



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

March 6, 2023

WORKSHOPS

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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3:30-4:15 p.m. Pearson Field Update

Guy Lennon, Airport Manager, 360-487-8619

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Pearson Field Update.

4:15-4:45 p.m. Humane Animal Treatment Policy

Rebecca Small, Senior Policy Analyst, 360-487-8601

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Humane Animal Treatment Policy.

Councilmembers Stober and Hansen were absent from Workshops.

COUNCIL DINNER / EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION (1 HR)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 4:45-5:45 p.m. to discuss Pending and Potential Litigation.

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Harless, Perez, Fox, Paulsen, and Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmembers Stober and Hansen

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmembers Stober and Hansen.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - February 6, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2023.

Proclamations: Red Cross Month

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Michael Drake, Executive Director of the SW Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross, proclaiming March 2023, as Red Cross Month.

Community Communications

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- Nancy Dong, Vancouver
- Kathy Neary, Vancouver
- Heidi Shuler, Vancouver
- Sunal Mittal, Vancouver
- Jody Caicco, Vancouver
- Julia Trabert, Vancouver
- Tony Hungate, Vancouver
- Sandra Hungate, Vancouver
- Cindy Urlik, Vancouver
- Mark Reback, Camas, WA
- Amber Canavan, Portland, OR
- Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA
- Miranda Eisen, Portland, OR
- Belinda Davis, Portland, OR
- Rosalind McCallard, Portland, OR
- Donovan James, Portland, OR
- Sarah Hanneken, Portland, OR

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)

Council requested Items 3, 5 and 7 be pulled for discussion.

Council discussed the Items with staff.

Council agreed to remand Item 5 back to staff and pulled it from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve Items 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve Item 3 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried unanimously to approve Item 7 on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Allocation and Participation Agreements for State of Washington Settlement with Certain Opioid Manufacturers and Retailers

Staff Report: 034-23

Since 2015, local governments around the Country have been united in efforts seeking to hold the manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies of opioids responsible for the harms caused to their residents. The City of Vancouver joined this fight in 2019, filing suit against a number of manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies. That lawsuit was then transferred to the Northern District of Ohio as part of a nationwide multi-district litigation. The lawsuit has been pending there ever since.

On January 20, 2023, the City received notice that the State of Washington formally joined a national settlement with several major Opioid retailers. Specifically, the State joined the national settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. The State did not join the national settlement with Johnson & Johnson. In this settlement, the State will receive roughly \$434 million, but this settlement is contingent upon how many local jurisdictions within Washington join the settlement. The State has agreed to split the settlement funds 50% to the State and 50% to local jurisdictions.

The Council approved a memorandum of understanding in April 2022 that delineates the amount the City of Vancouver would receive if any statewide settlement was reached: 1.7306605325%. As such, assuming the requisite number of jurisdictions join this settlement, the City could recover approximately \$3 million, after attorneys' fees, to be used to combat the impacts of opioids. To join in this settlement, the Council must authorize execution of the attached Allocation Agreement and Participation Form on or before April 18, 2023.

Of note, the settlement does not affect or impact the City's claims against

any entity other than the five released retailers identified above.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the "Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing the Allocation of Funds Paid by Certain Settling Opioid Manufacturers and Pharmacies," all attached Exhibits thereto, and any additional required documentation to settle the City of Vancouver's claims against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

Dan Lloyd, Assistant City Attorney, 360-487-8520

Motion approved the request.

2. Sourcewell Contract Renewal

Staff Report: 035-23

The City has used the Sourcewell contract to purchase play equipment for Esther Short, Marshall and Ida Jones Bell Parks for a sum of \$295,000. Any future purchases will exceed the current contract's \$300,000 spending threshold. This request will amend the request contract for purchases to be made according to the departments' current authorized budget in place of setting a new spending threshold. In keeping with Park's effort to streamline purchases, staff is requesting the ability to purchase from this contract and take advantage of the contract pricing.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or their designee to approve purchases under Sourcewell Contact #010521-LSI for play equipment, shade, shelters, splash play, site furnishings and playground surfacing from Landscape Structures, Dealno, MN, for the life of the contract up to the current authorized budget.

Terry Snyder, Senior Park Developer, 360-487-8317

Motion approved the request.

3. Kuni Playground Donation

Staff Report: 036-23

Staff within the City has been working with the staff at the Kuni Foundation over the last 6-8 months to explore and agree on a redesign agreement for Fruit Valley Park playground. Fruit Valley Park currently contains a playground that is 29 years old and is on the list to be replaced in the next few years.

Both staff at the City and the Foundation are interested in providing more inclusive playgrounds in Vancouver. The playground to be built will give more community members the ability to use and enjoy. The playground will be built to ensure accessibility for mobility devices and also to create a balance of play experiences that are engaging to children of all abilities,

including those with limited mobility, sensory deficits or other developmental issues. The playground will be named to honor Elizabeth Austin.

The timeline for the playground process is to complete the public engagement on a new playground master plan in 2023. Some design work may be accomplished in 2023, but the majority of the plans and specification will be completed in 2024. Once the plans and specification are complete, the park documents will be sent out for bids. It is anticipated that some of the playground removal work can begin in the later part of 2024, with the playground being complete and open to the public in 2025.

Once the playground is complete a grand re-opening of the playground will occur and the “Elizabeth Austin Playground” will be open to the public.

During the entire planning process and through construction, the City of Vancouver will be actively engaged with the Kuni Foundation on the process and details through the installation of the new playground elements. The Kuni Foundation has pledged one million dollars in funding for this new playground.

Request: City Council to accept the Kuni donation of \$1,000,000 for the development of a new Fruit Valley playground to be named Elizabeth Austin Playground.

Julie Hannon, Park Development Services Manager, 360-487-8309

Motion approved the request.

4. Ida Bell Jones Park Closeout

Staff Report: 037-23

- *Allcon, LLC, of Brush Prairie, Washington has satisfactorily completed the subject improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications.*

TOTAL CONTRACT COSTS	
<i>Labor, Equipment and Material</i>	<i>\$562,142.46</i>
<i>Sales Tax</i>	<i>\$39,936.78</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$602,079.24</i>
<i>Retainage</i>	<i>\$28,107.12</i>

- *The original construction contract bid amount was \$580,234.00. Change orders and quantity adjustments during construction increased the contract amount by 3.6% to \$602,079.24.*
- *The City’s apprenticeship utilization requirement is based on the engineer’s estimate that was published at the time of bidding. The engineer’s estimate, calculated in March of 2022, for this project was*

below the required threshold for apprenticeship utilization, and therefore there will be no apprenticeship goals for this contract.

Request: On March 6, 2023, accept the Ida Bell Jones (Rose Village) Neighborhood Park project as constructed by Allcon, LLC of Brush Prairie, and authorize release of the retainage, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Terry Snyder, Senior Park Developer, 360-487-8317

Motion approved the request.

5. **Clark County Comprehensive Plan update – Resolution stating City of Vancouver principles for decisions impacting Vancouver UGA and City**

Staff Report: 038-23

A RESOLUTION establishing guiding principles for City of Vancouver engagement in regional decisions impacting Vancouver Urban Growth Area (UGA) and City of Vancouver as part of the 2025 Clark County Comprehensive Plan update.

Local growth forecasts, UGA boundaries and associated land uses were last adopted in 2016. The current update will be the fifth since the Growth Management Act (GMA) was established in 1990 and 1991. Clark County initiated the current update with a public kick-off meeting on January 19, followed by release of a County Public Participation Plan identifying key regional growth decisions in spring and summer 2023, followed by environmental review and identification of updated UGA designations in 2024, with final adoption of final plans including policies and land use designation in spring 2025.

The potential magnitude of the growth decisions is unclear. If Clark County adopts the medium local forecast option provided by the state Office of Financial Management (OFM) of 698,000 persons by 2045, which OFM estimates as most likely to occur, it would mean planning for roughly an additional 175,000 persons countywide beyond estimated current levels. Vancouver's share of this is also unclear. Under past practices, cities were only allocated what they had room for under County capacity modeling, with the remainder allocated to UGAs.

Under GMA changes adopted in 2021 under HB 1220 addressing affordable housing, if the medium countywide forecast is chosen locally, there would likely be an obligation to plan for and accommodate roughly 50,000 housing units countywide that are affordable at 80% of Area Median Income or below, with most of these required to be affordable at the 50% or below AMI level. Specific housing obligations are unclear, as other legislation being considered in the current session may replace these

requirements.

City staff has participated in the County update thus far through the County public kick-off meeting and monthly interjurisdictional staff meeting and has commented on the recent draft County Public Participation Plan.

Going forward, staff envisions confirming specific direction with the City Council in advance of key decision points, beginning with the County hearing to adopt a countywide population forecast on April 18.

To better guide City engagement at all levels throughout the process, a Council resolution containing a set of framework principles is provided for Council consideration as an attachment to this staff report. By necessity given the various uncertainties at this time, it is framed as principles, rather than specific outcomes.

Request: Adopt the Resolution stating the City of Vancouver Principals.

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946

Item was pulled from the agenda.

6. Title 17 Building Code Ordinance Changes

Staff Report: 014-23

AN ORDINANCE relating to the updating of VMC Title 17 to align the permit deadlines with impact fee deadlines, to update the permit application process to an electronic format, update the inspection scheduling process, to allow for remote inspections at the discretion of the Building Official, adjust the minimum fee refund amount, to clarify violations for the purpose of enforcement, and general cleanup of repetitive sections; providing for savings, severability and an effective date.

The Community Development Department, which includes the building plan review, inspection and code compliance programs, is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the building codes ordinance. The "Building Official" for the City provides direct day-to-day management and oversight of the enforcement and administration of City building codes and ordinances codified in VMC Title 17, as well as for construction permits under Section 105 of the International Fire Code (IFC), adopted in VMC Chapter 16.04.

The City established the Building and Fire Codes Commission (BFCC) to advise the City Council regarding the technical codes and methods contained in VMC Title 16 and 17, and to provide for reasonable interpretations of the adopted technical codes. One of the primary duties of the BFCC is to review and make recommendations to City Council prior to its action on all proposed new codes and proposed changes to existing

construction codes and regulations relating to building and fire. The BFCC reviewed the proposed changes to Title 17 VMC on October 6, 2022, and recommended them for adoption by City Council.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

The focus of the proposed updates is to address minor clean-up items and to capture a few larger and substantive items which help align VMC 17.08 with other sections of the VMC. The following is a summary of the proposed changes (staff has noted which items are considered clean-up items or more substantive in nature):

- To clarify the Application Filing Date to mean the date on which the electronic record of the permit application is created in the City's e Plans permit system and a permit number is assigned. [clean-up]
- The City has transitioned from a paper-based permit submittal process to an electronic based permit submittal process. All references to a paper-based process have been removed and updated to refer to an electronic-based process which the City now uses. [clean-up]
- To adjust the permit application expiration deadline from 180 days to one year, which will reduce an administrative burden on applicants and staff. The one-year timeframe aligns the permit process with the requirements of the City's impact fee payment process (VMC 20.915.020). The building official may grant an extension of the permit application beyond one year where, in the judgment of the building official, extenuating circumstances exist that warrant such an extension and the development review approvals are being actively pursued. [clean-up]
- To update the inspection processes to allow virtual inspections when, in the opinion of the building official, the work is minor enough in nature that the inspection can be performed remotely. This enables the City the option of providing more timely inspections and aligns with the current protocol being used by the State of Washington Labor and Industries. [clean-up]
- To adjust the inspection scheduling timeframe from a 10-day maximum window to a three-day maximum window to complete the inspections upon the inspection request, to better align with department practices. [clean-up]
- To ensure the work being completed is the responsibility of the property owner, the project contractor, and the permit holder. Previously this was only the responsibility of the permit holder. [clean-up]
- To adjust the fee refund process to capture administrative costs, to better align with Council's target cost recovery policy. Fees assessed that are less than \$222 will be retained by the city as a non-refundable administrative processing fee unless the building official or fire code official determine that the fees assessed and collected were a result of an error by the City. [clean-up]

A more substantive clarification is recommended to VMC 17.32.040 "Unfit buildings, dwellings and structures defined" whereby each itemized defect listed in this chapter shall be considered a distinct code violation for the purpose of enforcement action under VMC Title 22, which will allow for individual violations to be addressed and resolved separately.

- *For the purposes of this chapter, any dwelling, building or structure which has any or all of the conditions or defects described in this section shall be deemed to be an unfit dwelling, building or structure, provided that such conditions or defects exist to the extent that the life, health, property or safety of the public is endangered. Each itemized defect listed in this chapter is considered a distinct code violation for the purpose of enforcement action under VMC Title 22.*

Request: On March 6, 2023, approve the Ordinance on first reading, setting the date of the second reading and public hearing for March 20, 2023.

Jason Nortz, Development Review Division Manager, 360-487-7844

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

7. Appointment to the Vancouver Housing Authority Board

The Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) Board is appointed by the Mayor to provide opportunities to people who experience barriers to housing because of income, disability or special needs in an environment which preserves personal dignity, and in a manner which maintains the public trust.

Recently Mayor McEnemy-Ogle interviewed four applicants, including one incumbent, for one position and recommends the reappointment of Joan Caley with a term beginning immediately and expiring February 1, 2028.

Request: Reappoint Joan Caley to the Vancouver Housing Authority Board of Directors, term beginning immediately and expiring February 1, 2028.

Mayor McEnemy-Ogle

Motion approved the request.

8. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for March 6, 2023.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$7,391,036.27.

Public Hearings (Item 9-11)

9. Kevanna Park Meadows Planned Development

Staff Report: 028-23

Option A

AN ORDINANCE approving the concept development plan for the Kevanna Park Meadows Planned Development; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Option B

AN ORDINANCE approving with conditions the concept development plan for the Kevanna Park Meadows Planned Development; and providing for severability and an effective date.

The applicant requests approval of a proposed planned development consisting of a 33-lot single-family subdivision totaling 6.08 acres in the R-6 Lower Density Residential zone.

Planned developments allow for flexibility in certain development standards in order to promote creativity in design and efficient use of the land; increase economic feasibility; and preserve existing landscape features and amenities. The proposed planned development includes over three acres of open space, as well as restoration of the Burnt Bridge Creek riparian management area through the planting of 70 native trees and 920 native shrubs.

Planned developments allow for an increase in density of up to 15% more lots than the maximum density of the R-6 District, which results in up to 33 lots. The proposed development is proposing 33 lots, only four more than is allowed under the standard R-6 requirement.

On Jan. 17, 2023, a duly noticed public hearing was conducted before the City's Land Use Hearings Examiner. On Feb. 1, 2023, the Hearings Examiner issued findings, conclusions and recommendations. The Hearings Examiner recommends that both the planned development and subdivision ordinance, subject to recommended conditions, be approved by City Council.

Request: On Monday, March 6, 2023, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve either the Option A ordinance or the Option B ordinance, with conditions, approving the planned development; and subject to the Council's decision on the

proposed ordinance, grant preliminary plat approval of the proposed subdivision.

Andrew Reule, Senior Planner, 360-487-7891

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the Quasi-Judicial Hearing for the Kevanna Park Meadows Planned Development.

Jonathan Young, City Attorney, provided an overview of the hearing and explained the guidelines of conducting the hearing invoking the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine. Mr. Young stated the Council would be asked to disclose any ex parte communication or other Appearance of Fairness issues pertaining to the matter.

Mr. Young then asked each member of the Council to disclose any direct or indirect financial benefit they could derive from the decision and determined there were no messages requiring disclosure.

All of the Councilmembers reported nothing to disclose.

Andrew Reule, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the Kevanna Park Meadows Planned Development. Time was provided to the applicant.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public testimony and received testimony from the following community members:

- Chad Stewart, Ginn Group, LLC, Vancouver (Applicant)
- Jayson Taylor, PLS Engineering, Vancouver (Applicant's Representative)

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public testimony.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried 4-1 to approve the Option B Ordinance. Councilmember Paulsen voted No.

Due to the Option B Ordinance only being presented to Council during this meeting, Option B Ordinance was scheduled to come back for final approval on March 20, 2023.

10. Stutesman Rezone Proposal

Staff Report: 029-23

AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20; amending the Vancouver Comprehensive

Plan and Zoning map designation for adjacent tax lots 159762000, 158901000, 604757000, and 159800000, located at 9309 NE 52nd Street, and 5204, 5206 and 5118 NE 94th Avenue, respectively; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

The approved Comprehensive Plan and zone change was for three adjacent properties, which carried four addresses (9309 NE 52nd St, 5204 NE 94th Avenue, 5205 NE 94th Avenue, 5118 NE 94th Avenue) and four assessor serial numbers (159762000, 158901000, 6047575000, 159800000), because one of the properties included two mobile homes. The adopting ordinance only referenced three parcel numbers and three addresses.

Request: On March 6, 2023, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve the attached ordinance.

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, 360-487-7946

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Stutesman Rezone Proposal.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- Kimberlee Goheen, La Center, WA

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance M-4405.

11. Revisions to Temporary 6-Month Moratorium Ordinance on Large Warehouses greater than 100,000 square feet in the IL Light Industrial and IH Heavy Industrial Districts

Staff Report: 030-23

AN ORDINANCE amending and restating Vancouver City Ordinance M-4396, an ordinance declaring an emergency and imposing a temporary moratorium for the duration of six months upon the acceptance and processing of applications for permits for the development or expansion of large warehouse and distribution facilities totaling more than 250,000 square feet under the Warehouse/Freight Movement use classification in the Light Industrial (IL) and Heavy Industrial (IH) zoning districts, as defined in Vancouver Municipal Code Title 20 or as otherwise allowed, such as by prior development agreement,

based on certain findings of fact justifying such action and adopted by City Council, and establishing an immediate effective date.

- *There have been seven pre-development or development applications for large warehouse and distribution facilities between 275,000 square feet up to 680,000 square feet, which are much larger than typical warehouses, for a total of 3.34 million square feet of proposed new warehouse structures;*
- *These extremely large facilities appear to be a growing trend in response to an increased demand for online shopping and parcel delivery, and the size of these new types of facilities and fast pace of this change is a growing concern in other communities throughout the U.S.;*
- *Such facilities consume vast amounts of limited industrial land, yet provide very few jobs per acre and offer typically low skill and low wage positions, and are therefore not a high priority use in the Clark County Economic Development Plan, which the City has adopted;*
- *A primary concern is the land-intensive nature of these large warehouses and low job creation, but other issues such as air pollution, implications on the City's climate action goals, increase in truck traffic to vulnerable neighborhoods, and appropriately locating such warehouses near major arterial routes and highways need to be analyzed;*
- *On February 6, 2023, City Council affirmed the moratorium but, in order to minimize impacts to local manufacturers or business-to-business storage needs, requested that the scope be narrowed as follows: 1) increase the total size of warehouse projects subject to the moratorium from 100,000 square feet to 250,000 square feet; 2) exempt the Port of Vancouver from the moratorium on property owned by the Port and provided that any warehouse is for shipment of bulk goods, not home delivery of retail goods; and 3) exempt warehouse facilities that are exclusively for traded sector goods;*
- *The initial moratorium was enacted by ordinance, therefore any changes to the scope including exemptions must also be enacted by ordinance, following a public hearing;*

Request: On March 6, 2023, subject to second reading and a public hearing, approve the ordinance.

Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, 360-487-7882

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chad Eiken, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the Temporary Moratorium Ordinance on Large Warehouses greater than 100,000 square feet.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- Heidi Cody, Vancouver
- Ron Arp, Vancouver
- Mike Bomar, Vancouver

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and carried 4-1 to approve Ordinance M-4406. Councilmember Fox voted No.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Complete Streets - McGillivray Blvd Safety and Mobility Project

Emily Benoit, Senior Planner, discussed the Complete Streets - McGillivray Blvd Safety and Mobility Project.

Community Court Program

Kevin McClure, City Prosecutor, discussed the Community Court Program.

Adjournment

9:20 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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Comment for council. Thanks!

Thanks!

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III



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Dear Council Members,

Thank you so much for all you do and with all you put up with in terms of people voicing their comments. I am quite sure all are not the most pleasant.

I am a recent transplant to the lovely city of Vancouver and I so, so am enjoying our lovely community. I know our community is very aware of animal cruelty and there are so many individuals who love animals and don't want to see them suffer.

Please, please vote **in favor of banning the sale of fur, foie gras and also preventing the sale of dogs/kittens from commercial stores.**

Let our Vancouver set the precedent for future cities to follow with that awareness to promote kindness to all humans and non-human animals.

Thank you so much.

Vancouver Resident,
Jane McIntosh



Vancouver, WA 98686

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Jane McIntosh, MA, CNS, E-RYT 500



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RE: Ban on sale of non-rescue kittens and puppies in pet stores

City Council

To Whom it May Concern-

I am writing this letter in support of banning the sale of non-rescue kittens and puppies in pet stores in Vancouver Washington and surrounding areas. Many cities and states have begun to implement this ban in order to help combat the disgusting, inhumane and torturous puppy and kitten mills across the United States. Allowing our pet stores to sell puppies and kittens is supporting those mills and keeping them in business. We as a city are complicit in allowing them to operate if we turn the other way in regard to our pet stores and where these animals come from. For a full list of cities and states who have already implemented Humane Pet Sale Laws- <https://bestfriends.org/advocacy/ending-puppy-mills/states-humane-pet-sales-laws>

When you buy a puppy or kitten from a pet store you are most likely supporting a mill, which is an inhumane breeding operation where profits take priority over the health and welfare of the animals. The animals live in small cages, often times only 6 inches larger than the animal itself, where the females are bred constantly in order to produce as many offspring as possible to supply pet stores. These dogs get little to no veterinary care, no love, spoiled food and rancid water and once they can no longer produce puppies they are tossed out or killed. The puppies and kittens get no socialization which leads to many behavioral problems which new owners are tasked to deal with, including aggression issues.

Many pets that are sold in our pet stores are sick and have behavioral issues from how they were raised in the mills and transported from other states. This burden is placed on the owners who buy those animals and then when those owners can't afford their care and medical bills, often times after exhausting credit options and driving up their debt, they end up in shelters or euthanized.

Shelters and rescues in our area are overrun and overcapacity with little to no resources available to combat the rising numbers of kittens and puppies. Many rescues and shelters are considered no-kill but I fear this status may be in jeopardy if we continue to allow pet stores to sell puppy and kitten mill animals. Pet stores should be working in support of shelters by offering animals for adoption within their business. This would help stop puppy and kitten mills, help get more adoptable pets into homes, and alleviate the strain the shelters and rescues are currently under.

I have been the President of Furry Friends for almost 4 years now and have witnessed first hand the huge pressure shelters are under to help as many animals as possible, continue providing them with amazing care, remain no-kill and continue to be at capacity with little to no resources available. We currently spend close to \$150,000 a year just in medical expenses for the cats and kittens in our care, not to mention the food it takes to keep them healthy. Banning the sale of kittens and puppies in pet stores would be one step in the right direction to support the city's shelters, many of which are volunteer ran and all are non-profit. These organizations are vital within our community and deserve as much support as possible.

Currently, the State of Washington House bill 1424 passed in April 2021 prevents NEW pet stores from being able to sell puppies and kittens but, does not encompass existing pet stores. Other cities in Washington have stepped-up for animal welfare and enacted laws to prevent supporting mills such as Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Poulsbo, Gig Harbor, Kitsap County, Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater. Many

states have supported this initiative and prohibit pet stores from selling dogs and cats sourced from commercial breeders, such as California, Maine and Maryland, and instead stores can offer available for adoption animals from rescues and shelters.

I urge you to consider this matter a top priority for animal welfare in our area and as a whole across the Nation. We, in the Pacific Northwest, are known for our love and care of our animals. We need to continue to show that and be leaders in the fight to stop puppy and kitten mills and the inhumane treatment of animals for profit.

I would also like to show my support for the ban on the sale of foie gras and the ban on the sale of new fur products. As animal welfare advocates it is important that we take a stand against all animal cruelty within our communities and educate the public on these matters. Taking the steps to enact new laws will help to educate the community around these pressing issues and help to put an end to animals' needless suffering.

Ending the sale of new fur products will help to embrace the cruelty-free culture we, as a society, should embrace. These animals spend their lives in cages, in cruel conditions, solely for their fur. Most of the furs that are here are imported from China where there are no animal welfare regulations for fur animals. Tests on fur in the United States have shown that these fur products are also made up of cats and dogs. Cities across America have already begun to enact laws to prevent the sale of new fur products, as well as other countries, such as the UK.

Many other countries such as the UK, Italy, Germany, Finland, Poland, etc. have also banned the sale of foie gras due to the horrendous treatment of ducks in order to get this "product". Several states in the US have banned this as well including California and New York. We do not need to support the cruel treatment of animals in order to put money in people's pockets. By not passing these laws it shows that we support this, we support ducks being force fed until their livers enlarge and they die a horrible death. They don't get to be animals in nature like they are meant to be, they live in tiny, filthy cages, are abused and tortured. It is appalling and no city, state, or country should support this or turn the other way while it is happening.

Many people in the Pacific Northwest take steps to ensure they are living a cruelty-free lifestyle from makeup products, to food, to household cleaners. I know our community needs these laws and supports these laws. We do not need to torture and abuse animals for products or to make a profit. If you would like additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to jaimiegarverff@yahoo.com

Thank you for your consideration on these matters.

Jaimie Garver

Furry Friends

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Dear Council Members,

RE: Humane Treatment of Animals workshop

Alley Cat Pet Center has been a tenant in good standing at the Vancouver Mall for the past 28 years. They have proven to keep good accounting records of the local dog breeders' they purchase animals from and have always provided good customer service to the community. The mall documents all customer complaints, in the past 4 years, I have not received many complaints against Alley Cat Pet Center. I also purchased a dog from Alley Cat Pet Center and believe that Larry Zimmer cares about

the animals, ensures their health and verifies they are being placed into good homes.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Peters
Senior General Manager
Vancouver Mall

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AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL ANIMALS

PETA

March 1, 2023

Dear Councilmembers and Mayor:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our thousands of members and supporters in Clark County to express support for the proposed bans on the sale of fur and foie gras in Vancouver.

For decades, PETA entities have exposed horrific cruelty to animals on fur farms around the world. Investigators have documented that animals are electrocuted, bludgeoned, gassed, and even skinned alive. This cruelty is why—even before the pandemic—fur was a dying industry. Almost all major designers and retailers—including Macy's, Chanel, Prada, Gucci, Versace, Burberry, and Michael Kors—have banned it, and California and Israel have done so as well. In addition, a number of countries, including Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the U.K., have banned fur farming outright or passed strict animal welfare laws that have effectively made it economically unviable.

Foie gras is the diseased livers of force-fed birds. Many people are surprised to learn that birds on foie gras farms are force-fed using a barbaric and cruel method. As you can see in this [PETA video exposé](#) of Hudson Valley Foie Gras, several pounds of fat and grain are pumped into birds' stomachs every day through tubes that are shoved down their throats. This overfeeding method causes their livers to become painfully diseased and to swell to up to 10 times their normal size. Investigations of every major foie gras farm in the U.S. as well as many across Europe have revealed sick, dying, and dead animals—some with holes in their necks from injuries received during force-feeding. Those who survive the process are violently killed, and their bloated livers are sold.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that cramming sick and stressed animals together in unsanitary conditions creates the perfect breeding grounds for the emergence of dangerous zoonotic diseases, which can jump to humans from other species. On fur farms, minks, foxes, and other animals are confined to wire cages and packed together so tightly that blood, urine, and excrement can easily contaminate adjacent cages. As a deadly airborne and contact disease, COVID-19 has spread like wildfire on mink fur factory farms all over the world—including in Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Spain, and the U.S.—after workers infected minks with the novel coronavirus. Avian flu is currently ripping through chicken, turkey, and duck populations in the U.S., and scientists are closely monitoring whether it jumps to humans.

We hope you will set a compassionate example by passing both of these ordinances to protect animals and public health.

Sincerely,

Tracy Reiman
Executive Vice President

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To Whom This May Concern:

I currently have 3 large dogs; 1 from the Humane Society, 1 from a person whose dog "accidentally got pregnant" and 1 from Alley Cat. Our rescue dog has so much previous trauma and anxiety. He was estimated to be 9 months old and travelled from California. This poor dog hides from loud sounds, dropped shoes, seeing a power tool and so much more, I can't imagine what my poor dog had to go through to find a good home. Our second pup was advertised on Facebook by a friend to sell her mixed puppies. This dog has been a dream dog, we picked her up at 7 weeks old and welcomed her in our home.

We then decided we wanted a specific breed and contacted Alley Cat. After having a good experience visiting their retail location we asked more information, they took down our number and called us when they had the puppy available that we were looking for. We worked closely with the owner Larry, he gave us a guarantee of health and our first visit to the veterinarian was covered.

After all 3 experiences, I would sadly say I will not buy a puppy from a shelter again. Not knowing their history, trauma and the obstacles that we have had to go through to better his life was straining on our family for his first year adjusting to our family.

I support Alley Cat having dogs available for adoption (purchase) for families like mine. When we are ready to add to our family we will be visiting Alley Cat again.

Cristina Berry

From: [Elizabeth Oreck](#)
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Honorable Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor Pro Tem Stober and esteemed Council members:

On behalf of [Best Friends Animal Society](#) and our Washington members, supporters, partners and staff, please find attached a letter in support of an ordinance to restrict the retail sale of dogs and cats in Vancouver pet stores. Also attached are a few resource documents that you may find useful.

Best Friends is one of the leading animal welfare organizations in the United States. We are committed to fighting the cruelty of puppy and kitten mills, and we believe that a humane pet sales ordinance in Vancouver will be a positive step to that end.

We have been proud to work with the majority of the [more than 460 cities, counties and states](#) throughout Washington and across the country that have enacted humane pet sales legislation, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can offer any assistance.

Thank you very much in advance for your consideration and support of this important proposal.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Oreck
National Manager, Puppy Mill Initiatives
Best Friends Animal Society
bestfriends.org





Responsible vs. Irresponsible

Responsible/Hobby Breeders	Puppy Mills/Backyard Breeders
Breed for love/improvement of breed	Breed solely for profit
Screen for genetic defects	Do not screen for genetic defects
Have a small number of dogs	Have a large number of dogs
Usually breed only one breed	Breed multiple breeds
Only sell directly to buyer	Will sell to 3 rd parties (pet stores, brokers, online)
Usually spay & neuter	Do not spay & neuter
Dog can always be returned to breeder	Dogs cannot be returned
Dogs generally live in the home	Dogs do not live in the home
Typically breed only once a year	Typically breed every cycle
Will allow you to see where dogs are raised	Will not allow you to visit facility



Executive Summary: Scientific studies of dogs and puppies from commercial dog-breeding establishments (puppy mills)

BACKGROUND

Commercial breeding establishments, or puppy mills, are large-scale facilities where dogs are confined in small enclosures for their entire reproductive lives with little to no exercise or positive human contact. The sole purpose of such facilities is to mass-produce puppies to sell them for profit through retail pet stores and via the Internet.

SYNOPSIS

In two large-scale studies of dogs from high-volume commercial breeding establishments (one study focusing on the adult breeding dogs and the other on the puppies sold through pet stores), the evidence showed conclusively that these breeding facilities are highly injurious to both groups of dogs, resulting in severe, extensive and long-term harm to the behavioral and psychological well-being of the dogs.

Study 1: The adult breeding dogs

WHAT THE STUDY LOOKED AT

This study compared a wide array of psychological and behavioral characteristics of 1,169 dogs formerly kept for breeding purposes in commercial breeding establishments with pet dogs owned by members of the general public.

RESEARCHERS

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THE PUBLISHED PAPER

Mental health of dogs formerly used as 'breeding stock' in commercial breeding establishments. FD McMillan, DL Duffy, JA Serpell. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* 2011; 135: 86-94.

WHAT THE STUDY FOUND

- The results showed a broad range of abnormal behavioral and psychological characteristics in the former breeding dogs from large-scale commercial breeding establishments, including significantly elevated levels of fears and phobias; pronounced compulsive and repetitive behaviors, such as spinning in tight circles and pacing; house soiling; and a heightened sensitivity to being touched and picked up.
- The psychological harm demonstrated in these dogs is severe and long-lasting. Much of the harm is irreparable and will remain a continued source of suffering for years after the dogs leave the breeding facility, in some cases for the entire lifetime of the dog.

CONCLUSIONS

- Current laws at both the national and state levels are not based on current scientific knowledge of animal psychology, quality of life, suffering, and welfare, and are thus inadequate to protect dogs from the psychological harm resulting from living in commercial breeding establishments.
- Legislation to adequately protect the welfare of dogs in confinement needs to be updated to reflect current scientific knowledge.

To obtain a copy of the published study, contact Dr. Frank McMillan (dr.frank@bestfriends.org).

Study 2: The puppies

WHAT THE STUDY LOOKED AT

This study compared the psychological and behavioral characteristics of 431 adult dogs who were purchased as puppies from pet stores with adult dogs purchased as puppies from small-scale, private breeders.

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THE PUBLISHED PAPER

Differences in behavioral characteristics between dogs obtained as puppies from pet stores and those obtained from noncommercial breeders. FD McMillan, JA Serpell, DL Duffy, E Masaoud, IR Dohoo. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 2013; 242: 1359-1363.

WHAT THE STUDY FOUND

- Dogs obtained as puppies from pet stores received significantly less favorable scores than breeder-obtained dogs on most behavioral variables measured. Compared with dogs obtained as puppies from noncommercial breeders, dogs from pet stores had significantly greater aggression toward human family members, unfamiliar people and other dogs; greater fear of other dogs and typical life events; and greater separation-related problems and house soiling.
- For no behavior evaluated in the study did pet store dogs score more favorably than noncommercial breeder dogs.
- The chances of a dog developing serious behavior problems is much higher for dogs purchased as puppies from pet stores, as compared to dogs obtained from small, noncommercial breeders.

CONCLUSIONS

- On the basis of these findings, combined with findings from earlier small-scale studies of dogs obtained from pet stores, until the causes of the unfavorable differences detected in this group of dogs can be specifically identified and remedied, the authors of this study withhold any recommendation that puppies be obtained from pet stores.

- Dogs sold by pet stores are misrepresented to consumers as a high-quality product, because the data now shows that consumers are not receiving what they believe they are paying for. The increased risk of behavior problems that pet store customers face as their dog matures includes aggression issues, which pose a significant risk of human injury. Consumer protective legislation is urgently needed in this area.
- Legislation to improve the conditions in the large-scale commercial breeding facilities supplying puppies to pet stores is needed to assure that the puppies are not at any increased risk of maturing into adult dogs with serious behavior problems.

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Overall Conclusions

- Current laws provide inadequate protection against harm to breeding dogs and puppies associated with commercial breeding establishments.
- Consumers purchasing puppies from pet stores are unknowingly assuming a risk of difficult and serious behavior problems in their dogs, including dog behavior that can endanger their own safety.
- If dogs are to be bred to produce puppies for sale, all of the dogs and puppies should be assured a decent quality of life based on the most current scientific research.

For More Information

For more about Best Friends Animal Society, go to bestfriends.org. To learn about Best Friends' puppy mill initiatives and what you can do to help, visit puppymills.bestfriends.org.



Breeder Codes of Ethics re: Pet Store Puppy and Kitten Sales

If one visits the website of the American Kennel Club (AKC), one of the oldest and most respected breed club registries in the world, one can access the Breeder Code of Ethics on the websites listed in their national parent club directory for AKC-recognized breeds.* One of the most common provisos is that ***breeders must agree never to sell their puppies to pet stores.***

Below is a partial list of examples from the AKC and other breed club sites, as well as cat fancier clubs.

Affenpinscher Club of America

(affenpinscher.org)

Code of Ethics: *Members do not sell litters wholesale, or sell to (or place Affenpinschers with) pet shops, pet dealers of any kind, catalog houses, or any other commercial distributors.*

Airedale Terrier Club of America

(airedale.org)

Code of Ethics: *In sale/placement transactions, we endeavor to refuse to sell an Airedale Terrier of any age to pet dealers, catalog houses, or any other commercial sources of distribution.*

Akita Club of America

(akitaclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *I will refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies to pet shops and I will include in all stud contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from the mating will be wholesaled, sold or given to pet shops or wholesale dog breeders or dealers.*

Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.

(alaskanmalamute.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall knowingly be involved in the sale/placement of puppies/dogs through retail or wholesale outlets, mail order businesses, dog dealers/agents/brokers, or act as a finder for such operations.*

American Bloodhound Club

(bloodhounds.org)

Code of Ethics: *As a member of the American Bloodhound Club: I agree not to engage in the practice of providing any Bloodhound to any individual, commercial wholesaler, or retailer for the purpose of resale.*

American Boxer Club

(americanboxerclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *The following infractions are considered to be actions contrary to the best interest of the breed and/or the American Boxer Club: Selling, consigning or disposing of a puppy or an adult Boxer to a pet shop, chain of pet shops or any commercial kennel for resale.*

American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.

(ackcsc.org)

General Code of Conduct: *I will not: 1. Knowingly falsify a pedigree, health screening or breeding information. 2. Sell Cavaliers to pet shops, brokers or third party dealers. 3. Supply or sell Cavaliers for auctions, raffles, flea markets or*

any other such enterprise. 4. Knowingly sell to unethical breeders, or sell to persons whose intention is resale. 5. Purchase any Cavalier or any litter for resale either to an individual or a commercial establishment.

American Chinese Crested Club

(chinese Crestedclub.info)

Code of Ethics: *No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or individual Chinese Cresteds or the selling of breeding stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, nor shall he engage in overbreeding his own bitches for profit with no regard for quality.*

American Eskimo Dog Club of America

(aedca.org)

Code of Ethics: *Never to sell any puppies to pet stores or commercial dog brokers, or to allow any of my puppies or dogs to be used in any kind of promotional activities, such as a prize in a raffle.*

American Fox Terrier Club

(aftc.org)

Code of Ethics: *Under no condition shall dogs be sold to pet dealers or any other source of commercial distribution.*

American Hairless Terrier Club of America, Inc.

(ahta.info)

Code of Ethics: *No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or individual American Hairless Terriers or the selling of breeding stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, nor shall he engage in over-breeding his own bitches for profit with no regard for quality.*

American Lhasa Apso Club

(lhasaapso.org)

Code of Ethics: *ALAC does not consider ethical any of the following practices: the consignment or sale outright to pet shops, catalogue houses, animal brokers, or other commercial sources of distribution.*

American Maltese Association, Inc.

(americanmaltese.org)

Code of Ethics: *I will not knowingly deal with dog wholesalers, commercial retailers, brokers or unethical dog breeders, nor supply dogs for raffles, "give away" prizes or other such projects.*

American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.

(amsc.us)

Code of Ethics: *The breeder will not sell or dispose of any dog through pet shops, wholesalers, commercial dealers or paid agents.*

American Pointer Club

(americanpointerclub.org)

Constitution & By-Laws: *Dogs sold or placed will never be knowingly sold to, or through, pet stores (even on commission), sold as wholesale litters, sold at dog auctions, offered as prizes for a raffle or lottery, or sold to commercial breeding operations or persons acting as an agent for a commercial breeding operation.*

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.

(americanpomeranianclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.*

American Shetland Sheepdog Association

(americanshetlandsheepdogassociation.org)

Guidelines for Ethical Behavior: *A responsible breeder prohibits the sale of animals or the provision of stud services/brood matrons to commercial operations, including puppy mills, pet shops, brokers, laboratories, auctions, raffles, or contest giveaways.*

American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.

(shihtzu.org)

Code of Ethics: *I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions.*

American Spaniel Club, Inc.

(americanspanielclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *Breeders shall refrain from selling puppies to pet shops either outright or on consignment; refrain from supplying puppies for auctions, raffles, or other such enterprises; refrain from selling to persons whose intention to resell is known or suspected; refrain from breeding litters primarily for the pet market.*

American Staffordshire Terrier Club of America

(amstaff.org)

Code of Ethics: *Refuse to sell any American Staffordshire Terrier to any pet shop or any wholesale dealer in dogs.*

American Whippet Club, Inc.

(americanwhippetclub.net)

Code of Ethics: *No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of Whippet puppies, or the sale of breeding stock or individuals to pet shops or other commercial sources of distribution.*

Anatolian Shepherd Dogs International, Inc.

(anatoliandog.org)

Code of Ethics: *Any puppy or dog placed by a member shall not be raffled, sold through a broker, or other commercial means, or be surrendered to any animal shelter.*

Australian Cattle Dog Club of America

(acdca.org)

Code of Ethics: *As an ACDCA Code of Ethics Breeder, I agree that no puppies will be knowingly sold to franchised commercial facilities, puppy brokers, puppy mills or agents thereof.*

Australian Shepherd Club of America

(asca.org)

Code of Ethics: *The breeder should be discriminating in the sale of his puppies and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed. With this in mind, Australian Shepherds shall not be donated for raffles, giveaways, or sold to dog wholesalers or retailers, such as pet shops.*

Australian Terrier Club of America

(australianterrier.org)

Code of Ethics: *Under no circumstances, engage in the wholesale buying and/or selling of dogs or litters of puppies. At no time shall a member sell to such places as catalog or wholesale houses, electronic/virtual pet outlets, pet shops, pet dealers/distributors, research laboratories or any speculative source of distribution.*

Basenji Club of America

(basenji.org)

Code of Recommended Practices: *Ethical breeders do not consign Basenjis to pet stores, animal brokers, or commercial kennels.*

Basset Hound Club of America

(basset-bhca.com)

Breeder Code of Ethical Conduct: *No member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of breeding stock to commercial sales operations.*

National Beagle Club of America

(nationalbeagleclub.org)

Guidelines for Ethical Conduct: *No Supporting Member of this club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters.*

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

(bmdca.org)

Code of Conduct: BMDCA members agree to ensure to their best ability that all dogs they place are not brokered, wholesaled, or consigned through a pet shop, auction or other commercial establishment; and are not offered as prizes in contests, raffles or fundraising events.

Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

(bichon.org)

Code of Ethics: *Members will NEVER sell puppies or adults to pet stores, either on consignment or outright, nor supply any Bichon for raffles or other such enterprises, including donations for fund raisers or shelters.*

Border Collie Society of America

(bordercolliesociety.com)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall sell, consign or donate dogs to commercial dog wholesalers, retailers (pet shops), laboratories, or raffles.*

Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.

(bostonterrierclubofamerica.org)

Code of Ethics: *I will sell no Boston Terrier to a commercial facility, puppy broker, pet shop, puppy mill or their agent.*

Bulldog Club of America

(bulldogclubofamerica.org)

Breeder's Code of Ethics: *Responsible breeders refuse to sell or recommend breeders who do not conform to the ideals and obligations expressed in this Code and shall not engage in wholesaling litters or in individual sales or consignments of pups or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments, nor shall they be donated or given as prizes in contests, raffles, or fund- raising events, no matter how charitable.*

Cairn Terrier Club of America

(cairnterrier.org)

Code of Ethics: *Breeders pledge to avoid engaging in wholesaling, mass production, or distribution of Cairn Terriers and from selling breeding stock to pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial sources of distribution. Dealers who sell dogs to commercial outlets will not be considered for membership.*

Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.

(chihuahuacubofamerica.com)

Code of Ethics: *I pledge to be responsible for all Chihuahuas that I have produced for their entire life- time by never buying, selling or trading my/our Chihuahuas to research laboratories, pet stores, or to auctions nor placing them in rescue groups.*

Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.

(cspca.com)

Breeders Code of Conduct: *I agree to never sell or give any puppy or dog to pet stores either on consignment or outright.*

Collie Club of America, Inc.

(collieclubofamerica.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall knowingly sell or place, trade or give any Collie of any age to pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources; nor shall Collies be given as prizes, auctioned, or exploited to the detriment of the breed.*

Dachshund Club of America, Inc.

(dachshund-dca.org)

Code of Ethics: *To never supply a Dachshund to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers, raffles or similar projects.*

Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.

(thedca.org)

Ethical Guidelines: I hereby pledge to ensure that puppies and adults produced by my brood bitch or stud dog are never knowingly sold or consigned to pet stores, wholesalers, or commercial dealers.

Doberman Pinscher Club of America

(dpca.org)

Code of Ethics: *No Doberman shall be sold to persons directly or indirectly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, pet shops selling dogs, litter lot sales or any other wholesale distributor whose business is involved in like activities.*

French Bull Dog Club of America

(frenchbulldogclub.org)

Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship: *As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will not sell a French Bulldog to any commercial facility, puppy brokers, pet shop, puppy mill or agent thereof.*

German Shepherd Dog Club of America

(gsdca.org)

Club Code of Conduct: *No GSD will be sold to wholesalers or retail stores for the purpose of resale. Breeders Code: I hereby pledge to refuse to sell or recommend breeders who do not conform to the ideals and obligations expressed in this Code and refuse all sales to dog wholesalers and retailers.*

Golden Retriever Club of America

(grca.org)

Responsibilities as a Breeder: *Members should not sell dogs at auction, or to brokers or commercial dealers.*

Great Dane Club of America

(gdca.org)

Code of Ethics: *All breeders and owners of Great Danes shall not wholesale litters of Great Danes, sell to Brokers or Pet Shops, provide any animal for prize or raffle purposes.*

Great Pyrenees Club of America

(gpcaonline.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall engage in wholesaling litters, or in individual sales or consignments of pups or adults to pet shops, dealers, catalog houses or other commercial establishments.*

Greyhound Club of America

(greyhoundcluboramericainc.org)

Ethical Standards: *Breeders shall not knowingly sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores, puppy brokers or other commercial dealers.*

Havanese Club of America

(havanese.org)

Code of Ethics: *No Havanese will be sold to pet dealers, pet stores, pet wholesalers, or pet brokers either singly or in litter lots.*

Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.

(irishsetterclub.org)

Principles of Integrity: *All members agree to refuse to sell to commercial wholesalers, retailers or to research laboratories.*

Irish Wolfhound Club of America

(iwclubofamerica.org)

Codes and Standards of Conduct and Behavior: *All Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc. members agree to not abandon any Irish Wolfhound or knowingly sell, trade or give an Irish Wolfhound to a pet shop, wholesaler or broker.*

Italian Greyhound Club of America

(italiangrehound.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member of IGCA shall sell, consign, or donate Italian Greyhounds to such places as commercial/USDA breeders, pet stores, pet brokers, or catalog houses.*

Keeshond Club of America

(keeshond.org)

Code of Ethics: *A KCA member does not, under any circumstances, sell, consign, or lease puppies or adults to pet shops or any commercial establishment, broker, distributor or wholesaler, and includes a contractual prohibition on any such actions by purchasers or lessees.*

Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.

(minpin.org)

Code of Ethics: *No Miniature Pinscher shall be sold to commercial facilities; research laboratories; pet shops; brokers who purchase litter lots or individuals for re-sale to pet shops or other commercial facilities, puppy mills or their agents.*

National Shiba (Inu) Club of America, Inc.

(shibas.org)

Code of Ethics: *As a member of the National Shiba Club of America, I will refuse to knowingly sell dogs to wholesalers, retailers, puppy mills or dog fighters.*

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

(ncanewfs.org)

Ethics Guide: Responsibilities of Members: *To refuse to sell Newfoundland dogs to any pet shop, or any wholesale dealer in dogs, or knowingly to sell or aid or abet the sale of any Newfoundland to a person or agent who will sell the animal through a pet shop.*

Norfolk Terrier Club

(norfolkterrierclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall sell a puppy or an adult dog to a pet shop, laboratory, wholesale dealer or any other questionable person.*

Norwich Terrier Club of America

(norwichterrierclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *The following [is] grounds for disciplinary action: Placing, selling, or aiding and abetting in the sale of a Norwich Terrier to a laboratory, pet shop, wholesale dealer, broker, virtual pet outlet, auction, or any other inappropriate situation.*

Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.

(oldenglishsheepdogclubofamerica.org)

Code of Ethics: *Puppies may not be sold from any temporary marketplace or transient headquarters, no litters purchased or taken on consignment for resale, nor dogs wholesaled to pet shops, auctions, dealers, contest sponsors, raffles, etc.*

Papillon Club of America, Inc.

(papillonclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member of the Papillon Club of America will sell at wholesale or to retail outlets, brokers, pet shops, mail order houses, or businesses of similar commercial enterprise, or donate a dog to be offered as a prize.*

Pekingese Club of America

(pekingeseclubofamerica.com)

Code of Ethics: *No member of The Pekingese Club of America will sell at wholesale or to retail outlets, brokers, pet shop, mail order houses, or businesses of similar commercial enterprise, or donate a dog to be offered as a prize.*

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.

(pembrokecorgi.org)

Code of Ethics: *Members shall not release Pembroke Welsh Corgi litters, puppies or adults to pet dealers, commercial retailers or distributors or to any party for the purpose of resale, auction, lottery or raffle prize.*

Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Inc.

(ph-club.org)

Code of Ethics: *No bitch shall be bred for commercial reasons. No Pharaoh Hound will be sold to commercial facilities, businesses, nor agents thereof.*

Poodle Club of America

(poodleclubofamerica.org)

Code of Ethics: *As a breeder, I screen prospective buyers or individuals with whom a dog is placed. Buyers will be carefully screened for puppies and/or older dogs that are sold or placed.*

Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.

(pwdca.org)

Section 1 - All PWDCA Members shall: *Not sell, place or consign any Portuguese Water Dog to a commercial facility, business or agent thereof.*

Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.

(pugs.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall EVER sell or donate dogs for auctions or raffles, or to pet shops, catalog houses, brokers or for resale purposes.*

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States

(rrcus.org)

Code of Ethics: *Members will not knowingly furnish puppies or adult dogs for wholesale, pet shops, puppy brokers, commercial facilities, guard dog businesses or agents thereof, or dispose of them as "Give away" prizes or auction items; neither will they sell puppies to nor breed to dogs owned by those whom they have reason to believe may do so.*

Samoyed Club of America, Inc.

(samoyedclubofamerica.org)

Code of Ethics: *The SCA member does not sell, consign, or transfer puppies, or adults to pet shops, wholesale dealers, contest sponsors, or anyone who is known to degrade the Samoyed breed or purebred dogs, or to individuals contemplating breeding and/or sale to the aforementioned.*

Scottish Terrier Club of America

(stca.biz)

Code of Ethics: *Not knowingly sell a Scottish Terrier of any age to a pet shop, catalog house, laboratory or any wholesale dealer in dogs (a dealer being a person who regularly buys dogs for sale at profit), or to any person who sells to any of the above.*

Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.

(shca.org)

Code of Ethics: *I pledge that I will refuse to deal with dog wholesalers or to sell puppies or dogs to pet shops, and I will include in all stud contracts an agreement to be signed by the owner of the bitch that no puppies resulting from the mating will be wholesaled or sold to pet shops.*

Skye Terrier Club of America

(clubs.akc.org/skye)

Code of Ethics: *To refrain from knowingly selling, trading, or giving Skye Terriers or providing stud service to a commercial breeder, pet shop, research laboratory or any person known to be unethical in his/her dealings in purebred dogs.*

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, Inc.

(scwta.org)

Code of Ethics: *As an owner, breeder or member who places Wheaten Terriers in new homes, I will: neither place Wheaten Terriers with nor provide stud dog service to pet dealers, wholesalers, brokers, laboratories, individuals conducting raffles, contests, auctions, or other types of giveaways, or anyone unethical in their dealings with the public or their dealings with or treatment of animals.*

Spinone Club of America

(spinoneclubofamerica.com)

Code of Conduct: *Members will not sell, transfer or consign a dog to pet shops, unethical breeders, or other commercial ventures including lotteries, raffles or auctions.*

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America

(sbtca.com)

Code of Ethics: *Litters shall not be sold to a person en-bloc, to commercial sources, or for purposes of resale.*

St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.

(saintbernardclub.org)

Guidelines and Statement of Policy: *No member shall buy or sell St. Bernards through commercial pet outlets, nor buy or sell in litter lots, nor sell to persons whose activities tend to degrade the Breed.*

Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.

(ttca-online.org)

Guidelines for Responsible Breeders: *A responsible breeder does not sell or consign Tibetan Terriers to pet shops or other commercial dealers, nor does he breed his animals to their animals.*

United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club

(Neapolitan.org)

Code of Ethics: *I will not sell to pet stores, department stores or to or through those who purchase with intention to resell (brokers).*

Vizsla Club of America, Inc.

(vcaweb.org)

Code of Ethics: *VCA members shall not breed, sell, consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles.*

Weimaraner Club of America

(weimaranerclubofamerica.org)

Code of Ethics: *The owner/breeder shall not breed, sell or consign puppies or adults to pet shops or other commercial dealers.*

West Highland White Terrier Club of America

(westieclubamerica.com)

Code of Ethics: *No member shall knowingly sell, lease, loan, trade, give, consign or otherwise provide any dog, or any stud service to any pet shop, catalogue house, research laboratory, or any wholesale dealer in dogs, or to any person who sells to pet shops, catalogue houses, laboratories, or person or entity that deals in dogs for resale.*

Xoloitzcuintli Club of America, Inc.

(xoloitzcuintliclubofamerica.org)

Code of Recommended Ethical Practices: *No dogs/puppies shall be placed, sold, provided or supplied for purposes of dog fighting or crossbreeding, to any commercial or laboratory establishments, nor for resale by a broker, or for raffle or auction.*

Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.

(theyorkshireterrierclubofamerica.org)

Code of Conduct: *Puppies will not be sold or consigned to pet stores, agents, or other commercial enterprises nor sold to disreputable breeders*

* <https://webapps.akc.org/club-search/#/national>

Cat Fanciers Codes of Ethics re: Pet Store Kitten Sales

Abyssinian Cat Club of America

(abyworld.com)

Code of Ethics: *We shall not sell, lease, or give any cat or kitten to any pet shop animal shelter, research laboratory, or similar facility.*

Bengal Cat Club

(registeredbengals.com)

Breeder Agreement: *I will not sell cats or kittens to wholesalers or retailers.*

Burmese Cat Club

(burmesecatclub.com)

Code of Ethics: *Breeders should never sell cats or kittens to commercial wholesalers, retailers or dealers.*

Devon Rex Breed Club

(devonrexbreedclub.com)

Code of Ethics: *I will not knowingly conduct business with or recommend breeders who sell cats to wholesalers or retailers, and will not buy or sell in litter lots.*

Maine Coon Breeder & Fanciers Association

(mcbfa.org)

Code of Ethics: *Breeders must not deal with wholesalers or retailers, provide a Maine Coon for raffle purposes, or buy/sell in litter lots.*

International Bengal Cat Society

(bengalcat.com)

Code of Ethics: *I shall refuse to sell to, to buy from, or to recommend breeders who sell to cat wholesalers or retailers.*

Ragdoll Fanciers

(rfwclub.org)

Code of Ethics: *Members shall not broker cats/kittens to commercial cat wholesalers or retail pet dealers.*

Savannah Cat Association

(savannahcatassociation.org)

[“Never Buy a Savannah from a Pet Store”](#) article

Tonkinese Breed Association

(tonkinesebreedassociation.org)

Code of Ethics: *No member of the TBA will sell or otherwise transfer ownership of cats in his/her possession to any retail pet establishment, or to any wholesaler of cats.*



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27 February 2023

Vancouver, WA City Council
Sent via Email

Re: Support for a humane pet sales ordinance

Honorable Mayor McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor Pro Tem Stober and esteemed Council members:

On behalf of [Best Friends Animal Society](#) and our Washington members, supporters, partners and staff, I am pleased to offer support for an ordinance to prevent inhumanely bred companion animals from being sold in Vancouver pet stores. We urge you to join Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Poulsbo, Gig Harbor, Kitsap County, Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and [more than 450 other cities, counties and states](#) throughout North America that have enacted sensible and effective legislation to prevent pet stores from selling commercially bred pets, and instead allow for the adoption of pets sourced from shelters or rescue groups, while also allowing responsible breeders to continue selling directly to the public.

Pet mills, particularly puppy mills, are a serious problem in the U.S. These facilities, which supply nearly 100% of commercial puppy stores, are cruel and inhumane breeding factories in which profit takes priority over the health, comfort and welfare of the animals.

Although the USDA regulates most commercial breeders, the minimum federal standards do not ensure a safe or healthy life for pets. These types of kennels can legally have more than a thousand dogs in one facility, and these dogs are allowed to be confined to cages only six inches larger than their bodies for their entire lives, breeding continuously in order to produce as many puppies as possible for the pet trade. And USDA inspection reports show that many USDA-licensed breeders continue to sell animals to pet stores even after being cited for serious violations at their facilities. In other words, having a USDA license does **not** guarantee humane or ethical breeding.

Because the focus is solely on profit, commercial breeding operations typically cut all possible corners to keep their overhead low, at the expense of the health and well-being of their animals. For the unsuspecting consumer, this frequently results in the purchase of a pet facing an array of immediate [veterinary problems](#) or harboring genetic diseases that surface down the line. This creates a financial burden on the consumer and can result in pets being surrendered to overcrowded, taxpayer-subsidized shelters. Thus, this is not just an animal welfare issue but a consumer protection concern that has a direct impact on local taxpayers.

It makes little sense to continue manufacturing dogs and cats while so many are being killed for lack of space. Public education has been effective, but until communities take the initiative to halt the supply of pets imported from substandard commercial facilities, there can be no hope of preventing these unnecessary deaths.

Pet stores rely on commercial pet mills and their distributors to supply their pets because ethical breeders won't sell to pet stores for two simple reasons: it's not financially viable and they don't sell to third parties. They want to know where those pets are going. They want to meet the people who are going to care for that animal. And that's why the pledge never to sell a pet to a pet store can be found verbatim in every reputable breeder's code of ethics, including virtually all of the parent breed clubs promoted by the American Kennel Club, as well as the national cat fancier associations (see attached document).

[Ethical breeders](#) encourage potential buyers to visit the home where the animals were bred, they conduct an interview to be sure the match is the best one for both the buyer and the animal, and they require a contract that requires the buyer to provide good care, to spay and neuter the animal, and to return the pet to the breeder if things don't work out at any point over the pet's lifetime. These sensible provisions cannot apply when animals are sold through pet stores.

Also concerning is the fact 21 states have been hit by an outbreak of a strain of bacteria ([Campylobacter](#)) that is linked to puppies sold through puppy stores. Campylobacter is resistant to antibiotics and contagious to humans. Vancouver residents should not be exposed to this serious public health threat — particularly now, when public health is so vulnerable.

Those who benefit most from companion animal sales in pet stores are the retailers themselves. While they may profit from the practice of buying these pets at a low price from commercial brokers and then selling them at a high price (typically without first spaying or neutering them), it is the taxpaying public who pays for animal control to house and kill unwanted animals in the community.

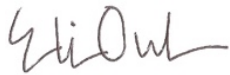
Further, many pet stores are frequently accused of [predatory lending](#) by offering financing upwards of 160%, creating a serious and unexpected financial strain on the consumer, sometimes resulting in an obligation for ongoing payments for [a pet that is deceased](#).

Pet stores that sell commercially bred pets can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem by phasing out the sale of animals in favor of other common revenue streams such as pet product sales, grooming and day care, and by offering space for animal rescue organizations to adopt out animals from those stores, as hundreds of pet stores across the country already do with great success.

Pet stores that have transitioned from selling companion animals to offering rescued pets for adoption have found this animal-friendly model to be both viable and embraced by the communities in which the stores are located. Therefore, a humane pet sales ordinance would not prevent any current or future pet stores from doing business, and would alleviate a significant burden on local shelters and rescue groups by increasing pet adoptions. Further, ***it would not prevent anyone from purchasing a pet directly from a private breeder.***

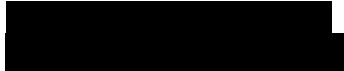
Best Friends and our Washington members thank you in advance for taking a reasonable and effective measure to protect consumers, pets and taxpayers in Vancouver. We have been proud to work with local and state governments throughout Washington and across the country to enact humane pet sales legislation, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact me if there is anything we can do to help realize this important effort.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth Oreck

National Manager, Puppy Mill Initiatives
Best Friends Animal Society



From: [Small, Rebecca](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: [External] FW: Animal welfare in Vancouver
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:59:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Sarah Hanneken [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 2:09 PM
To: Small, Rebecca <Rebecca.Small@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Re: [External] FW: Animal welfare in Vancouver

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Hi Rebecca,

Thank you so much for all you are doing to help coordinate this workshop on the particular animal welfare issues at issue. I plan to attend the workshop as well as the main City Council meeting, and I will submit materials to you for the workshop on or before Feb. 13.

Question for you: If we want to testify on any of the animal issues during the main Council meeting, will there be a specific agenda item number for us to reference when we sign up online? If not, will we still be able to sign up to testify by simply filling out the "Topic I wish to speak about" line with a brief description, without citing an item number?

Finally, to answer your follow-up question with respect to the topic of force-fed poultry products ("foie gras"), our concern is not related to any particular restaurant but rather seeks to prevent the sale of this unnecessarily cruel product, now and in the future. I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Sarah

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Sarah Hanneken
Legal Advocacy Counsel
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On Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 3:59 PM Small, Rebecca <Rebecca.Small@cityofvancouver.us> wrote:

Following up on yesterday's email – I was also wondering if there were specific businesses or enterprises in Vancouver that may have prompted your concern, or if your concern stems from more of a high-level/ preventative effort for animal welfare. Thank you, and have a good weekend –

Rebecca Small | Senior Policy Analyst



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From: Small, Rebecca

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:45 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to follow up with you on the upcoming Vancouver City Council workshop regarding the humane treatment of animals on 3/6. Thank you all so much for your patience these last few weeks, and my apologies for the delay in responding to your earlier emails (I have been out of the office recovering from a medical procedure).

Staff have been directed to prepare a workshop for Council on the following three topics pertaining to the humane treatment of animals: foie gras, fur, and pet store animal sourcing. I'll be researching these issues as they relate to local businesses and practices, so if your group members have links to news articles or written accounts of issues or incidents in Vancouver that prompted your outreach to Council on this issue or specific concerns that you would like to share, please feel free to email me at this address. We have to submit materials for Council somewhat far in advance and it takes some time to prepare them, so any materials or info you might want to share would be most useful if you could send it before February 13th.

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[23.02.10 Foodservice Industry Statement of Support.pdf](#)
[Legal Memorandum.pdf](#)
[23.02.10 Veterinary Professional Statement of Support.pdf](#)

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Hi Rebecca,

Thank you so much for all you're doing to prepare for the March 6 workshop on animal welfare issues – in particular, on the issue of force-fed poultry products (foie gras). I'm happy to present the attached materials for the Council Members' consideration during the workshop. Enclosed, you will find:

1. Proposed Vancouver ordinance
2. Foie gras fact sheet
3. Vancouver foodservice industry statement of support
4. Legal memorandum
5. Veterinary professional statement of support

Please let me know if there is anything else I can prepare, or if there are any follow-up questions I can answer ahead of the workshop. We are hopeful this workshop is followed by the formal introduction of our proposed ordinance.

Thank you so much,

Sarah Hanneken

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Veterinary Professional Support for Vancouver, WA to Prohibit Sale of Foie Gras Products from Force-Fed Birds

On behalf of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA), a national organization of more than 9,000 veterinary professional members with a focus on animal health and welfare, we convey our strong support for a Vancouver ordinance prohibiting the sale of foie gras from force-fed ducks and geese. Joining with HSVMA, several individual licensed Washington veterinary professionals have also signed this letter of support.

Foie gras is a luxury food produced by inserting a pipe down the esophagus and inhumanely force-feeding ducks or geese up to several times daily, in order to intentionally induce hepatic lipidosis, a diseased state of liver enlargement. The fatty livers, which can be enlarged 10 times past their normal size, are then sold as a delicacy. Serious health ramifications to the birds can include esophageal trauma, difficulty breathing, mobility problems, aspiration, liver hemorrhage, and even cardiac or renal failure.

There is significant scientific evidence to support ending force-feeding in the foie gras industry: The Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare of the European Commission declared that “there is good evidence that liver structure and function...is severely altered and compromised in force-fed ducks and geese. [The Committee] concludes that force-feeding, as currently practiced, is detrimental to the welfare of the birds.”

Additionally, several well-respected veterinarians and animal welfare experts have attested to the harm caused by force-feeding ducks and geese:

- "Due to the enormous size of the livers ... the birds have no room for their air sacs to fill with oxygen ... analogous to feeling as if one is [being smothered]."
– Dr. Holly Cheever, DVM, of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association
- “The practice of force-feeding amounts of food far beyond the limits of the duck’s need to eat causes pain and suffering. Ducks are highly capable of feeling pain, especially in the throat area. They have a gag reflex that would be overcome by the tube insertion, and this would cause distress in the bird.”
– Dr. Debra Teachout, DVM, MVS
- “Force-feeding in the foie gras industry is inherently cruel. ... This feeding beyond what the ducks would eat normally causes hepatic lipidosis, or fatty liver, which impairs liver function. Severe liver impairment can lead to conditions like enlargement of the liver, fluid in the abdomen and eventually death.”
– Dr. Lorelei Wakefield, VMD
- “In my opinion, [force-feeding] is cruel and inhumane, as it involves rough, invasive handling and can result in trauma and injuries to the esophagus. The process overrides the natural system of hunger and satiety and the birds in the video appear to be frightened

and distressed - they move immediately away from the handler as soon as they are released.”

– Dr. Sara Shields, PhD, an animal welfare expert with an emphasis in poultry

- “[T]he process of force-feeding birds in order to deliberately induce a disease state is patently inhumane, causing severe physical pain and psychological distress.”

– Dr. Lee Schrader, DVM

Establishing a prohibition on the sale of foie gras from force-fed ducks and geese is a common-sense reform that advances the welfare of animals and upholds the principles of good animal husbandry.

We strongly encourage members of the Vancouver City Council to introduce and pass an ordinance banning the sale of force-fed foie gras.

Submitted by:

Erin Zamzow, DVM

Veterinarian & Washington State Representative, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA)

Holly Cheever, DVM

Veterinarian

Leadership Council, HSVMA

Barbara Hodges, DVM, MBA

Veterinarian

Last updated: 02/10/2023

Feb. 8, 2023

Legal Memorandum: A Ban on Sale of Force-Fed Poultry Products in the City of Vancouver Is Lawful

The product of force-feeding poultry is known as “foie gras.” Foie gras is French for “fatty liver,” and producers create the product by forcing a rigid tube down the esophagus of ducks and geese and administering large volumes of food multiple times each day, until their livers develop fatty liver disease.¹ Foie gras is the fatty spread made from these diseased duck and goose livers.² Due to animal welfare and public health concerns related to force-feeding process, numerous localities across the country have enacted bans on the commercial sale of foie gras within city limits.

In preparation for the Vancouver City Council workshop on this topic scheduled for March 6, 2023, we conducted the legal research to confirm that the proposed sales ban in Vancouver would be legally permissible. We conclude that it is. Our analysis of potentially relevant Washington state laws found no pre-emption concerns, and an analysis of Vancouver’s home-rule authority confirms that the proposed sales ban is squarely within the City’s police powers to enact. **Therefore, the City of Vancouver possesses clear legal authority to enact an ordinance banning the sale of force-fed poultry products within its borders.**

Vancouver Has “Home Rule” Authority to Ban the Sale of Force-fed Poultry Products

Washington is a home rule state. “Home rule” refers to the right of municipalities to locally govern on issues of local concern, or “the authority of a local government to control its local affairs without interference from the state.”³ Vancouver is a first-class, “home rule” city.⁴ As a home rule city, Vancouver has authority to ban the sale of specific products within its borders, so long as there is no state or federal law preempting it from doing so.

Vancouver City Council has passed other local retail bans, including a ban on fireworks in 2015.⁵ The City Council even enacted a permanent ban on the establishment of fossil fuel facilities in October 2022.⁶ These examples illustrate how Vancouver may legally exercise its home-rule authority to legislate on issues of local concern. These commercial bans result in a local marketplace that more accurately reflects the social and economic priorities of its residents, as home-rule authority is designed to do.

¹ Animal Equality, *Ban Foie Gras in the U.S. Now*, <https://animalequality.org/action/foie-gras>.

² *Id.*

³ Steve Lundin, *The Closest Governments to the People: A Complete Reference Guide to Local Government in Washington State* at 883 (2015).

⁴ *Heinsma v. City of Vancouver*, 144 Wash. 2d 556, 560 (2001).

⁵ City of Vancouver Washington, *Are Fireworks Legal in Vancouver, Washington?*, <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/fire/page/are-fireworks-legal-vancouver-washington>.

⁶ Lauren Ellenbecker, *Vancouver council enacts permanent ban on fossil fuel facilities*, THE COLUMBIAN (2022), <https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/oct/04/vancouver-council-enacts-permanent-ban-of-fossil-fuel-facilities/>.

Similarly, Vancouver's home-rule authority gives it the power to pass a ban on the sale of force-fed poultry products.

The Proposed Sales Ban Is Not Preempted by Any State or Federal Law

Given that Vancouver has home-rule authority, it may enact a local ban on the sale of force-fed poultry products unless a state or federal law preempts it from doing so. After thoroughly analyzing all potential Washington state laws that could present a preemption challenge to such a ban, we found none. Additionally, the Ninth Circuit Court's decision in *Association des Eleveurs de Canards et d'Oies du Quebec v. Harris*⁷ confirms there is likewise no federal preemption.

Although Washington has legislation to preserve agricultural lands and to protect Washington's agricultural industry and its dependent rural communities,⁸ none of this legislation would preempt a local sales ban on force-fed poultry products. These agricultural-land preservation laws still allow home-rule cities to restrict the types of agricultural products which may be sold within their borders.

Therefore, there are no preemption concerns arising out of the proposed sales ban on force-fed foie gras in Vancouver.

Conclusion

The Vancouver City Council may lawfully enact a local ban on the sale of products from force-fed poultry.

Kind regards,

Sarah Hanneken, Esq.
Legal Counsel, Animal Equality
sarahh@animalequality.org

⁷ 729 F.3d 937 (9th Cir. 2013).

⁸ RCW 15.04.400 and RCW 15.04.402. These laws are easily contrasted with the State of New York's Agriculture and Markets Law § 305, which prevents non-agricultural areas from dictating what farmers in agricultural areas can produce. The New York State Senate, LEGISLATION (2021), <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/AGM/305-A>. New York foie gras producers' attempt to overturn New York City's retail ban on force-fed poultry products on the basis of that NY law is already highly tenuous, but in any case, the State of Washington has no such law (and no in-state foie gras producers), eliminating any concern over a similar challenge here.



Vancouver Restaurant/Retailer Statement of Support for an Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Foie Gras from Force-Fed Birds

We, the undersigned Vancouver-based restaurants, retailers, and food manufacturers, strongly support the passage of a city ordinance prohibiting the sale of “force-fed” foie gras.

Foie gras is a black mark on our industry. This fatty liver delicacy is produced by forcing a long rigid tube down a duck’s or goose’s esophagus, and rapidly delivering huge amounts of concentrated grain, fat, and compressed air into the bird via a pneumatic or hydraulic pump. The process is repeated up to three times a day for several weeks until the animal’s liver becomes diseased – often growing up to 10 times its normal size – inflicting significant pain and suffering as a result.

We support a ban on the sale of force-fed foie gras not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because protecting the reputation of Vancouver dining and retail is in our economic interest. Allowing a tiny percentage of restaurants and grocers to serve a product that derives from tortured animals gives our culinary reputation a black eye.

Consumer goodwill is everything in our industry, and we know the vast majority of people do not want to see foie gras on Vancouver menus. By coming together as a community and putting our collective foot down against force-fed foie gras, we can make a positive name for Vancouver’s food and dining scene. Other esteemed culinary hubs around the world have already embraced a foie-gras-free identity, and we want Vancouver to be among them.

A ban on the sale of force-fed foie gras directly affects our industry – in a positive way. By passing an ordinance banning the sale of force-fed foie gras, the City Council would be supporting the Vancouver food sector. We stand to benefit from the reputational gains associated with a local policy against cruel force-fed ingredients. What’s more, this ordinance will send a clear message to the world about Vancouver’s humane values and help end the horrific treatment of sensitive ducks and geese.

For all these reasons, we strongly urge the City Council to adopt an ordinance banning the sale of force-fed foie gras.

Sincerely,

Casa Colima

[Redacted], Vancouver, WA

Chandelier Bakery

[Redacted] Vancouver, WA

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Chutneys Indian Cuisine

[REDACTED], Vancouver, WA
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], WA
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Vancouver, WA
[REDACTED]

Madhouse Coffee Co.

[REDACTED], Vancouver, WA
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Slow Fox Chili

[REDACTED] Vancouver, WA
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Thai Little Home

[REDACTED], Vancouver, WA
[REDACTED]

Vegan Dude Foods

Vancouver, WA

[REDACTED]

4 Caminos Mexican Restaurant

[REDACTED] Vancouver, WA
[REDACTED]



Ban Force-Fed "Foie Gras" in Vancouver

The City of Vancouver has a vested interest in promoting responsible and sustainable business practices and protecting animal welfare. By prohibiting the sale of force-fed foie gras, the City will uphold its commitment to these values and help end the suffering of countless animals on foie gras factory farms.

What is foie gras?

Foie gras ('fwä-'grä)—French for "fatty liver"—refers to a luxury food made from the diseased liver of a duck or goose. Foie gras is typically produced by force-feeding ducks and geese until their livers fatten to as much as 10 times their normal, healthy size. After enduring weeks of force-feeding, the birds are slaughtered, and their livers are processed to be sold as foie gras.

Foie gras production poses a significant risk to public health. Because of the constant abuse they suffer, ducks and geese on factory foie gras farms have weakened immune systems, making them especially susceptible to avian influenza (bird flu). This is alarming, in part because bird flu can spread to humans, and as COVID-19 has shown us, a zoonotic disease outbreak can quickly turn into a global pandemic.

Policy Proposal

Our proposed legislation would prohibit the sale of foie gras from force-fed ducks and geese in the City of Vancouver. Numerous other cities across the country, from California to New York, have already banned the sale of this cruel product. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that local laws banning the sale of foie gras are lawful.

What is the impact of a prohibition on the sale of foie gras?

Supporting a prohibition on the sale of cruelly produced foie gras aligns with Vancouver's values and would prevent needless and significant animal cruelty. There is no evidence that such a ban would have any negative impact on jobs or businesses. In fact, the ordinance's passage would further bolster Vancouver's reputation as an ethical and forward-thinking city.



Who supports a prohibition on the sale of foie gras?

Numerous Vancouver-based restaurants support a ban on the sale of foie gras with the city. In addition, many major retailers—such as Costco, Safeway, Target, Giant Eagle, Whole Foods Market, and Wolfgang Puck—already refuse to sell foie gras because of the animal cruelty involved and the associated consumer dissatisfaction.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Questions? Please contact Sarah Hanneken, Esq. at sarahh@animalequality.org

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE regarding certain poultry products; prohibiting the sale of poultry products from force-fed birds; providing for civil penalties; and providing for a delayed effective date.

WHEREAS, a luxury poultry product often marketed as "foie gras" is produced from the diseased and enlarged liver of a duck or goose. The production of foie gras usually involves systematically force-feeding the animal until their liver becomes diseased and has enlarged up to ten times its normal size; and

WHEREAS, the practice of force-feeding birds for foie gras production is widely considered inhumane by veterinary professionals, because it involves inserting a foot-long metal or plastic tube down a bird's throat and injecting large and unhealthy quantities of feed into the stomach. Force-feeding induces liver disease in the birds, which is both painful and often fatal. The process also causes the animals significant injury and illness, including bacterial and fungal infections, malnourishment, and/or lameness; and

WHEREAS, because of the constant stress they endure, birds force-fed for foie gras production have weakened immune systems, making them especially susceptible to avian influenza (bird flu) infections, which can spread to humans and lead to disease outbreaks, thereby creating a risk of another coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to avoid supporting animal cruelty and zoonotic disease risks by removing force-fed poultry products from the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that any business in the City of Vancouver will be financially harmed by a prohibition on the sale of force-fed poultry products; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vancouver desires to protect public health and codify values related to the humane treatment by removing force-fed poultry products from the marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

SECTION 1. Title 5 of the Vancouver Municipal Code is amended by adding a new Chapter 5.101 to read as follows:

Chapter 5.101 – Trade in Force-Fed Poultry Products

Section 5.101.010. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the prohibition of trade in certain products from force-fed animals in order to avoid supporting animal cruelty, to protect the public health, to

bolster the reputation of the City's food service and retail community, to position the City as a humane tourist destination, and to protect public morals related to animal welfare.

Section 5.101.020. Definitions.

In this chapter:

"Food service establishment" means an establishment, located within the City of Vancouver, offering prepared food to be eaten by customers, whether such food is provided free of charge or sold, and whether consumption occurs on or off the premises.

"Force-fed product" means any product that is the result of force-feeding a bird, including but not limited to a duck or a goose, with the intent to fatten or enlarge the bird's liver.

"Force-feeding" means the practice of forcing, by any means, food or supplements into the throat, esophagus, crop, or stomach of a bird.

"Retail establishment" means any vendor, store, shop, sales outlet, e-commerce site, or other establishment, including but not limited to a grocery store or a delicatessen, which provides, offers for sale, or sells food within the City of Vancouver.

"Sell or sale" means any act of selling, trading, or bartering for monetary or nonmonetary consideration, and includes any transfer of ownership that occurs in the course of a commercial transaction.

Section 5.101.030. Prohibited acts.

No retail establishment or food service establishment, or its owners or managers, shall store, keep, maintain, provide, offer for sale, or sell any force-fed product or food containing a force-fed product. For purposes of this section, a sale or provision shall be deemed to occur at the location where the recipient takes physical possession of the item.

For purposes of this chapter, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that an item advertised or represented as "foie gras" is a force-fed product. A party seeking to rebut such presumption shall provide documentary evidence proving that the product they are storing, keeping, maintaining, providing, offering for sale, selling, shipping, or transporting is not a force-fed product as defined in this chapter. Products not represented as "foie gras" but which meet the force-fed definition are covered by this chapter.

Section 5.101.040. Penalties for violations.

- A. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall have committed a civil infraction and shall be subject to a monetary penalty not to exceed \$1,000. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.

- B. In the event that any provision of this chapter is violated by a corporate entity, the owner(s), officers, or the person or persons responsible for the violation, shall be subject to the penalty herein provided.

Section 5.101.050. Severability.

Each section or subdivision of this chapter is declared to be independent of every other section or subdivision of this chapter, and the invalidity of any section or subdivision shall not invalidate any other section or subdivision of a section thereof.

Section 5.101.060. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect six months after passage.

From: [Small, Rebecca](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: request for support from HSSW
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:07:17 AM
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In case you didn't get this one, I assume HSSW wants this in the public record, too.

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March 3rd, 2023

Vancouver City Council

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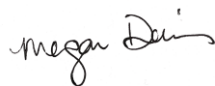
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Respectfully,



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To: [City Council](#)
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Recipient:

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Message:

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The owners of the Alley Cat Pet Center will tell you that all the breeders they use to source their puppies are very good people who hold to the highest standards of animal husbandry. We have no way to verify this statement, since information on these specific breeders is not public. We do not even know if these breeders are licensed by the USDA, which has a minimal level of standards anyway, and does not inspect dog breeding facilities unless complaints against the facilities are made.

I firmly believe the only way to stop retail pet stores from sourcing puppies from inadequately monitored breeders and from puppy mills is to ban the sale of all puppies from retail pet stores.

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Larry Zimmer, President/Owner/Operator March 3, 2023 Alley Cat Pet Center in Vancouver Mall
This Store has been in the Mall since it opened in 1978 and I am the second Owner having purchased it in 1995...28 years ago. I have actually been in business for 40 years, having purchased my first Alley Cat store in Jantzen Beach Mall, and also the Salem location. Vancouver Mall is my only store now.

We have never purchased puppies from Commercial Breeders and Only get our puppies from Local, private family breeders from in & around the NW ie Castle Rock, Kelso, Zillah, Yakima, Union Gap, Cedro Wooly to name a few. Many of these hobby breeders have been selling me puppies for 15 -20 years! We offer a full written 1-year health guarantee for every puppy sold at our store. In 2022 we

found homes for 777 puppies! Being in Business for as long as we have, we have had many customers who have bought multiple puppies from us over the years!

Unfortunately I am unable to be at the workshop as I will be out of the Country on vacation... But my store Manager Angela Clifton will be attending and giving testimony and be available for any questions you may have. In the meantime I would invite any and all City Council members to stop by my store, Especially on any weekend and just observe the popularity of Alley Cat Pet Center.

I would also be happy to show you my records for you to see the Many different local people/families where our puppies come from. Thankyou for taking the time to read my letter and I would be happy to answer Any questions you may have in the future! Sincerely, Larry Zimmer

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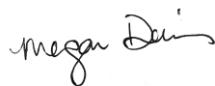
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Recipient:

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Message:

Hello,

I understand the City of Vancouver is considering a ban on foie gras which I was very pleased to hear. To date, Portland has disappointingly not had the compassion or moxie needed to stand up against this cruel and depraved treatment against ducks and geese. While this may not appear to be the highest of priorities to some, I can assure you that this is of the highest priority to the ducks and geese who are subjected to these horrors. Vancouver has the opportunity to be a kind and compassionate example nationwide if this ban is adopted as well as to its city right across the river. Additionally, it would send a strong statement if Vancouver also adopted a fur ban in conjunction,

sending a strong message that animals who are enslaved and murdered for their fur will not be tolerated

Animal rights need to be on the list of what is being taken seriously when it comes to public policy. For some governmental bodies, it is ironic and sad how animal oppression is still viewed as something to figure out after we figure out all the human issues first. Oppression is exerting power over a group identified as an "other" that then does not receive the same rights and protections. These issues are certainly oppression, but, unfortunately for non-companion animals, their lives are not viewed on the same level as humans - a concept also known as speciesism. Until we begin to accept that humans are but one animal on this planet we are supposed to share, we will never be at peace with ourselves, within our communities, or on this planet.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," said the civil rights legend Martin L. King, a quote that is engraved on the Portland Justice Center. I would agree and my interpretation of that quote applies to this issue as well as other examples of animal injustice. In this circumstance, there is a chance to help level those scales of justice in the favor of beautiful, sentient beings who are in need of people and communities to say, "Enough!".

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Nikki Dennis
Portland, OR
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From: [Peter L. Fels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: alliance-for-community-engagement@googlegroups.com
Subject: Vote yes for Warehouse moratorium
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 10:52:32 AM

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Councilors,

I encourage you to support the warehouse moratorium on your agenda for March 6.

Despite passing the Climate Action Framework, there are already at least 7 large warehouse projects vested for permits. Staff was correct to bring this to your attention. Large warehouses have the potential to put Vancouver's GHG emissions in worse shape rather than reducing them according to the CAF goals.

We need time to put appropriate ordinances in place to assure compliance with CAF and other City goals.

The business community is crying that a moratorium will send the message that Vancouver is closed for business. We heard the same arguments about stopping the oil terminal. Instead, both the Port and the City have experienced record growth.

Don't let short-sighted people stop you from making the correct decision to pause while you consider the best way forward. The environment and the community's health and safety are at stake.

Vote yes for the warehouse moratorium.

Thank you,

Peter Fels
Vancouver

Sent from my iPad

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Subject: Warehouse Moratorium
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 1:07:46 PM

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I fully support the proposed warehouse moratorium. Warehouses are poor uses of valuable commercial/industrial space. They profer almost no permanent jobs, very few construction jobs, have nothing but rain-repellent surfaces, and cause endless truck traffic to and from. Plus, they are ugly, and usually have zero trees and landscaping.

Den Mark Wichar

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Vancouver WA 98660

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From: [Susan Saul](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 11
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 7:43:27 PM
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My testimony for the public hearing is attached.
Susan Saul

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Vancouver, WA 98664
March 4, 2023

Vancouver City Council
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submitted by email to council@cityofvancouver.us

Re: Agenda Item 11 – Revisions to Temporary 6-Month Moratorium Ordinance on Large Warehouses greater than 100,000 square feet in the IL Light Industrial and IH Heavy Industrial Districts

Dear Council Members:

I urge you to support the large warehouses moratorium adopted on December 12, 2022 with the revisions adopted on February 6, 2023.

The seven proposed large warehouse projects already vested for permits have the potential to undermine the greenhouse gas emission goals recently adopted as part of the Climate Action Framework. As identified in the Staff Report, besides the land-intensive nature of these large warehouses and low job creation, other issues include air pollution, implications on the City's climate action goals, and increased in truck traffic to vulnerable neighborhoods.

The city needs to take time to analyze these potential impacts and determine what ordinances and building codes are needed to align large warehouse development with the Climate Action Framework and the city's Strategic Plan.

Our air quality, livability, mobility, community health, climate change impact reductions and environment are at stake.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Saul

From: [Heidi Cody](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Eiken, Chad](#); [Cathryn Chudy](#)
Subject: ACE Comments re: Warehouse Moratorium Ordinance
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Hello,

Attached please find comments from Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE), supporting the City's Warehouse Moratorium Ordinance.

Thank you,
Heidi Cody and Cathryn Chudy

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March 6, 2023

Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE)

Vancouver City Council and City staff

Dear Vancouver City Council and City staff,

Our Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) supports continuing the Moratorium Ordinance on Large Warehouses to study concerns related to the growing number of applications for large-scale warehouses in Vancouver. These warehouses will affect land use, climate, and public health, safety and livability in all parts of our city, especially in neighborhoods already overburdened by air pollution, traffic congestion and noise.

Seven out of eight warehouses that exceed the 250,000 sq. ft. threshold set by this Moratorium are already vested and moving forward. At the Feb. 6th public hearing, development and economic interest groups were prominent voices objecting to the Moratorium. They claimed short and long term “benefits” of large warehouses and warned of “unintended consequences” from the Moratorium that could cause Vancouver’s economic well-being to suffer.

Our ACE coalition believes the Moratorium is necessary to consider all aspects of further permitting of large warehouses. More than just business and economic factors are at stake. The City needs to consider the health, safety and well-being of all residents in our community, especially those most likely to be adversely affected.

The cumulative effects of multiple warehouses on the neighborhoods where they will be located must be understood and addressed. The permitting pause allowed by this Moratorium provides City staff the time to do the research and community outreach necessary to understand potential impacts and concerns, and make recommendations to City Council for protective code changes going forward.

Thank you for your work on the Moratorium Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE)

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Item # 11 on Council Agenda: Public Hearing on Moratorium on Large Warehouses
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:02:03 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks!

Shannon Ripp | Support Specialist III



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From: Cathryn Chudy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:59 AM
To: City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Eiken, Chad <Chad.Eiken@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Item # 11 on Council Agenda: Public Hearing on Moratorium on Large Warehouses

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Mayor and Council Members, and City staff,

I won't be able to attend this evening's public hearing on the Moratorium Ordinance on Large Warehouses but I am emailing in support of the Moratorium to be continued with enough time and resources to carefully consider impacts on all "stakeholders".

I am concerned that development and economic interest groups dominated the Feb. 6th public hearing, pressing for the Moratorium not to continue, even though other community "stakeholders" were represented at the hearing and have been consistently supporting the process already underway.

I appreciate the values that our Council has identified to guide decision making (climate, safety and equity). It is important to me that the term "stakeholders" reaches beyond business, development and economic interests, to include interests of residents in all areas of Vancouver. Especially important outreach is needed in those neighborhoods that are already living with adverse health, safety and livability impacts and who can least afford to be faced with additional impacts unless these are identified, understood, and addressed. Hopefully, recommendations for protective

code changes to guide future permitting of these large warehouses will be an outcome of this Moratorium.

Sincerely,

Cathryn Chudy

Vancouver, WA

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); Sara.Lamnini@hayward-ca.gov; [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Harris, Rep. Paul](#)
Subject: Watch "Levin: This is a massive coverup" on YouTube
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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
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<https://www.naturalnews.com/2023-03-03-autopsies-on-vaxxed-confirm-covid-vaccine-damage.html>.

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Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Harris, Rep. Paul](#)
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This is a formal complaint made by Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, a Clark County Citizen.

I am enclosing copies of The Vancouver City Council 'CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS' explanation as to how Council meetings are to take place. The Citizens had no say in your Charter articles or policies. This is tyranny in action.

*****First note: This Council is actively following the ICLEI United Nations entity for over 15 years now. By doing so, this Council has 'effectively' taken WE THE PEOPLE'S First Amendment Rights away by limiting We Citizens to one three minute Community Forum per every three months. You WILL NOT take these Rights away from The Citizens. It might take a lawsuit and some time; but this is not going to continue !!! The lame excuse given is that We Citizens can write to the Council at any time. And then what ? Do The Citizens get to see what Other Citizens wrote to you ? Probably not !!!**

The EFFORTS that this Vancouver City Council 'elected' Officials have put into taking Our First Amendment Rights away; as well as effectively taking over The Peoples' AUTHORITY over this Council IS in My opinion CRIMINAL and definitely NOT following The Constitution !!! You show great EFFORT in shutting US out and continuing the UN agenda. NOT ON MY WATCH and I continue to Pray for deliverance AMEN. (pages 1-2)

*****Second note: The City Council Meeting Agenda for February 13, 2023 was a total slap to the face of The Citizens !!! The enclosed copies (pages 3-4) are NOT TRANSPARENT to The Public and was MISLEADING also !!! I tried to attend the meeting in Person and was told the Birch Room was full !!! Why not a larger room for The Citizens to attend as was implied !!! You all ate dinner also in the same room. Why did I have to go to the Aspen Room just to listen !!! I could have done that from Home !!! Who was in attendance in the Birch Room ??? Email Me the answer. Were there any Citizens other than your group ??? The PUBLIC NOTICE you put out is also misleading !!!**

So I intend on waking The Citizens up to this obvious government takeover !!!

You have shown your TRUE COLORS and I consider this Vancouver City Council DOMESTIC ENEMIES of The People of Vancouver Washington USA and all of Clark County Washington USA ~ God Is Always Good AMEN.

Kimberlee Goheen Elbon
we4the4people@aol.com

*march 6, 2023 a Monday
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*ammendment - 3-6-23 mon. VCC meeting 7:45pm NOTE: Again-
Amendment Rights were taken as I and other
Citizens Spoke 3 minutes on "The Workshop - Animal etc."
There were No notices that the Public could speak on this
unagendized workshop Public Comments. I Spoke and
also AS the Agenda DID give 3 minutes for 1-10 agenda on
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Council meets the first through fourth Mondays of every month, except for Monday holidays, or if there is a fifth Monday in the month.

Please see the published meeting calendar for exceptions to the schedule.

Per Vancouver City Charter (Article 1, Section 2.10) City Council must convene a Regular Meeting at least twice per month. Council meetings are open to the public and provide various opportunities for public testimony (see below).

Council meets in the second floor Council Chambers at City Hall,



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****City Council meetings are held on the first, second, third, and fourth Mondays of a month at 6:30 p.m.**

Public testimony regarding any item on the agenda is accepted during the Regular Session. Public hearings on individual items may appear on an agenda for a Regular Session and will be advertised in advance.

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Every Monday, from 4 - 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted on the agenda.

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- Vancouver Transportation
Benefit District Meeting -
March 6, 2023
03/06/2023 - 7:00pm
- City Council Meeting
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- City Council Meeting
03/20/2023 - 6:30pm
- State of The City 2023
03/27/2023 - 6:00pm

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Absolutely Not
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in fact mis-leading.

City Council Meeting Agenda February 13, 2023

Dinner was also served.

Not Transparent
to Citizens

VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Public Notice | Training Materials

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Break: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Birch Room, City Hall (415 W 6th Street, Vancouver, WA)

Remote Telephonic Access: Dial 1-877-309-2073 / Access Code: 528-856-661

Remote Listening Location: Aspen Room, City Hall (415, W 6th Street, Vancouver, WA)

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I drove 25 miles to
Attend and was denied
the Birch Room 'party' !!!

This IS A UN agenda!

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True Colors© Professional Development

True Colors© professional development supports public sector staff, leaders, and elected officials to gain deeper skills in commonplace misunderstandings around how people may act and/or react. The professional development goals are to increase self-awareness, improve communication skills, and elevate empathy for others.

The professional development is guided by the principles outlined in the True Colors© Program.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Amended Vancouver City Council Meeting for
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Monday, February 13, 2022

**City Hall
Birch Room
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WAS NOT IN-PERSON - WAS in another room,

The City Council Meeting has been amended and will now be a True Colors© Professional Development. The location of the Vancouver City Council Professional Development is the Birch Room in City Hall. CVTV will not be recording or broadcasting the professional development. The full agenda for this meeting can be viewed at:

<https://vancouvercity.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=372&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agenda>

*the Birch Room, where Citizens were told could not go to "actually" Listen in Person. **

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23 protesters charged with domestic terrorism after clash with Atlanta police over 'Cop City'

NBC NEWS

JULIANNE MCSHANE AND DENNIS ROMERO

March 6, 2023, 11:46 AM

Note: I Believe this is the beginning of
Citizens Pushing back against a Tyrannical
US Government-regime as it is taking
our Police and will use them against
WE THE PEOPLE.

Clark County Police & Sheriffs must be protected
from the ~~UN-ELECTED~~ county
manager Kathleen Otto !!!

Nearly two dozen people were charged with domestic terrorism after clashing with police Sunday at a police training center under development outside of Atlanta, the Atlanta Police Department said Monday.

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"They changed into black clothing, entered the construction area, and began to throw large rocks, bricks, Molotov cocktails, and fireworks at police officers," the Atlanta Police Department said of some of the protesters.

Police said the protesters of the planned 85-acre, \$90 million training facility could have caused "bodily harm." They said officers "exercised restraint and used non-lethal enforcement to conduct arrests."

Organizers and supporters said the clashes took place amid a weekend concert, the South River Music Festival.

The Atlanta Solidarity Fund, which helps bail out people arrested at demonstrations and previously claimed that police appeared "to be lashing out at anyone present at the music festival," tweeted Monday that the group is "committed to providing bail assistance and access to legal representation for everyone arrested protesting."

"We are already coordinating a network of lawyers to respond," the group tweeted.

The proposed Atlanta Public Safety Training Center — in DeKalb County, south of Atlanta — has been a target of protesters, who say they are concerned about its environmental impact given its planned location in a forest and its symbolism as one of the nation's largest law enforcement training centers.

Opponents of the training facility have organized demonstrations against it under the slogan "Stop Cop City."

The arrest and charges came after police earlier said they detained 35 people

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It was unclear Monday how many, if any, of the 23 people facing the charges were part of the 35 people detained Sunday, and how police determined whom to charge.

Protesters throw bricks at the site of police training center under construction in Atlanta on March 5, 2023.
(Atlanta Police Dept. via AFP - Getty Images)

Only two of those charged are from Georgia; the rest are from other states, including Massachusetts, New York, Maine, Arizona, Tennessee and Louisiana, among others. Another two are from outside the U.S.: one is from Canada, and another is from France.

Those charged appear to range in age from 18 to over 40, according to the information released by police.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigations, an independent statewide agency, handed down the charges, according to police.

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The Atlanta Police Department did not immediately respond to questions from NBC News on Monday afternoon.

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Buster Murdaugh's Reaction To Dad's Sentence Catches Attention



Murdaugh Makes Chilling Admission About Wife & Son He Murdered



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Trump blasts Rupert Murdoch in early morning social media post: How can he say 'no election fraud'

THE HILL

Julia Mueller

March 6, 2023, 5:08 AM



Former President Trump on Monday blasted Fox Corp. chairman Rupert Murdoch in an early morning post on his Truth Social account, asking how the conservative media mogul can deny Trump's continued false claims of election fraud.

"How does Rupert Murdoch say there was no election fraud when 2000 Mules shows, on government tape, that there were millions of 'stuffed ballots,' & Elon Musk released the FBI/Twitter Files, where pollsters say that the silencing of information made a 17% difference in the Vote," Trump [asked](#).

"2000 Mules" is a film produced by conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza that examines claims that drop boxes were stuffed with fraudulent ballots. Fact-checkers have said that the film does not show evidence of ~~fraud~~

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widespread voter fraud and former Attorney General William Barr, who served under Trump, told the House select committee investigating the Capitol riot that he was “unimpressed” with the movie.

Trump continued in the post with attacks on the FBI and Facebook.

“Then there was, of course, FBI/Facebook, another big election integrity fraud costing millions of Votes-& this doesn’t even count all of the many other ways they cheated, or the fact that they avoided State Legislatures?”

Trump’s swing at Murdoch comes as Fox weathers a \$1.6 billion lawsuit brought by Dominion Voting Systems, which is arguing that the network defamed its voting tech by sharing Trump’s claims that the machines were used to fraudulently elect President Biden.

Murdoch admitted in a deposition that some Fox News commentators touted Trump’s false claims of a stolen election. Another court filing shows top Fox figures privately dismissed the claims even as the network aired them.

Complaints were filed last week with the Federal Election Commission over a revelation from the Dominion suit indicating that Murdoch shared unaired campaign advertisements and debate strategy from Biden’s 2020 campaign with Jared Kushner, Trump’s son-in-law and then-senior adviser.

Biden reelection bid faces resistance from some Democrats

AP

STEVE PEOPLES

March 6, 2023, 5:56 AM

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Election 2024 Biden

Republican New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu smiles while sipping a cup of coffee during an interview with the Associated Press, Thursday, March 2, 2023, in Laconia, N.H. Sununu, called the primary calendar shift “a



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LACONIA, N.H. (AP) — Steve Shurtleff was at Joe Biden's side in 2019 when he filed papers in the New Hampshire State House to run for president.

He repeatedly trekked across the state with Biden to court primary voters. And when Biden ultimately won the presidency, it was Shurtleff, then the Democratic state House speaker, who proudly sealed the envelope that carried New Hampshire's four electoral votes — including his own name — to the U.S. Senate.

But on the eve of a new election season, Shurtleff, like a majority of Democrats across the country, feels that one term is enough.

"In my heart of hearts, no," Shurtleff said when asked if he wants Biden to run again. "I think a lot of people just don't want to say it."

Democrats across New Hampshire are upset with the Democratic president for trying to end the state's status as home to the first-in-the-nation presidential primary. But their concerns about Biden run much deeper, in line with a majority of Democratic voters nationwide, who question the 80-year-old president's plans to soon launch his reelection campaign.

Just 37% of Democrats nationwide want the president to seek a second term, according to a poll released last month by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That was down from 52% in the weeks before last year's midterm elections.

Many worry about Biden's age. Others, like Shurtleff, are upset about the administration's messy withdrawal from Afghanistan. And the party's progressive wing has never been enthusiastic about Biden, who is perceived as a moderate,



exaggerated narrative that he has repeatedly proven wrong.

"We're aware pundits' attitude toward President Biden is unchanged from before he earned the nomination faster than anyone since 2004, won the most votes in American history, built the strongest legislative record in generations and led the best midterm outcome for a new Democratic president in 60 years," Biden spokesman Andrew Bates said. "Based on comparing the accuracy of our predictions versus theirs, we are happy for this dynamic to continue."

Still, there's a risk of a disconnect between rank-and-file Democrats and the party's establishment. While voters are signaling unease about the prospect of another Biden campaign, Democratic governors, senators and congressional representatives are virtually unanimous in supporting Biden's reelection.

One exception may be New Hampshire, a small swing state whose electoral votes could be critical in a tight general election. The state has challenged Biden before.

Voters here served Biden an embarrassing fifth-place finish in the 2020 Democratic primary. New Hampshire polls were still open when he decamped to South Carolina, where his presidential ambitions were revived by a decisive win. That state is now Biden's pick to lead the 2024 presidential primary calendar.

Interviews with angry New Hampshire Democrats across state government and local Democratic committees suggest there is some appetite for a serious primary challenger in 2024. But top-tier prospects don't seem to be interested.

So far, only Democratic activist and author Marianne Williamson has entered the 2024 primary field. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the son of the late New York senator and

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But the likes of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Biden's fiercest primary challenger in 2020, has vowed to back the president in 2024. So has Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, whose appearance at last year's New Hampshire's Democratic convention still comes up in conversation. California Rep. Ro Khanna, a progressive favorite, has also said he would not challenge Biden, although he has been a vocal advocate for New Hampshire's place atop the primary calendar.

In an interview, Khanna said it was "political malpractice" for the Democratic National Committee, under Biden's direction, to threaten New Hampshire's status.

"New Hampshire is a state where retail politics still matter and where voters have an independence that can't be controlled by the party establishment in DC," Khanna said. The primary shakeup "could cost us four electoral votes and hurt our chances to win in the 2024 election."

Meanwhile, Biden's allies privately believe the primary dispute will be long forgotten by the time voters cast ballots in November 2024, especially with former President Donald Trump or one of his Republican acolytes on the ballot.

Biden supporters also note that some of the nation's most popular two-term presidents confronted opposition from within their own parties ahead of their reelection.

President Ronald Reagan faced grumbling from dissatisfied Republicans leading up to the 1984 contest, which turned out to be the most lopsided general election victory in U.S. history. Democrats openly encouraged a primary challenge against President Bill Clinton after the disastrous 1994 midterms. He went on to a commanding reelection win in 1996. And President Barack Obama's campaign

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"We had a lot of work to do, but the fundamentals were there," said Stephanie Cutter, who helped managed Obama's 2012 reelection.

Obama's outlook changed as his team worked to remind voters what they liked best about him compared to a Republican opponent.

"Elections are about two people," Cutter said. "Once Republicans start hitting the campaign trail and that craziness begins, the contrast between that crazy train and Joe Biden's steady leadership and even hand fixing some of the nation's biggest problems become clear as day."

Biden has presided over significant accomplishments that could boost a reelection campaign.

He signed into law a sweeping pandemic relief bill, a massive infrastructure package, the first new federal gun safety law in decades and a comprehensive health and environmental plan that allowed Medicare to lower prescription drug prices and dedicated billions of dollars to combating climate change. Job growth and unemployment have also improved during his administration.

But he is grappling with acute challenges related to inflation, illegal immigration, crime and foreign affairs.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, attributed Biden's political challenges to Democratic leaders who haven't done enough to promote his accomplishments.

"The real disconnect right now is communication," Cooper said in an interview.

"President Biden has accomplished in two years what many presidents would only

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"Democrats came together once before in 2020 to ask him to do a job, and he accomplished it — he beat President Trump," Cooper added. "And now he's gonna do it again."

Despite such optimism, Democrats across New Hampshire believe it will be difficult for Biden to match his 2020 victory of 7 percentage points in the state in 2024. Former Gov. John Lynch, a Democrat, declined to say whether he wanted Biden to seek reelection when asked directly.

Biden's push to change the primary calendar, Lynch said, has created such anti-Biden furor that it puts New Hampshire's four electoral votes at risk in the 2024 general election. He was quick to note that four electoral votes would have tipped the 2000 presidential election in Al Gore's favor.

"It could cost Democrats the presidency," Lynch said. "Republicans won't let voters forget. They'll hammer the Democrats on this."

Indeed, New Hampshire's current governor, Republican Chris Sununu, called the primary calendar shift "a horrible miscalculation" for Biden that exposes him to a legitimate primary challenge.

"He's made it harder to win in November '24 — if he's the nominee," Sununu said in an interview. "But because of what he did here, he very well may not be the nominee."

The Democratic concerns were easy to see inside the monthly meeting of Laconia Democrats on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee late last week, where just a half-

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Lois Kessin, a 73-year-old Laconia resident, has been volunteering for Biden in New Hampshire since Obama first tapped him as his running mate. She has a picture of herself and Biden hanging in her hallway.

"I am very happy with Joe Biden," she said, acknowledging that some Democrats are worried about his age — a concern she said was offensive. "Perhaps there's somebody as brilliant as he and as compassionate and as knowledgeable out there. But until that person shows up, I'm happy with Joe Biden."

The Laconia committee chairman, 43-year-old Eric Hoffman, was less enthusiastic.

"The party kind of lined up because he was the nominee, but he obviously wasn't our first four choices," Hoffman said, referring to Biden's finish in the 2020 primary. "People would prefer to see a change."

But like many Democrats, he said he would vote for Biden in the 2024 general election to ensure Republicans don't retake the White House.

Just don't expect him to be excited about it.

"I wasn't a big fan of his, but I've been pretty impressed with his abilities and the things he's gotten accomplished," Hoffman said. "So, it's not the worst thing in the world."

From: raj@defendourunion.org,

To: we4the4people@aol.com,

Subject: One of our volunteer leaders was discouraged and dismayed (DOJ, Exl0sions, Derailment, Biden hands over to WHO and worse)

Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2023 2:51 pm

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I will call her Daisy (to protect the innocent)... Daisy is one of our most capable and resilient volunteers, a leader in her own right and manages one of Defend's volunteer projects. And I heard the dismay in her voice - her discovery of an almost unending depth of corruption in our leaders + the covert weaponization of government against Americans and now - !!!

What to do? Can we even win?
What came up next will surprise you... Daisy and I reflected on what must it have been like for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego -Three men stuck in a culture hostile to their beliefs. (If this is new to you, [click here for the backstory](#)).



These three men were also, like Daisy and many of you, committed to doing the right thing. They weren't willing to give up. They felt that their cause was a righteous cause and for trying to do the right thing - literally standing up and refusing to comply - these three men were sentenced to be executed by being thrown alive into a fiery furnace!! I was not there, but if I was, I would have been hoping that God would have delivered me from a guilty verdict during the sentencing. But that did not happen for these three! I would have then prayed and hoped that God would somehow prevent me from being tied up in ropes and save me from being thrown into the fire. After all, I was standing up for Godly values! Would not God be faithful on my behalf? But that also did not happen! I would have been dismayed, disappointed, dejected and would be second guessing if I had done the right thing. Now, it seemed like all is lost, and that evil was winning. Would I have given up and

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crumbled? I don't know. I might have been thinking that all my work, trying to do the right thing seemed to have been for nothing! So there they were, three men tied up and dragged to the furnace. As they were being thrown into the fire, they may have cried in defeat.

BUT, it was at that moment, when by all counts, by all reckoning, by all the facts that it was certain that was all was lost that something completely unexpected happened... Instead of some kind of rescue mission, God himself joined the three men in the fire and against all odds, these four overcame the fire!



The very thing designed to crush them was, at the last minute, rendered ineffective.

So, my friends, I know that you may be in all kinds of emotional and mental states as you see the unending ramping up of bullying and manipulation by our own government against its very own citizens.

And I am encouraging you to draw strength from the story of these three men who have walked in our path many years ago. And I encourage you to, like them, perseverance and to not give up, do not take your hand off the plow (click for what Jesus said about persisting 😊). Or in our modern age - don't take your foot off the gas pedal! Keep driving forward!

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It may not be in the time of our choosing, but if we persist, we also, like those before us, shall prevail (click for what God said about prevailing 😊).



So I am asking you to look at the following ways of persisting:

1. National
2. Local
3. Discipleship

1. National needs your efforts in your location with your national leader (member of the US Congress)

As an ordinarily individual, 3 steps to effectively persuade your elected officials by Former Green Beret, Constitutional Attorney Ivan Raiklin

Forensic way to Detect Ballot Stuffing: Training by Election Integrity Strategist Jovan Pullitzer

Use your phone and your own voice to inform and persuade your elected officials: Call One Day Program - Debbie Faris



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Joshua 1

21st Century King James Version

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, unto the land which I give to them, even to the children of Israel.

³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

⁶ Be strong and of a good courage, for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

⁷ Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

¹⁰ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

¹¹ "Pass through the host and command the people, saying, 'Prepare you victuals, for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it.'"

¹² And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to half the tribe of Manasseh spoke Joshua, saying,

¹³ "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God hath given you rest and hath given you this land.'

¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and help them

¹⁵ until the Lord shall have given your brethren rest, as He hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the Lord your God giveth them. Then ye shall return unto the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord'S servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising."

¹⁶ And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go.

¹⁷ According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee; only the Lord thy God be with thee, as He was with Moses.

¹⁸ Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death. Only be strong and of a good courage."

21st Century King James Version (KJ21)

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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Hebrew names **Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah**) are figures from the biblical *Book of Daniel*, primarily chapter 3. In the narrative, the three Hebrew men are thrown into a fiery furnace by *Nebuchadnezzar II*, King of *Babylon* for refusing to bow to the king's image. The three are preserved from harm and the king sees four men walking in the flames, "the fourth ... like the Son of God".^[1] They are first mentioned in *Daniel 1*, where alongside *Daniel* they are brought to Babylon to study *Chaldean* language and literature with a view to them serving at the King's court, and their *Hebrew* names are replaced with *Chaldean* or *Babylonian* names.^[2]

The first six chapters of *Daniel* are stories dating from the late *Persian/early Hellenistic period*, and *Daniel's* absence from the story of the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace suggests that it may originally have been independent.^[3] It forms a pair with the story of *Daniel in the lions' den*, both making the point that the God of the Jews will deliver those who are faithful to him.^[4]

Summary

King *Nebuchadnezzar* set up a golden image in the plain of *Dura* (meaning *dwelling*) and commanded that all his officials bow before it. All who failed to do so would be thrown into a blazing furnace. Certain officials informed the king that the three Jewish youths *Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah*, who bore the *Babylonian* names *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego*, and whom the king had appointed to high office in *Babylon*, were refusing to worship the golden statue. The three were brought before *Nebuchadnezzar*, where they informed the king that God would be with them. *Nebuchadnezzar* commanded that they be thrown into the fiery furnace, heated seven times hotter than normal, but when the king looked, he saw four figures walking unharmed in the flames, the fourth "like a son of God." Seeing this, *Nebuchadnezzar* brought the youths out of the flames, and the fire had not had any effect on their bodies. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire was on them. The king then promoted them to high office, decreeing that anyone, who spoke against God, should be torn limb from limb.^[5]

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah



Fiery furnace (1266) by *Toros Roslin*.

Three Holy Children

Venerated in	Judaism
	Christianity
	Islam
Major shrine	Tomb of Daniel, <i>Susa</i>
Feast	16 December – Roman Catholicism
	17 December – Eastern Orthodoxy
	Tuesday after fourth Sunday of Pentecost – Armenian Apostolic Church
Attributes	Three men in the fiery furnace

Composition and structure

Book of Daniel

It is generally accepted that the Book of Daniel originated as a collection of stories among the Jewish community in Babylon and Mesopotamia in the Persian and early Hellenistic periods (5th to 3rd centuries BCE), expanded by the visions of chapters 7–12 in the Maccabean era (mid-2nd century).^[6] Modern scholarship agrees that Daniel is a legendary figure.^[7] It is possible that the name was chosen for the hero of the book because of his reputation as a wise seer in Hebrew tradition.^[8] The tales are in the voice of an anonymous narrator, except for chapter 4, which is in the form of a letter from king Nebuchadnezzar.^[9] Chapter 3 is unique in that Daniel does not appear in it.

Daniel 3

Daniel 3 forms part of a chiasmus (a poetic structure in which the main point or message of a passage is placed in the centre and framed by further repetitions on either side) within Daniel 2–7, paired with Daniel 6, the story of Daniel in the lions' den.^[10]

- A. (2:4b-49) – A dream of four kingdoms replaced by a fifth
 - B. (3:1–30) – Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace
 - C. (4:1–37) – Daniel interprets a dream for Nebuchadnezzar
 - C'. (5:1–31) – Daniel interprets the handwriting on the wall for Belshazzar
 - B'. (6:1–28) – Daniel in the lions' den
- A'. (7:1–28) – A vision of four world kingdoms replaced by a fifth

Chapters 3 and 6 contain significant differences. The story of the fiery furnace does not include Daniel, while the story of the lions' den does not include Daniel's friends; the first story takes place under Nebuchadnezzar and the second under Darius; and in the first story the disobedience to the earthly ruler takes place in public, while in the second Daniel petitions God in private. The stories thus supplement each other to make the point that the god of the Jews will deliver those who are faithful to him.^[4]



Franz Joseph Hermann, "The Fiery Furnace; from the Book of Daniel, 3"; St. Pankratius, Wiggensbach, Germany. King Nebuchadnezzar (left) watches the three youths and the angelic figure in the furnace (right), while the king's gigantic statue towers behind them (centre).



Catacomb of Priscilla, Rome, late 3rd century/early 4th century.



Depicted on Moone High Cross, Ireland, 10th century

Genre and themes

The legendary nature of the story is revealed by the liberal use of hyperbole – the size of the statue, the use of every kind of music, the destruction of the executioners, and the king's rage followed by his confession of the superiority of the God of Israel. The plot is a type known in folklore as "the disgrace and rehabilitation of a minister," the plot of which involves a man in a state of prosperity who is sentenced to death or prison by the plots of his enemies but vindicated and restored to honour.^[11]

When Nebuchadnezzar confronts the defiant Jewish youths who refuse to submit to his will he asks them what god will deliver them from his hands. Their reply is the theological high point of the story: without addressing the king by his title, they tell him that the question is not whether they are willing to bow before the king's image, but whether God is present and willing to save.^[12] When the three are thrown into the furnace the king sees four men walking in the flames, the fourth like "a son of god," a divine being.



The Three Young Men in the Fiery Furnace (15th century icon of the Novgorod school).

Interpretation

Daniel's absence from the tale of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego suggests that it may originally have been an independent story. (According to the Talmud (Sanhedrin 93a), Daniel was out of the country at the time of the incident.)

The Hebrew names of the three youths were Hananiah (חַנְיָיָה *Hānanyāh*), "Yah is gracious", Mishael (מִישָׁאֵל *Mišā'ēl*), "Who is what El is?" and Azariah (אֶזְרִיָּה *Āzaryāh*), "Yah has helped", but by the king's decree they were assigned Chaldean names, so that Hananiah became Shadrach (שְׁדַרְכַּךְ *Šaḏrak*), Mishael became Meshach (מֶשֶׁכַּךְ *Mêšak*) and Azariah became Abednego (אֲבֵד־נֶגֹד *Ābêd-Nəḡō*).^[13]

The Chaldean names are related to the Hebrew ones, with the names El and Yah replaced by Babylonian theonyms: *Šaḏrak* may reflect *Šudur Aku* "Command of Aku (the moon god)",^[14] *Mêšak* is probably a variation of *Mi-ša-aku*, meaning "Who is as Aku is?", and *Abednego* is either "Slave of the god Nebo/Nabu" or a variation of *Abednergal*, "Slave of the god Nergal."

The word "Dura" (where the statue is erected) means simply "plain" or "fortress" and is not any specific place; the Greek historian Herodotus mentions a golden image of the god Bel in Babylon, but the gigantic size of this statue might suggest that its origins lie in folklore.^[15] The statue's dimensions (6×60 cubits) are linked intertextually with those of Ezra–Nehemiah's Second Temple (60×60 cubits), suggesting that the king's image is contrasted with the post-exilic place of worship for faithful Jews like Daniel.^[16]

Christian liturgy

The Greek Septuagint version of Daniel 3 includes the deuterocanonical Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three Holy Children.^[17] The song is alluded to in odes seven and eight of the canon, a hymn

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sung in the matins service and on other occasions in the Eastern Orthodox Church. The reading of the story of the fiery furnace, including the song, is prescribed for the vesperal Divine Liturgy celebrated by the Orthodox on Holy Saturday. The Latin canticle *Benedicite Dominum* is based on the "song of the three youths". It is used at Lauds for Sundays and feast days.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, the feast day of the three youths, along with Daniel, is 17 December. The Orthodox also commemorate them on the two Sundays before the Nativity of Christ.

In the Armenian Apostolic Church, one of the Oriental Orthodox or ancient non-Chalcedonian churches, the feast day of the three youths, along with Daniel, is commemorated on the Tuesday after the fourth Sunday of Pentecost.^[18]

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod also includes Daniel and the three youths in the Calendar of Saints on 17 December.

In culture

Literature

- 1865: In Anthony Trollope's novel Miss Mackenzie, the protagonist John Ball is a director of two ironically named insurance companies, the Shadrach Fire Assurance Office and the Abednego Life Office.^[19] Literary scholar A. O. J. Cockshut called this "Another example of Trollope's fondness for jokes about names."^[20] *The Spectator* in its original unsigned review of the novel in 1865 noted "how happy is Mr. Trollope's humor in inventing names!"^[21]
- 1963: Martin Luther King Jr. references them in his "Letter from Birmingham Jail"
- 1915-1974: Bertie Wooster, a central character in many novels and short stories by British comic author P. G. Wodehouse, makes occasional reference to the three figures, having learned about them in school in the course of winning a prize for scripture knowledge.
- 1961: R. F. Delderfield wrote a novel called *Stop at a Winner* about Abednego Pascoe who survives the furnace of World War II, his two older brothers were named Shadrach and Meshach.
- 1976: Robert Silverberg wrote a novel based on this story, called *Shadrach in the Furnace*.
- 1989: *Scintillant Orange*, a story in William Vollmann's collection *The Rainbow Stories*, is an elaboration of the S, M, & A tale.

Music

- 1734, revised 1774: *Il Cantico de' tre fanciulli*, cantata by Johann Adolph Hasse (1699–1783)^[22]
- 1885: *The Three Holy Children* (<https://ehms.lib.umn.edu/the-three-holy-children/>), oratorio by C.V. Stanford
- 1930s: "Shadrack", popular song by Robert MacGimsey, performed by several singers including Louis Armstrong
- 1955–1956: *Gesang der Jünglinge*, electronic music by Karlheinz Stockhausen
- 1966: *The Burning Fiery Furnace* music drama by Benjamin Britten
- 1968: "The Fourth Man in the Fire" by Arthur "Guitar Boogie" Smith, recorded by The Statler Brothers and by Johnny Cash (1969)

- 1972: *It's Cool in the Furnace*, an album of songs written by Buryl Red and Grace Hawthorne^[23] followed by a 1973 musical still performed by churches and religious schools^[24]
- 1974: "Loose Booty", recorded by Sly and the Family Stone
- 1976: "Abendigo", recorded by The Abyssinians
- 1979: "Survival", recorded by Bob Marley and the Wailers, "...like Shadrach, Mishrach and Abednego, thrown in the fire but they never get burn..."
- 1980: "Never Get Burn", recorded by The Twinkle Brothers
- 1989: "Shadrach" by Beastie Boys
- 1999: "Never Bow Down", recorded by Third Day
- 2005: "Abendigo", cover by Sinéad O'Connor of original by The Abyssinians
- 2007: "Burn Us Up", recorded by Shane and Shane
- 2010: "A Good Name" by Shad
- 2011: *Meshach Dreams Back* by Jane Siberry
- 2012: "Into the Fire" by Foy Vance
- 2019: "Another in the Fire", recorded by Hillsong United
- 2021: "Fye Fye", recorded by Tobe Nwigwe

Film and television

- 1995: "Rack, Shack & Benny", an animated video in the *VeggieTales* franchise

See also

- The Prayer of Azariah and Song of the Three Holy Children

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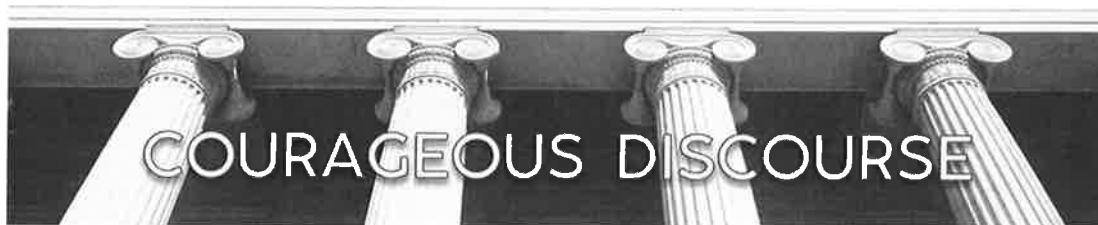
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- **Category A:** The possibility of fetal harm appears remote. Extremely few drugs exist in this category (e.g., multiple vitamins).
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- **Category C:** **These drugs should be given only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.** Examples: fluoroquinolones, gentamicin, saccharin, aspirin.
- **Category D:** **There is positive evidence of human fetal risk, but the benefits from use in pregnant women may be acceptable despite the risk.** They should only be used in pregnancy when the alternatives are worse. Examples: tetracyclines, ACE inhibitors, and most antineoplastics.
- **Category X:** **The risk of use of the drug in pregnant women clearly outweighs any possible benefit. The drug is contraindicated in women who are or may become pregnant.** Examples: thalidomide, oral contraceptives, statins, all COVID-19 vaccines.

I published an article in 2021 with Dr. Raphael Stricker, who advises one of the largest fetal loss centers in the country, warning women that the COVID-19 vaccine should be considered pregnancy category X. This designation should have been assigned by the vaccine manufacturers and agreed to by the FDA and properly placed on all vaccine program documents since pregnancy and childbearing age without contraception were exclusions from the EUA registration trials.

Shockingly, in the very first week of mass vaccination in December of 2020, news reels depicted well-intentioned pregnant mothers getting injected with synthetic lipid

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nanoparticles laced with long-lasting mRNA coding for the Wuhan Institute of Virology Spike protein. How could this be happening with no mutagenicity or teratogenicity studies? How could good clinical practice by doctors be abandoned?

Pregnant mothers and vaccine center workers didn't seem to care. There were no assurances of gestational, peripartum, or long-term safety. Would the baby be affected by this brand-new technology? The regulatory agencies and medical colleges appeared to be in a tranced oblivion.

There are more than a dozen papers that extoll the virtues of mass vaccination and quickly conclude that COVID-19 vaccines are "safe" in pregnancy. Each paper has critical flaws including: 1) not randomized, 2) no comparator group, 3) limited time window and not entire term with continued follow-up, 4) incomplete capture of clinical events, 5) conflict of interest with American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) who received and undisclosed sum of money from the White House HHS COVID-19 Community Core Fund to promote vaccination.

In drug safety research, even if it is only one abstract, manuscript, or monograph that raises a serious safety concern, it should be pursued over those which failed to find the signal. Thorp and colleagues used CDC VAERS and compared COVID-19 vaccines to influenza vaccines and found in US cases, a 27-fold higher risk of miscarriage and more than a twofold increased risk across six categories of adverse fetal outcomes. Because the mRNA is now known to circulate for a 28 days or more and the Spike protein causes clotting, bleeding, and is known to damage tissues, my conservative conclusion is that COVID-19 vaccination remains pregnancy category X—contraindicated.

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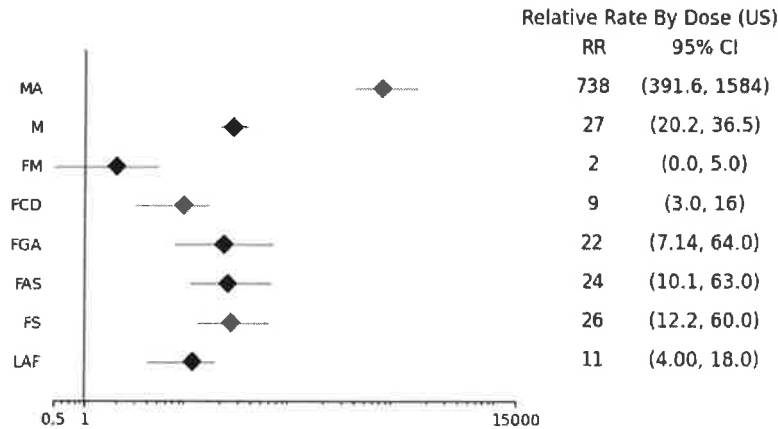


Figure 2. US relative rates of AE reports after COVID-19 vaccination versus those after Influenza vaccination by dose given. A value greater than 1 implies that the AE is reported more frequently after the COVID-19 vaccines than after the Influenza vaccines. Note the log scale spanning multiple orders of magnitude, indicating a large effect across many different AE - all substantially greater than 1. MA=menstrual abnormality; M=miscarriage (spontaneous abortion); FM=fetal malformation; FCD=fetal cardiac disease; FGA=fetal growth abnormality; FAS=fetal abnormal surveillance; LAF=low amniotic fluid volume; FD=fetal death.

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