hills School and more toward Camino Verde. The entire Via Del Rey and its cross streets have been contaminated, including but not limited to Camino Del Sol, Indiana Avenue, La Portada.

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Best regards,

Muse Mak, M.S., C.C.L.S.
Certified Child Life Specialist
@ 600 Indiana Terrace

Yolanda Chavez

From: Matthew Rosenfield <matthewrr2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 4:49 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item#16

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Hello

As a long time resident, we object to the removal of peafowl (peacocks). We love them and enjoy the beauty and history they bring to the neighborhood: we have never had an issue with noise or anything being destroyed: pleeee do not remove them.

Ty

Matt

Matthew Rosenfield
Post Production
Sent from my iPhone

Yolanda Chavez

From: Cailin Goldberg-Meehan <cailin.gm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 3:53 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Objection to peafowl removal

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Hello,

I am a resident of South Pasadena residing on La Fremontia Street and I wanted to log my objection to the proposal to remove the neighborhood peafowl. I find their presence warming and delightful and believe they add value to our neighborhood.

Thank you for taking one resident's opinion into consideration,
Cailin

**Public Comment
August 17, 2022
Item No. 17**

Yolanda Chavez

From: Alan Ehrlich <Alan.Ehrlich@mail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 6:54 PM
To: Chris Bray
Cc: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment, Item #17, Council 8/17/22 "Discuss 2022 Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report"

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Councilmembers.

It's a sad reflection on the state of our city that two candidates are vying to replace the city treasurer, and hope to continue to clean up the council's mess, and only one candidate, including an incumbent, is running in each of the two districts up for election this year.

It's also statement about the integrity of two councilmembers who served on the ad hoc committee report that they did not defend it when it was first presented to the council last month

God save South Pasadena.

Alan Ehrlich



"Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants."
- Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis

"Openness in government is essential to the functioning of a democracy."
International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers, Local 21 v. Superior Court
California Supreme Court, 42 Cal.4th 319 (2007)

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 4:14 PM
From: "Chris Bray" <chrisabray@yahoo.com>
To: "City Council Public Comments" <ccpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment, Item #17, "Discuss 2022 Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report"

Councilmembers,

I try to avoid using my time and energy these days to address a city council that doesn't hear arguments or engage in meaningful exchange, in a community that regards disagreement as heresy, but your June 20 discussion of the report from the Ad Hoc Finance Committee was so extraordinarily provocative that you've overcome my determination to disengage.

Two years ago, we elected a new city council majority. The people who successfully ran for council seats campaigned on the premise that the city was in a state of crisis, and that radical change was needed to redirect a city government that had lost the trust of the community. See the attached screenshot of a candidate statement from Jon Primuth: "I'd like to share why I feel compelled to run for City Council. We are experiencing political storms in our city. We have an ongoing budget and financial mess that has created a crisis of public confidence in our city's finances. We've seen major leadership departures, starting with the resignation of a city council member under suspicion of misconduct. Our city manager and finance department directors have left."

Two years ago. Campaign language: crisis, misconduct, storms, ongoing mess, major staffing losses.

Today a new council majority elected on the strength of an explicit argument about a city plagued with crisis and misconduct responds to a report from a group of knowledgeable citizens alleging crisis and misconduct by dismissing the report as hearsay and focusing on the *formatting* of the report. Financial crisis? What are these people even talking about? We certainly don't need an audit! Let's move on!

The extraordinary nakedness of the pivot from *our city government is plagued by crisis and misconduct so you should elect me to deal with it* to *there's no crisis and we don't need to talk about this so let's just move on* is one for the record books. I've never seen anything quite like it. There is no way to adequately describe the scope of the chasm between who you said you were and who you are — between the things you said you would do and the things you're doing.

I draw a few conclusions from this remarkable spectacle:

- 1.) The South Pasadena City Council is immune to embarrassment. There's no argument that's so brutally stupid and shamefully dishonest that you won't hesitate to make it, in public and with the appearance of great confidence.
- 2.) The local climate of Babbitry and boosterism prevails; the community is plagued by "toxic positivity" and the persistent tendency to go along to get along.
- 3.) The city is unable to prevent future crises because of an unwillingness to examine the causes and origins of past crises. The town declines to learn. We circle the wagons, attack the messenger, and move on.
- 4.) The city is governed by a council that has no integrity, no decency, and no honor. Promises are meaningless.

The persistent struggle to recruit a new finance director, an effort that has dragged on for months, reflects the awareness among municipal finance professionals that the town is run by a city council that has no integrity and no ability. *Notice* how hard it is to find people who want to work for you.

Anyway, everything's just fine, no need for discussion. Good luck with that.

Chris Bray

Yolanda Chavez

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Councilmembers,

I try to avoid using my time and energy these days to address a city council that doesn't hear arguments or engage in meaningful exchange, in a community that regards disagreement as heresy, but your June 20 discussion of the report from the Ad Hoc Finance Committee was so extraordinarily provocative that you've overcome my determination to disengage.

Two years ago, we elected a new city council majority. The people who successfully ran for council seats campaigned on the premise that the city was in a state of crisis, and that radical change was needed to redirect a city government that had lost the trust of the community. See the attached screenshot of a candidate statement from Jon Primuth: "I'd like to share why I feel compelled to run for City Council. We are experiencing political storms in our city. We have an ongoing budget and financial mess that has created a crisis of public confidence in our city's finances. We've seen major leadership departures, starting with the resignation of a city council member under suspicion of misconduct. Our city manager and finance department directors have left."

Two years ago. Campaign language: crisis, misconduct, storms, ongoing mess, major staffing losses.

Today a new council majority elected on the strength of an explicit argument about a city plagued with crisis and misconduct responds to a report from a group of knowledgeable citizens alleging crisis and misconduct by dismissing the report as hearsay and focusing on the *formatting* of the report. Financial crisis? What are these people even talking about? We certainly don't need an audit! Let's move on!

The extraordinary nakedness of the pivot from *our city government is plagued by crisis and misconduct so you should elect me to deal with it* to *there's no crisis and we don't need to talk about this so let's just move on* is one for the record books. I've never seen anything quite like it. There is no way to adequately describe the scope of the chasm between who you said you were and who you are — between the things you said you would do and the things you're doing.

I draw a few conclusions from this remarkable spectacle:

- 1.) The South Pasadena City Council is immune to embarrassment. There's no argument that's so brutally stupid and shamefully dishonest that you won't hesitate to make it, in public and with the appearance of great confidence.
- 2.) The local climate of Babbity and boosterism prevails; the community is plagued by "toxic positivity" and the persistent tendency to go along to get along.

3.) The city is unable to prevent future crises because of an unwillingness to examine the causes and origins of past crises. The town declines to learn. We circle the wagons, attack the messenger, and move on.

4.) The city is governed by a council that has no integrity, no decency, and no honor. Promises are meaningless.

The persistent struggle to recruit a new finance director, an effort that has dragged on for months, reflects the awareness among municipal finance professionals that the town is run by a city council that has no integrity and no ability. *Notice* how hard it is to find people who want to work for you.

Anyway, everything's just fine, no need for discussion. Good luck with that.

Chris Bray
Grace Dr.

Jon Primuth

I'd like to share why I feel compelled to run for City Council. We are experiencing political storms in our city. We have an ongoing budget and financial mess that has created a crisis of public confidence in our city's finances. We've seen major leadership departures, starting with the resignation of a city council member under suspicion of misconduct. Our city manager and finance department directors have left. We are facing a legal mandate to accommodate more than 2,000 new housing units that will overwhelm our local traffic, infrastructure and schools. These times call for visionary leadership and insight and skills to meet the challenges. As an elected public school board member in South Pasadena, I've had decision-making responsibility for a \$40+ million public agency budget. I dig deep into public agency budgets and audits to find important insights. On policy matters, I initiate change and build consensus. On legal matters, I use my 30 years as an attorney to break down complex issues into clear solutions.

