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Dear Mayor Muns and Members of the City Council,

At our meeting on July 27, 2021, the Plano Animal Shelter Advisory Committee thoroughly considered the issue of allowing backyard hens in Plano. We heard from four citizens who provided public comments on this matter with three in favor and one opposed. We then had a thoughtful discussion of the positives that come with making this change as well as the concerns that could potentially arise with making these allowances.

After giving it great thought, we voted to approve the ordinance changes as presented to our Committee. We felt they were reasonable restrictions that balanced animal welfare and property rights in ways that would hopefully prevent nuisance issues from becoming commonplace.

Dr. Karen Dubrow, PhD, Chair

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee