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from: Carl Bryan

## PRESENT AT CITY COUNCIL 2/3

Madame Mayor

City Council Members

My name is Carl Bryan. I was born in Bakersfield (at Mercy Hospital) in 1945. Bakersfield has been my place of residence my entire life except for my college years at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and three years with the US Army Signal Corps including 19 months in Vietnam.

The years since I began working with my father in the insurance business in 1972, and then as a mathematics instructor and substitute teacher have been filled with my desire to be an active citizen, and I have done so in many

ways: 50 year membership in Kiwanis; one year on the Kern County Grand Jury; twice a member of the Electoral College in California; and an 8-gallon donor at Houchin Blood Bank.

My primary life outside employment has been serving as a sports public address announcer for Bakersfield College football for 34 seasons and track and fields at youth, high school, college, state, national, and world track and field championships for 45 years.

I am a bit uncomfortable asking for your help, but I appreciate being included in the public statements regarding the Hen Ordinance.



The safe and healthy keeping of household hens according to reasonable restrictions has many benefits, including:

Fresh eggs!

And for my family especially a healthy learning experience for school-age children (and younger), including my grandchildren. My frequent conversations with hen owners are a good learning experience for me -- one summer working at Giumarra Grape Packing Warehouse is my only personal connection with agriculture other than gardening. Bakersfield has always been a city that depends on agriculture and farming for its prominent place

in the country. The keeping and caring of pets and other animals is an experience that no one should miss.

Thank you for the chance to be heard. The lack of sporting events to announce recently has kept me uncomfortable.