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Cc: <u>clerk@hamilton.ca</u> **Subject:** Backyard chickens

Hello Councillor Danko,

I am a resident of Ward 8 who really would love to have my children experience raising chickens. It would give them responsibility, assist with their mental health, as COVID has thrown us many curveballs in the health and wellbeing of our family members and they need something positive to help them cope, and we have ample space. It would also help my husband and I as well. I know that there are breeds that are silent which would be great, even though I think dogs make more noise and they are rampant in the city. Also, if we had chickens I would ensure that they stay in my backyard and not walk them around the neighbourhood and let them leave their droppings on every lawn they see as many of my neighbourhood dog owners like to do, which makes mowing the lawn fun. We would build the appropriate dwelling for them and enjoy fresh eggs daily. I truly hope that you consider backing this project not only as a representative of our ward but as a parent and family man as well.

Sincerely, Maria Mulè and family