

Re: EC1.7 Urban Hens TO program extension until May 31, 2023.

Good morning Councillors,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a good holiday season.

Congratulations Shelley on being appointed Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee.

I am writing in support of extending the Urban Hen program until May 31, 2023 to allow staff time to reach out to the participants of this amazing program. I received a call late last year asking if I was still participating in the program and if so, how many hens do I have. I was very happy to provide the person with Ruby and Stella's names as participants.

I look forward to speaking at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Economic and Community Development Committee meeting where I am sure staff will be presenting a report very similar to the one from April 2022 which based on the success of the Urban Hens TO pilot program, where City staff recommended making the program permanent and expanding it city-wide.

Until then I wish everyone all the best.

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PS. You have my permission to share this email publicly.



Ruby and Stella lap chickens



Fresh eggs



Ruby



Stella