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Dear City of Geneva Green Committee,

I would like to sincerely thank you for allowing me to discuss the chicken co-op proposal with you this past Tuesday. Your questions were well-intentioned and instructive, and I hope I was able to more fully convey the vision behind the project, as well as some possible implementation details. Your thoughts and concerns are important to me, as this project is meant to be fundamentally for the betterment of the whole of Geneva.

As James-Emery and I begin the work of approaching the city for permission and an adequate site, I would like to formally request your support of the concept. Specifically, I ask your endorsement of the following:

- 1) the ability of a chicken cooperative to build community and instill pride within and between diverse segments of Geneva's citizens
- 2) the potential for chicken-tending (and potential related endeavors, like beekeeping) to provide educational opportunities to schoolchildren in Geneva
- 3) the importance of a centrally located site in the city proper to further the mission of community inclusion
- 4) the ability for the cooperative to introduce elements of sustainability to the city of Geneva; elements like alternative energy, rainwater collection, soil rehabilitation, composting, and the significance of local food sources
- 5) the importance of creative reuse and environmental stewardship of neglected areas in the downtown area

There are other benefits to be sure, but I believe these facets intersect with the goals and mission of the Green Committee - indeed, I believe all of them include a "sustainability" component that does not exist in isolation. I hope to initiate a further discussion with City Council and city staff, ideally at the November 3 Council meeting, with your stated support. At that time we will address further concerns and begin an exploration of the most appropriate site in which to locate this project.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this idea, and for your thoughtful response. Please do not hesitate to contact me with ideas, questions, or concerns at any time.

Sincerely,



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