

Neighbors Opposed to Backyard Slaughter

Oakland is implementing an urban agriculture policy to increase healthful food for residents. Many people feel that this policy should involve growing crops – not breeding and killing animals – for a variety of reasons...



The Oakland Animal Shelter is already underfunded and overwhelmed with abandoned dogs & cats. They don't have the resources to take in farmed rabbits, hens, and goats. More animals dumped at the shelter means more dogs & cats euthanized.

The last thing I want my daughter to see or hear are the sounds of an animal being killed next door by a DIY slaughter hobbyist.



People who want to start a business or buy a house in Oakland will be deterred by the sounds and smell of farmed animals on the neighboring property.

I absolutely support urban agriculture, but doesn't that mean plants?

We need to increase access to healthful foods, which means fruits and vegetables.



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- Feed, housing, and veterinary care for backyard farm animals require time, energy, and money. Unaware of these hidden costs, many people will inevitably neglect or abandon their animals. Local animal shelters and rescue groups have already been burdened by an increase in the number of mistreated and abandoned animals since the new urban animal farm trend began.
- With so many Oakland residents already suffering from health issues even the Alameda County Public Health Department recognizes as being diet-related – such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and obesity – the city has a responsibility to support the consumption of healthful plant foods – not more animal products.
- There is no such thing as an animal agriculture system without slaughter. As innocuous as it seems to have hens in backyards, when they stop making eggs (as all females do) what will happen to them? What about the babies from goats constantly bred to produce milk? And aren't "live-stock" rabbits kept only to be killed for meat? Who will kill them? How? Who will regulate it? Neighbors?

To express these concerns or others, please come to the next public meeting held by the Planning & Zoning Department.

Join Neighbors Opposed to Backyard Slaughter in telling the city to adopt plant-based agriculture and to leave the animals out of it!

July 21st, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

City of Oakland Urban Agriculture Community Meeting

North Oakland Senior Center

5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

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