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Paula McDermott, Chair
And Sustainable Food Policy Board Members

Dear Sustainable Food Policy Board Members:

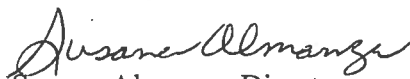
First and foremost, there is no animosity toward urban farms; our concern regarding the property at 3300 Govalle Avenue is to the slaughtering and selling of chickens in a residential zoning and neighborhood. The slaughtering and selling of chickens is a commercial use.

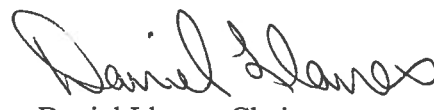
Further, the Urban Farm Ordinance as written, conflicts with our adopted Govalle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Plan, and has never gone through the review process by our team for any use or zoning changes.

The Urban Farm Ordinance is vague and can be confusing and needs to be clarified and brought into compliance with the adopted Neighborhood Plans. The points that need to be clarified are: (1) there is no clear definition of urban farm, (2) no clear definition of desired development zone, (3) its not clearly stated that urban farms in a single family zoning is a conditional use, (4) there is no minimum or maximum of amount of animals/fowls that one can have in a single family zoned area and/or other zoning categories, (5) there is no mention of the slaughtering of animals/fowls and selling them, (6) no mention of the composting of animals/fowls on location in a single family zoned area and/or other zoning categories.

We also recommend that the Community Development Commission review the Urban Farm Ordinance, since it impacts the use of single family zoning and the possible impact on affordable housing.

Sincerely,


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Daniel Llanes, Chair
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