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Oral Communications

Written Comments

Cyrah Caburian

From: Peter Chu <peterchu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:25 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: A few slides for Today's Oral Communication section during City Council Meeting
Attachments: Cupertino_ Sensible 5G Deployment.pdf

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Hi,

My Name is Peter Chu and I would like to share these slides during my 3 minutes during Oracl Communications.

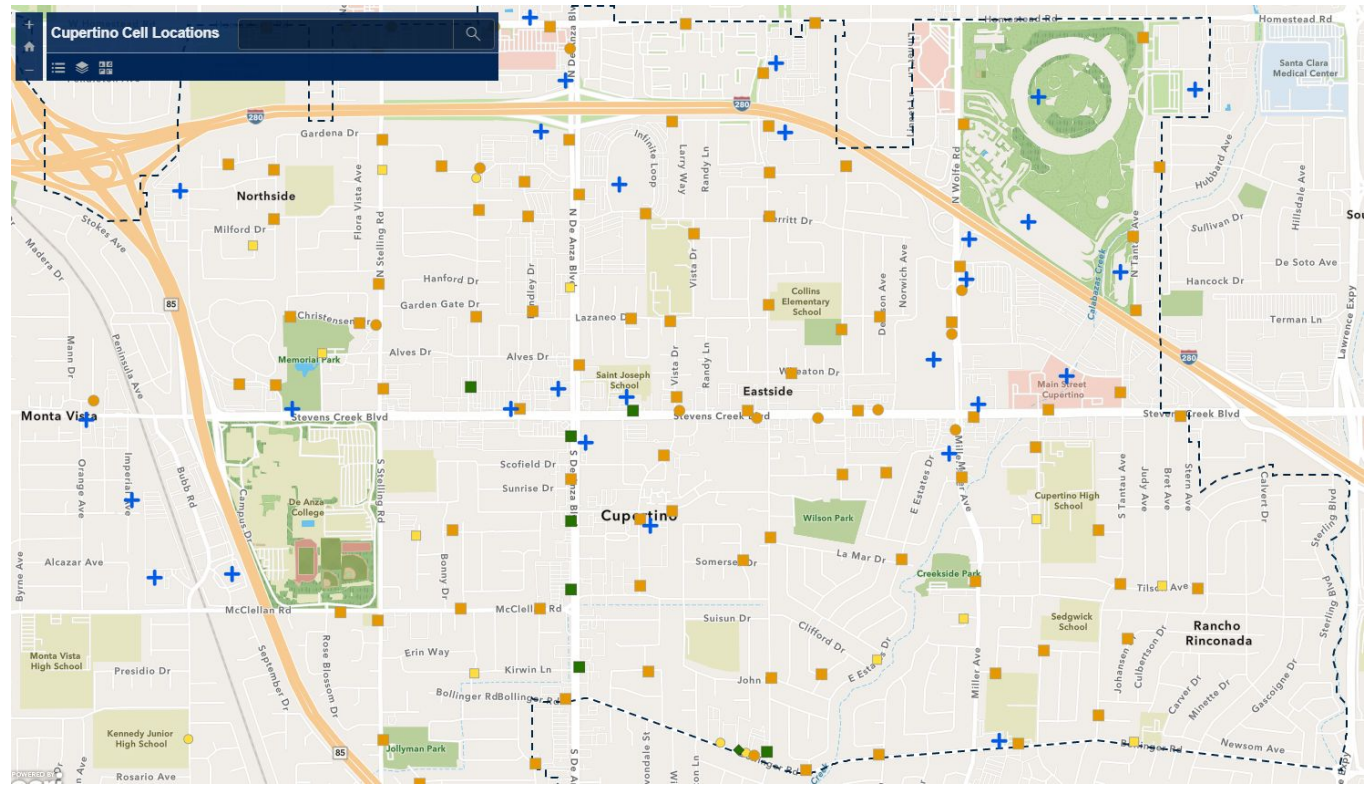
Thank you
Peter

Sensible 5G Deployment for Cupertino

Peter Chu
Mar. 16, 2021

APRIL 20, 2021
5G Study Session

Public Service 5G Update



- Over 100 5G cell sites have been permitted since Oct. 2020
- They are allowed to be as close as 20 feet from residential structures
- Cells sites from different carriers have no minimum distance requirement currently



Cupertino citizens are alarmed by carrier activities

Need to communicate to the residents about the full plan of action

- It is the carriers' expectations that these tall 5G+4G combo cell towers will go on top of all available light posts
- Some will be closer than 25 feet from our bedrooms or living rooms

Given 5G is a first time technology

- We should issue provisional permits
- We should pass ordinances to set minimum 100-300 ft from residences

Many CA cities (Los Altos, Mill Valley, Calabasas, Sonoma City, Petaluma, Encinitas) have more stringent 5G ordinances- why don't we follow their lead?





Guide our City into the Future with Sensible Leadership

City needs to inform all residents of the full picture of 5G deployment

- More proactive outreach to inform, educate and solicit input
- Utilize non-commercial zones as a priority
- Issue provisional permits which will be renewed as we learn more about the technology and its impact
- Pass ordinances at least at par with the low end of what other cities are doing

Done properly with the support of the residents, many of us welcome 5G to bring new and better wireless services to our community





Thank you!

Cupertino for Sensible 5G Deployment

Email: Cupertino4Sensible5G@gmail.com

Petition: <https://tinyurl.com/3tr8myae>

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Study Session #1

Measure A

Acquisition, 10591 N.

De Anza Blvd

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Darcy Paul,

Cupertino has an opportunity to bring our values to fruition. I fully support this effort to bring affordable housing to our city.

I am a Cupertino community member for the past 15 years, writing to you out of excitement for the potential of having affordable housing at 10591 N. De Anza Boulevard! Why? Because I want to see people have the ability to live here, regardless of their socioeconomic class.

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Sincerely, Michelle Jenny

Michelle Jenny
michellekatyajenny@gmail.com

Cupertino, California 95014

Cyrah Caburian

From: Alexander Espinosa Pieb <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Jon Robert Willey
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Jon Wiley,

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Cyrah Caburian

From: Jennifer Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:35 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Fw: Out Back Restaurant Steak House Site at 10591 N. De Anza Blvd.

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FYI. Please include this in the public record. Thank you.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jennifer Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>
To: citycouncil@cupertino.org <citycouncil@cupertino.org>
Cc: grenna5000@yahoo.com <grenna5000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 03:32:43 PM PDT
Subject: Out Back Restaurant Steak House Site at 10591 N. De Anza Blvd.

Dear City Council:

I am very concerned with the closure of the Outback Steak House Restaurant and building housing on this site.

The Out Back Restaurant has been at the 1091 N. De Anza Blvd. site for many years. It is a well loved well frequented large family restaurant. It provides a menu that many members from a single family can enjoy and it employs many people. My family and I went to the Outback many times and it is a wonderful place to dine and enjoy family celebrations. The restaurant staff are very nice and helpful.

I do not think closing the restaurant is a good idea, especially now that the County is in the red tier and people can begin dining in the restaurants again. The Outback should be opening back up again and welcoming diners. It should be providing jobs for workers who need re-employment after the Pandemic. Many family restaurants have closed in the area and the Outback is a very important large family restaurant that is big enough to handle graduation, engagement, retirement and family birthday parties.

My family has been going to the Outback for many years and also to the dining establishment that was there before.

This is not a good location for housing. The busy freeway is nearby and there are no services in the area, and now there will be one less restaurant.

Please do not let this valuable restaurant close. The additional retail in the shopping center would be lost also. This whole area is a bad location for housing, especially supportive housing as there are little or few supportive services nearby.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

Family member lived in Cupertino since 1950.

Cyrah Caburian

From: Jennifer Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:05 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Cc: grenna5000@yahoo.com
Subject: Supportive Services for Study Session Item 1 on 10591 N. De Anza Blvd, 3/15/21 City Council Meeting

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Dear City Council:

What sort of supportive services will the folks the County is intending to house at the Outback Restaurant on De Anza Blvd, in Cupertino need?

There are very few supportive services in this area. Will these folks need on-going medical treatment? Where would these folks receive medical treatment?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

Cyrah Caburian

From: Joseph Fruen <jrfruen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:08 PM
To: City Council; Darcy Paul; Liang Chao; Jon Robert Willey; Hung Wei; Kitty Moore
Cc: Kirsten Squarcia; City Clerk; Cupertino City Manager's Office; Deborah L. Feng
Subject: Re: 3/16/2021 Council Study Session Discussion re SCC acquisition of 10591 N. De Anza Blvd for supportive

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Mayor Paul & Members of the City Council:

Thank you for taking the time to examine this issue today. County acquisition of the commercial site at 10591 N. De Anza Boulevard represents a serendipitous opportunity to create significant, much-needed, new supportive and affordable housing right here in Cupertino. The site provides excellent access to services and transit, and to the spectacular opportunities our community affords its residents. Producing these new homes here would make a substantial dent in our Regional Housing Needs Allocation--all without having to dip into Cupertino's own Affordable Housing Fund. Moreover, in this instance, you'd have the chance to work collaboratively with the County in guiding the development path for these new homes.

I therefore urge you to support the County's acquisition of this site for new affordable housing. Let's not miss this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration,

J.R. Fruen
Cupertino resident

Cyrah Caburian

From: Jennifer Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:24 PM
To: City Council
Cc: grenna5000@yahoo.com
Subject: Supportive Services for Supportive Housing at Outback Restaurant in Cupertino

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Dear City Council:

What is the County's plan is if this supportive service housing complex at the Outback Restaurant attracts homeless people to the upcoming Junipero Serra Trail by the 280 frontage. These homeless folks may be attracted to be near the supportive services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

Cyrah Caburian

From: Jenny Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:56 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Cc: grenna5000@yahoo com
Subject: Purchase of Outback Restaurant for Supportive Housing

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Dear City Council:

If the County does purchase the Outback Restaurant for Supportive housing, can we make sure That the land will be used for Supportive housing and is not sold to someone else who Might build a ten story high density housing complex on it etc. Can a rider be out on the Agreement that if the County sells the property or tries to use it for some other use, The original zoning and density on the property (As it is now) is reinstated.

This way Cupertino is protected in knowing the site will be used for Supportive housing As per the initial agreement with the county.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

CC 03-16-21

#7

Friendship City
Relationship
Renewal

Written Comments

Cyrah Caburian

From: snow liem <snowliem@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Kirsten Squarcia
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Re: #7 Cupertino-TaiChung friendship cities.

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Here is the video to play

<https://youtu.be/tpTcaEygaOo>

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On Mar 16, 2021, at 5:57 PM, snow liem <snowliem@yahoo.com> wrote:

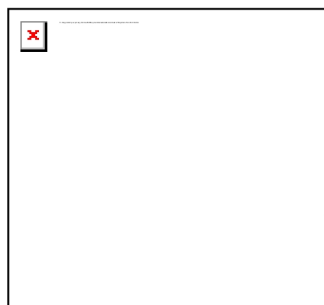
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On Mar 16, 2021, at 5:34 PM, Kirsten Squarcia <KirstenS@cupertino.org> wrote:

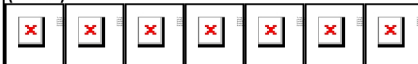
Hello, there was no attachment for this video.

Thanks, Kirsten



Kirsten Squarcia

City Clerk
City Manager's Office
KirstenS@cupertino.org
(408) 777-3225



-----Original Message-----

From: snow liem <snowliem@yahoo.com>
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To: City Clerk <CityClerk@cupertino.org>
Subject: #7 Cupertino-TaiChung friendship cities.

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Friendship city renew for Cupertino-TaiChung friendship cities.

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CUPERTINO TAICHUNG FRIENDSHIP CITIES

台中 庫柏蒂諾 友誼城市

Cupertino Taichung Friendship Cities Renew Presentation

Summary for TaiChung visits to Cupertino hosted by the Committee during 2019 and 2020

- TaiChung DaRen Elementary School Baseball team visited Bay Area and joined little leagues event. Played 6 games with local baseball teams in July 2019
- Two weeks summer camp for the exchange students program (Elementary school) from Taiwan in Summer 2019
- Delegating an elementary school performance group of TaiChung Government participated in “Kids’ N Fun” festival in August 2019



CUPERTINO TAICHUNG FRIENDSHIP CITIES

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Summary for Cupertino visits TaiChung City hosted by the Committee during 2019 and 2020

- Hosted an online conference for both Cupertino high schoolers and TaiChung high schoolers. There were more than 70 senior high schoolers participated in the event in August 2019
- Ten CTFC members visited TaiChung City in November 2019. Taichung city official extended a cordial welcome



CUPERTINO TAICHUNG FRIENDSHIP CITIES

台中 庫柏蒂諾 友誼城市

Activities and Outcomes in 2019

- Participated three Market Stall activities at Creekside of Cupertino
- Took part at Cupertino “Earth Day” event during April, 2019
- Held “Health Fair” event in July, 2019
 - It was the largest event in 2019
 - Sixteen physicians attended the health fair
 - Over 800 Cupertino residents participated
- CTFC vice president Polly hosted Summer Line-dance program at the courtyard of Cupertino City Hall during June to August 2019



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Activities and Outcomes in 2020

- Due to Covid-19 pandemic , CTFC hosted events via cloud meetings
- Supported “No on Prop 16” online seminar hosted by Vice mayor Dr. Chou
- In September 2020, the following activities were held
 - Co-sponsored online meeting with Alzheimer’s Association
 - Hosted online “Extravaganza Show” by City Council member, Hung Wei
 - Distributed 130,000 masks from Taiwan to CTFC members



CUPERTINO TAICHUNG FRIENDSHIP CITIES

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Activities and Outcomes in 2020

- Donated 12,000 masks (Made in Taiwan) to:
 - Cupertino Library
 - Cupertino Post Office
 - Cupertino Fire department
 - Cupertino Senior Center
 - Cupertino Rotary volunteer group
- Donated 5,000 Masks (Made in Taiwan) to Fremont Union High School District



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2021-2022 Events & Activities Planning

Spring

- Participate Cupertino Town Hall Meeting on CONVID-19 Vaccination Planning
- Promote CONVID-19 Vaccination with CTFC members
- Chinese New Year celebration event

Summer

- Host online conference for both Cupertino elementary students and TaiChung elementary students for a concert via web conference
- Delegate to elementary school performance group of TaiChung city to take part in “Kids’ N Fun” festival



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2021-2022 Events & Activities Planning

Fall

- Hosting online conference for Cupertino high schoolers and TaiChung high schoolers
- Hosting Health Fair for CTFC members
- Visit TaiChung City when CONVID-19 is under control

Winter

- Show appreciation to Cupertino Union School District and Police Department



Establish good relationship to benefit both Cupertino and TaiChung Cities

- Fostering a growth relationship for Cupertino and Taichung cities via the activities, events and exchange student programs
- Enable Cupertino residents and community members to learn different culture and education systems
- Continue to promote virtual events via internet conference tools to preserve the strong relationship during the pandemic



CUPERTINO TAICHUNG FRIENDSHIP CITIES
台中 庫柏蒂諾 友誼城市

2021 and 2022 Cupertino and Taichung Friendship Cities Committee

- President: Weini Liem
- First Vice President: Carol Wang
- Second Vice President: Daphne Jew
- Chief Secretary: Chia-Yun Chiang
- Chief Financial Officer: Diana Tang
- Council Members: Ann Tzeng, Lillian Tsai, Hsin-Ling Tsai, Polly Hu, Chiou-Pying Cheng and Meichen Lin



CUPERTINO TAICHUNG FRIENDSHIP CITIES

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- Chief Advisor: Anita Fu
- Advisors: Annan Chen, Thomas Liu and Pingping Lee
- Officers: Eva Chen, Wei-Lien Chan, Nancy Liu and Maw-Chin Lee



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CC 03-16-21

#14

Dark Sky Policies
Municode
Amendment

Written Comments

Cyrah Caburian

From: Peggy Griffin <peggy.griffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 7:29 PM
To: Erick Serrano; Piu Ghosh
Cc: Deborah L. Feng; City Council; City Clerk
Subject: 2021-03-16 CC Meeting Agenda Item #14 - Exhibit D Map needs street names!

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Dear Erick and Piu,

Thank you for providing additional exhibits such as the map and glass treatments.

In looking at "Exhibit D - Bird Sensitive Area Map" I noticed that it does not have street names! This is key for people to orient themselves.

REQUEST: Please update Exhibit D to include street names - especially key street names so people can get oriented AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so people can have the information before the meeting.

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

Cyrah Caburian

From: Myron Crawford <Mccrawford@bergvc.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:19 PM
To: Darcy Paul; Liang Chao; Jon Robert Willey; Hung Wei; Kitty Moore
Cc: Erick Serrano
Subject: City Council 3-16-21 Item 14 - Municipal Code Amendments to adopt glazing and lighting regulations
Attachments: CCUP Mayor 33 CC 3-16-21 Item 14 Bd Saf dk sky.pdf

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3/12/21

**Mayor and City Council
City of Cupertino
10300 Torea Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014**

Email: dpaul@cupertino.org; liangchao@cupertino.org; jwilley@cupertino.org; hwei@cupertino.org; kmoore@cupertino.org

**Subject: City Council 3-16-21 Item 14
Municipal Code Amendments to adopt glazing and lighting
regulations**

Support of Chamber of Commerce March 4, 2021 Letter – Recommendations and Comments:

- 1) We fully support the Chamber of Commerce March 4, 2021 Letter – Recommendations and Comments.**
- 2) We recommend that the Chamber's comments and recommendations be incorporated in their entirety into the new ordinance. We are fortunate that the Chamber took the time and effort to study the proposed ordinance and make the comments and recommendations that they did.**
- 3) We note that both the Chamber and Staff report specifically state:
“the proposed ordinance would not apply to any existing structure or lighting fixtures retroactively. A noncomplying facility may be maintained indefinitely.” This should absolutely be incorporated in the new ordinance**

Thank you for your consideration,

Myron Crawford

Cc: Erick Serrano

Project Planner

City of Cupertino

10300 Torre Avenue

Cupertino, CA 95014

Tel: 408-777-3308; Fax: 408-777-3333

Email: ericks@cupertino.org

Chamber of Commerce

Cyrah Caburian

From: Connie Cunningham <cunninghamconniel@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 5:47 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Support: Agenda Item 14, Dark Sky and Bird-Safe Design, March 16 City Council
Attachments: PastedGraphic-2.pdf

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Written Communications for 2021-3-16 Bird-Safe Design and Dark Skies Ordinance, Agenda Item 14, City Council Meeting

Subject: Municipal Code Amendments to adopt glazing and lighting regulations to implement the Fiscal Year 2019/20 City Council Work Program items related to Dark Sky and Bird-Safe Design. (Application No. MCA-2019-003 and MCA-2019-004; Applicant: City of Cupertino; Location: City-wide)

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Councilmembers:

Thank you! Thank you, City Council, for the 2019/2020 City Council Work Program Item to develop a Bird-Safe Design and Dark Skies Ordinance. I commend City Staff Erick Serrano, Ellen Yau, and Piu Ghosh for their excellent work on the Ordinance.

I look forward to your approval of this important Ordinance that will save lives—bird lives and human lives.

This ordinance fits well with another City Work Program FY 2021-22 for sustainability, Climate Action Plan 2.0. One major objective of CAP 2.0 is to identify opportunities for Cupertino as California policy points towards neutral emissions in 2045. The concept of Carbon neutral includes building sinks – something that pulls carbon from the air. (Tree Canopy). Cupertino has a good tree inventory system, so building on that to make it bigger is a great idea. More birds attracted to our tree canopy will result in more bird collisions and deaths unless we make them part of the plan. The Bird-safe Design and Dark Skies Ordinance will do just that—make birds part of the City’s overall environmental plan.

I strongly **support** your approval of this Ordinance on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Sincerely,

Connie Cunningham

34 year resident, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS) Member

Migrating bird from Alaska, 4 inches long (hummingbird size)

Cyrah Caburian

From: Josie Gaillard <josie_gaillard@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Bird-safe design and dark sky policies

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Dear Cupertino City Council,

I understand that on March 16 you will be considering two policies that support bird-safe design and dark skies. I write in support of both.

Climate change is placing incredible stress on all of earth's ecosystems. Wildlife, including insects and birds, are not immune. News reports tell us that bird and insect populations are crashing with potentially disastrous consequences for humans.

As we race to address climate change, please do everything you can to minimize the harms of human development by thoughtfully requiring those designing our built environment to take wildlife and light pollution into consideration. The policies being considered by Council take a first important step in that direction and I urge you to vote yes on both.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Josie Gaillard

Cyrah Caburian

From: Megan George <mdgeorge1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Protecting birds

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I hope that the city council approves the plan to reduce unnecessary light pollution and to protect birds from collisions with buildings. We need birds more than unnecessary night lights.

Megan George
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, CA

Cyrah Caburian

From: Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 12:04 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; Deborah L. Feng
Subject: 3-16-2021 CC Study Session Regarding Outback Site-More Info for you

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Dear City Council,

In looking at the limited information provided for the Study Session this coming Tuesday evening, I'm sending you a link to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agenda item where they discussed this. How can you comment with limited information?

Here is the detailed agenda item for the 2/23/2021 meeting where the County first introduced the plan to purchase the shopping center site (including Outback Steakhouse): http://sccgov.ig2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=13206&MediaPosition=&ID=104709&CssClass=

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

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Cyrah Caburian

From: Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Erick Serrano; Piu Ghosh
Cc: City Clerk; City Council; Deborah L. Feng
Subject: Bird Sensitive Areas Map - how can property owners know?

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Dear Erick and Piu,

Thank you for providing a map of the proposed Bird Sensitive Areas. Because this map is not very detailed (no street names, doesn't show boxes for homes, etc), it's hard to determine if a property would or would not be include.

Q1: Is there a way a resident or property owner can definitely know if a parcel is included in the area?

Q2: If the corner of a property is included, does it mean all structures on the property are included?

Thank you,
Peggy Griffin

Cyrah Caburian

From: Shani Kleinhaus <shani@scvas.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:24 PM
To: City Council; Darcy Paul; Liang Chao; Hung Wei; Kitty Moore; Jon Robert Willey
Cc: Piu Ghosh; Erick Serrano; Deborah L. Feng; Gary Latshaw; Connie Cunningham; Gladwyn D'Souza; Matthew Dodder; City Clerk; kristens@cupertino.org; Rose Grymes
Subject: Agenda item 14: Bird Safety and Lighting
Attachments: 3.16.2021 Cupertino BSD_DS letter (1).pdf

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Dear Cupertino Mayor Paul, Vice Mayor Chao and City Councilmembers,

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter support the Bird-Safe provisions in Attachment A: Bird-Safe and Dark-Sky Ordinance. While we are eager to see the joint ordinance move forward tonight, we have some concerns about the Dark-Sky provisions. We believe these concerns can be easily remedied and provide recommendations in the attached letter.

We thank City Staff for their extensive public outreach, research, and diligent work on this ordinance. We also thank the Mayor and Council for your leadership. We hope you motion to include these simple but important changes and proceed with the first reading of the Bird-Safe and Dark-Sky Ordinance today.

We thank you for your attention,

Shani



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We apologize for this last minute request, but we finally heard back from lighting experts (international expert Dr. Travis Longcore and others), and we are concerned that the lighting ordinance as written requires lighting minimums and allows for excessively bright lighting trespass.

We believe that the intent of the ordinance should be to limit lighting and light pollution, and allow for residents and businesses to choose adequate lighting within the bounds of the ordinance. With that in mind, we ask for simple modifications that remove lighting minimums and establish a lower level of allowable light trespass. We recommend replacing the current ordinance language in red with our proposed language in blue. Please see our recommendations below.

We thank City Staff for their extensive public outreach, research, and diligent work on this ordinance. We also thank the Mayor and Council for your leadership. We hope you motion to include these simple but important changes and proceed with the first reading of the Bird-Safe and Dark-Sky Ordinance today.

Sincerely,

Shani Kleinhaus, Ph.D.
Environmental Advocate
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Gary Latshaw, Ph.D.
Cupertino Resident
Executive Committee Member
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Gladwyn d'Souza
Conservation Chair
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Existing Ordinance Language with Proposed Modifications:

19.102.040 Outdoor Lighting Requirements

B. Outdoor Lighting Standards

2. Illumination Levels

a. No exterior light, combination of exterior lights, or activity shall cast light exceeding **one (1.0) foot-candle** onto an adjacent or nearby property, with the illumination level measured at the property line between the lot on which the light is located and the adjacent lot, at the point nearest to the light source, except if two adjacent properties are non-residential, or function as a shopping center, and agree to coordinate lighting.

Revise from 1.0 to 0.5 foot candle.

Reasoning: Light trespass was one of the primary complaints by residents at public meetings. One foot candle is about 100 times brighter than the full moon. This is very bright for light spilling onto other properties. Portland Oregon limits light trespass to 0.5 foot candle and Cupertino should follow suit.

d. Parking lots, sidewalks and other areas accessible to pedestrians and automobiles on properties with four or more units, mixed-use development, and non-residential development shall be illuminated with **uniform and** adequate intensity. Typical standards to achieve **uniform** and adequate intensity are:

Remove the word “Uniform”.

Reasoning: A “Uniform” standard will create unnecessary amounts of light, and light trespass into neighboring properties.

i. Average horizontal maintained illumination **should be between one and three foot-candles**, but shall not be more than three foot-candle.

Replace with: Average horizontal maintained illumination shall not be more than three foot-candle.

Reasoning: The red text establishes a lighting minimum (that is excessively bright) and should be removed. Keep a maximum of 3 foot-candle, without requiring a minimum.

Table 19.124.040 - Regulations for Off-Street Parking

1. Exterior Light Color:

All lighting shall be a white type light either metal halide or a comparable color corrected light unless otherwise approved as part of a development plan for uniformity, not allowing any dark areas in the parking lot.

Remove this requirement.

Reasoning: “white type light” is generally more biologically disruptive than warmer light. “Not allowing any dark areas in the parking lot” could lead to increased and unnecessary light pollution and trespass. Ultimately, it is up to the judgement of the property owners to install adequate lighting within the upper boundaries of the ordinance.

2. Lighting Intensity:

Parking lots, sidewalks and other areas accessible to pedestrians and automobiles shall be illuminated with a **uniform and** adequate intensity. Typical standards to achieve uniform and adequate intensity are:

Remove the word “Uniform”.

Reasoning: A “Uniform” standard will create unnecessary amounts of light, and light trespass into neighboring properties.

a. **Average Horizontal Maintained Illumination: Between one and three foot candles.**

Replace with: Average horizontal maintained illumination shall not be more than three foot-candle.

Reasoning: The red text establishes a lighting minimum (that is excessively bright) and should be removed. Keep a maximum of 3 foot-candle, without requiring a minimum.

c. **Minimum Intensity above Parking Lot Surface: Minimum three foot-candles vertically above the parking lot surface shall be maintained.**

Remove this text.

Reasoning: The red text establishes a lighting minimum (that is excessively bright) and should be removed.

Cyrah Caburian

From: Connie Cunningham <cunninghamconniel@gmail.com>
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And

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Please let me know which one (or both) works.

Thank you!

Connie

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Science News

from research organizations

Light pollution can suppress melatonin production in humans and animals

Date: December 19, 2019

Source: Forschungsverbund Berlin

Summary: Melatonin sets the internal clock. Researchers have analyzed data on the impact of light pollution on melatonin formation in humans and vertebrates. They found that even the low light intensities of urban skyglow can suppress melatonin production.

Light pollution a reason for insect decline

Artificial lighting at night could be a reason for declining insect populations

Date: June 19, 2018

Wide awake: Light pollution keeps magpies and pigeons tossing and turning

Study first to measure neurological responses to light pollution in wildlife

Date: July 23, 2020

Science News

from research organizations

Light pollution may increase biting behavior at night in Aedes aegypti mosquitoes

Date: October 20, 2020

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Journal List > Environ Health Perspect > v.118(12); 2010 Dec > PMC3002207


Environmental Health Perspectives

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LIGHT POLLUTION: Light at Night and Breast Cancer Risk Worldwide
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Science News from research organizations

Total darkness at night key to success of breast cancer therapy, study shows

Date: July 25, 2014
Source: Tulane University
Summary: Exposure to light at night, which shuts off nighttime production of the hormone melatonin, renders breast cancer completely resistant to tamoxifen, a widely used breast

> Environ Health Perspect. 2018 Apr 23;126(4):047011. doi: [10.1289/EHP1837](https://doi.org/10.1289/EHP1837).

Evaluating the Association between Artificial Light-at-Night Exposure and Breast and Prostate Cancer Risk in Spain (MCC-Spain Study)

Conclusion: Both prostate and breast cancer were associated with high estimated exposure to outdoor ALAN in the blue-enriched light spectrum. <https://doi.org/10.1289/EHP1837>.

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Science News from research organizations

Light pollution linked to preterm birth increase

Date: January 25, 2021
Source: Lehigh University
Summary: Scientists conducted the first study to examine the fetal health impact of light pollution based on a direct measure of skyglow, an important aspect of light pollution. Using an empirical regularity discovered in physics, called Walker's Law, a team found evidence of reduced birth weight, shortened gestational length and preterm births.

LIVING

Living near street lamps could increase risk of thyroid cancer by 55%

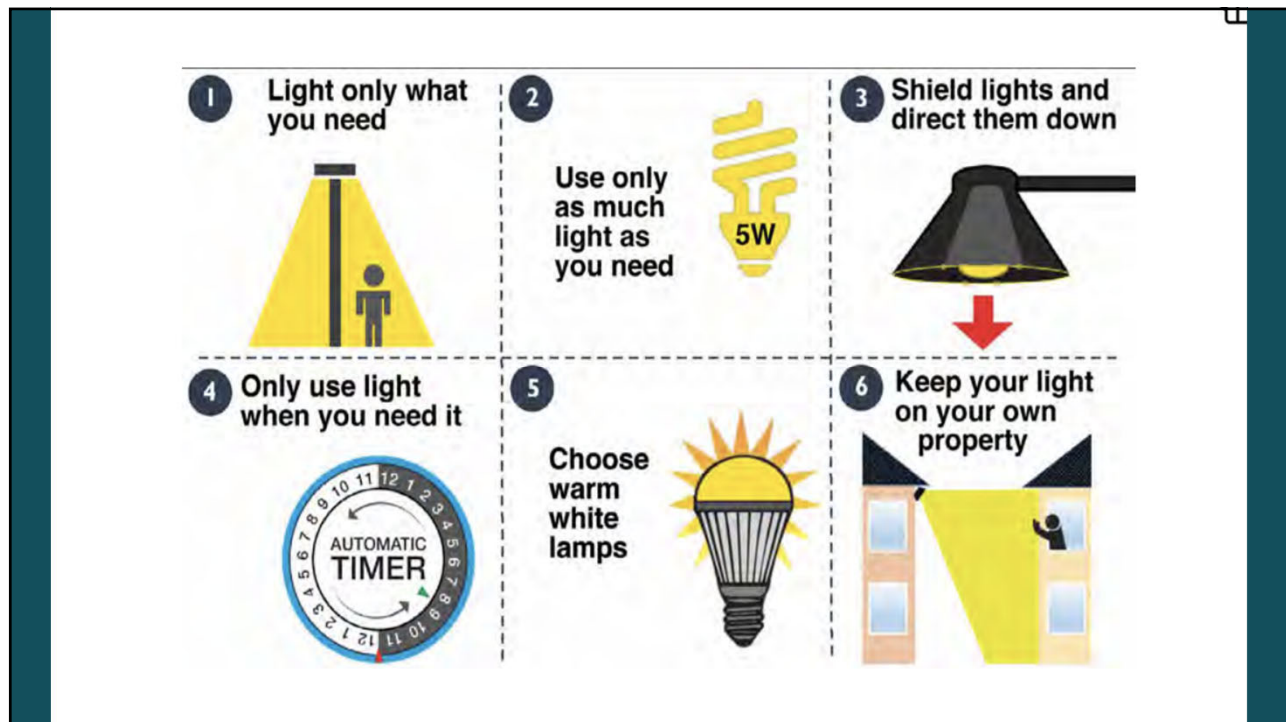
By Hannah Sparks February 8, 2021 | 10:51am | Updated



Street lights have been linked to thyroid cancers, according to a new study that was published Monday in the American Cancer Society journal, Cancer.

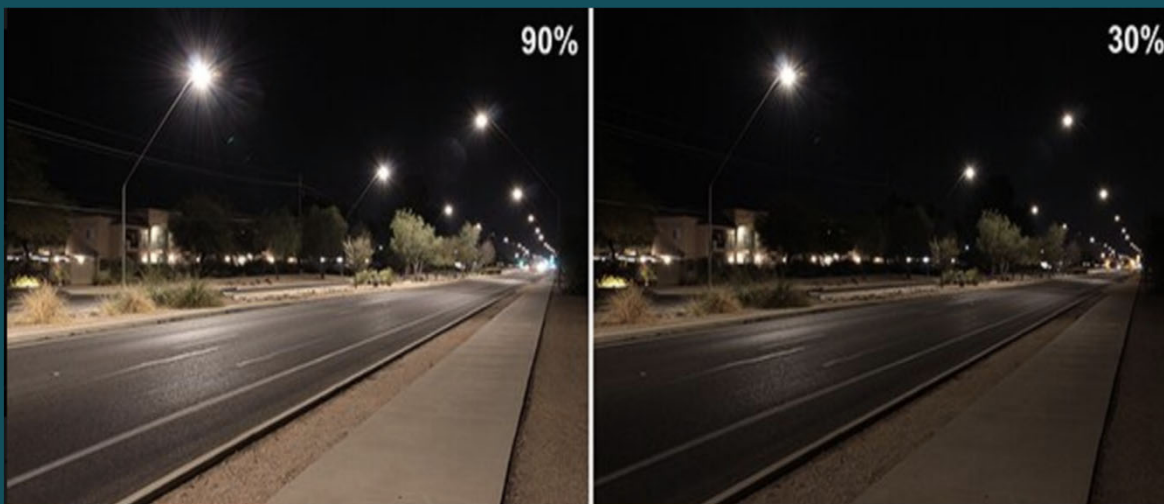
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From: Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Erick Serrano; puig@cupertino.org
Cc: Deborah L. Feng; City Council; City Clerk
Subject: 2021-03-16 CC Agenda Item #14 - Staff Report is MISLEADING!!
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Please include the following email as Written Communications for tonight's March 16, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 14 Bird Safety & Dark Skies.

Dear Erick and Piu,

I'd like to clarify a **misleading statement found in your Staff Report**.

On Page 4 of 6, Bullet 3, it justifies applying the bird-safe standards to residences based on a figure of 44 percent stated in a peer-reviewed journal! The Staff Report is misleading because it doesn't mention the **56% collision rate found in low-rise non-residential buildings!** This, if it had been quoted, would have justified NOT having the first 15' commercial exemption.

See below.

FROM THE STAFF REPORT!

- Applicability of bird-safe standards to residential buildings: Residential property owners have expressed a concern about bird-safe measures that would apply to shorter buildings. A peer-reviewed journal, The Condor: Ornithological Applications published an article titled "Bird-building Collisions in the United States: Estimates of Annual Mortality and Species Vulnerability" in January 2014. Their analysis found that 44 percent occurred at residences (1-3 stories). Therefore, staff continues to recommend that bird-safe standards be applied to residences.

FROM THE ARTICLE THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO PICK AND CHOOSE THEIR NUMBERS!

Bird–building collisions in the United States: Estimates of annual mortality and species vulnerability

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12 U.S. bird–building collisions

Data Extraction

We classified studies into three building classes thought to cause different mortality rates (Machtans et al. 2013) and for which data on the number of U.S. buildings is available. These classes include residences 1–3 stories tall (detached houses and multi-unit residences; hereafter, “residences”), low-rise non-residential buildings and residential buildings 4–11 stories tall (hereafter, “low-rises”), and high-rise buildings ≥12 stories tall (hereafter, “high-rises”). For unpublished data from downtown areas of major cities, we assumed that all data came from high-rises because it was not possible to determine building height without visiting

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

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Keywords: anthropogenic mortality, Birds of Conservation Concern, individual residence, low-rise, high-rise, systematic review, window collision

Colisiones entre aves y edificios en los Estados Unidos: Estimaciones de mortalidad anual y vulnerabilidad de especies

RESUMEN

Colisiones con edificios, en particular contra ventanas, presentan una amenaza antropogénica importante para las aves, y se estima que causan la muerte de entre 100 millón a mil millones de aves anualmente. Sin embargo, no existen estimaciones para los Estados Unidos que estén basadas en un análisis sistemático de datos provenientes de múltiples fuentes. Revisamos datos publicados y también adquirimos bases de datos inéditos para cuantificar de una manera sistemática la mortalidad causada por colisiones entre aves y edificios, y la vulnerabilidad de diferentes especies. Basado en 23 estudios, estimamos que entre 365 y 988 millones de aves (promedio = 599 millones) mueren anualmente como consecuencia de colisiones con edificios en los Estados Unidos, con aproximadamente 56% de la mortalidad en edificios de baja altura, 44% en residencias, y <1% en edificios de muchos pisos. Basado en >92,000 fatalidades registradas, y luego de controlar por abundancia poblacional y solapamiento de rango con área de estudio, identificamos varias especies que son desproporcionalmente vulnerables a colisiones con todos los tipos de edificio. Además, varias especies listadas nacionalmente como Aves de Interés para la Conservación debido a sus poblaciones en declive fueron identificadas como altamente vulnerables a colisiones, incluyendo *Vermivora chrysoptera*, *Passerina ciris*, *Cardellina canadensis*, *Hylocichla mustelina*, *Geothlypis formosa*, y *Helmitheros vermivorum*. La identificación de estas cinco especies migratorias con rangos geográficos restringidos a Norteamérica oriental y central refleja sesgos estacionales y regionales en la disponibilidad de datos actuales disponibles de colisiones con edificios. La mayoría del muestreo ha ocurrido durante la época de migración y en el este de los Estados Unidos. Hacen falta investigaciones adicionales a través de estaciones y en regiones poco representadas para reducir este sesgo. Sin embargo, presentamos

evidencia cuantitativa que apoya la conclusión que, como causa de mortalidad ligada directamente a los humanos en los Estados Unidos, las colisiones con edificios son superados solamente por los gatos mascotas libres, los cuales matan aproximadamente cuatro veces la cantidad de aves anualmente.

Palabras clave: mortalidad antropogénica, Aves de Interés para la Conservación, residencia particular, edificio de baja altura, edificio de muchos pisos, revisión sistemática, colisión con ventana

INTRODUCTION

Collisions between birds and man-made structures, including communication towers, wind turbines, power lines, and buildings, collectively result in a tremendous amount of bird mortality. Buildings are a globally ubiquitous obstacle to avian flight, and collisions with buildings, especially their glass windows (Figure 1), are thought to be a major anthropogenic threat to North American birds (Klem 1990a, 2009, Machtans et al. 2013). Estimates of annual mortality from building collisions range from 100 million to 1 billion birds in the United States (Klem 1990a, Dunn 1993) and from 16 to 42 million birds in Canada (Machtans et al. 2013). This magnitude of mortality would place buildings behind only free-ranging domestic cats among sources of direct human-caused mortality of birds (Blancher 2013, Loss et al. 2013).

Research on bird–building collisions typically occurs at individual sites with little synthesis of data across studies. Conclusions about correlates of mortality and the total magnitude of mortality caused by collisions are therefore spatially limited. Within studies, mortality rates have been found to increase with the percentage and surface area of buildings covered by glass (Collins and Horn 2008, Hager et al. 2008, 2013, Klem et al. 2009, Borden et al. 2010), the presence and height of vegetation (Klem et al. 2009, Borden et al. 2010), and the amount of light emitted from

windows (Evans Ogden 2002, Zink and Eckles 2010). In the most extensive building-collision study to date, per-building mortality rates at individual residences were higher in rural than urban areas and at residences with bird feeders than those without feeders (Bayne et al. 2012). However, compared with larger buildings in urban areas (e.g., skyscrapers and low-rise buildings on office and university campuses), detached residences appear to cause lower overall mortality rates and relatively high amounts of mortality during non-migratory periods (Klem 1989, Dunn 1993, O'Connell 2001, Klem et al. 2009, Borden et al. 2010, Machtans et al. 2013).

Despite the apparently large magnitude of bird–building collision mortality and the associated conservation threat posed to bird populations, there currently exist no U.S. estimates of building-collision mortality that are based on systematic analysis of multiple data sources. The most widely cited estimate (100 million to 1 billion fatalities per year) was first presented as a rough figure along with qualifications (Klem 1990a) but is now often cited as fact (Best 2008). Assessment of species-specific vulnerability to collisions is also critical for setting conservation priorities and understanding population impacts; however, existing estimates of species vulnerability are limited in spatial scope. In the most systematic U.S. assessment of building collisions to date, species vulnerability was calculated using data from only three sites in eastern North America, but vulnerability values from this limited sample were used to conclude that building collisions have no impact on bird populations continent-wide (Arnold and Zink 2011, but see Schaub et al. 2011, Klem et al. 2012).

We reviewed the published literature on bird–building collisions and also accessed numerous unpublished datasets from North American building-collision monitoring programs. We extracted >92,000 fatality records—by far the largest building collision dataset collected to date—and (1) systematically quantified total bird collision mortality along with uncertainty estimates by combining probability distributions of mortality rates with estimates of numbers of U.S. buildings and carcass-detection and scavenger-removal rates; (2) generated estimates of mortality for different classes of buildings (including residences 1–3 stories tall, low-rise non-residential buildings and residential buildings 4–11 stories tall, and high-rise buildings ≥12 stories tall); (3) conducted sensitivity analyses to identify which model parameters contributed the greatest uncertainty to our estimates; and (4) quantified species-specific



FIGURE 1. A Swainson's Thrush killed by colliding with the window of a low-rise office building on the Cleveland State University campus in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Photo credit: Scott Loss

vulnerability to collisions across all buildings and for each building type.

METHODS

Literature Search

We searched Google Scholar and the Web of Science database (using the Web of Knowledge search engine) to locate peer-reviewed publications about bird–building collisions. We used the search terms “bird window collision” and “bird building collision” and both terms with “bird” replaced by “avian.” We checked reference lists and an annotated bibliography (Seewagen and Sheppard 2012) to identify additional studies. Data from collision-monitoring programs were located using a Google search with the term “window collision monitoring program” and by contacting program coordinators listed on project websites. We cross-checked the datasets we found with a comprehensive list of “Lights Out” programs provided by C. Sheppard. Additional unpublished datasets were located based on our knowledge of ongoing studies presented at professional conferences or in published abstracts. Finally, we learned of unpublished datasets when contacting first authors of published studies; these additional datasets were either more extensive versions of authors’ published datasets, completely new datasets, or in one case, a dataset from an independent citizen scientist.

Inclusion Criteria and Definition of Fatality

Different studies employed different sampling designs and data collection protocols. To reduce this variability, to ensure a baseline for the rigor of studies we used, and to minimize bias in our analyses, we implemented inclusion criteria to filter data at both the study and record levels. Inclusion criteria were different for the analyses of total mortality and species vulnerability. As a first step, we only included studies for in-depth review if they were conducted in the U.S. or Canada and provided original data on bird–building collisions. We implemented study-level inclusion criteria for the estimate of total mortality as follows. We excluded studies that were based on sampling at a single structure; these studies often focus only on unique building types with non-representative mortality rates (e.g., museums, convention centers, or exceptionally tall high-rises). We included datasets that were based on systematic carcass surveys or systematic surveys of homeowners, but we excluded those that were based on sampling in response to predicted building kills, incidental observations, opportunistically sampled collections, or undocumented methods. Because estimating per-building mortality rates was a major component of the mortality estimate, we also excluded studies if they did not record numbers of buildings monitored or provide street

addresses of buildings that would have allowed us to estimate numbers of buildings.

Because the species vulnerability analysis was based on count proportions rather than on per-building mortality rates, we implemented a different set of inclusion criteria than that used for the total mortality estimate. This resulted in the use of some studies that were excluded from the total mortality estimate. Studies were only included in the species analysis if they identified carcasses to species. We excluded studies documenting fewer than 100 collision records because proportions based on small samples are more likely to be abnormally high or low. As with the total mortality estimate, we excluded data that were based on incidental or opportunistic sampling or undocumented methods. However, we did include studies even if data were based on sampling of a single structure or if we could not determine the number of buildings sampled. Thus, we assume that species composition within a site is independent of the number of buildings sampled. The study-level inclusion criteria resulted in 23 and 26 datasets used for the total mortality and species vulnerability estimates, respectively (Table 1). Seven studies were excluded from all analyses (Table S1 in Supplemental Material [Appendix A](#)).

Many datasets include some collision records that were collected during standardized surveys and others found incidentally. In addition, definitions of fatalities differ among studies. We therefore applied inclusion criteria to filter individual records and set our own definition of what constitutes a fatality. The record-level inclusion criteria were the same for all of our analyses. We excluded records clearly denoted as incidental finds (i.e. not collected during surveys), records with a disposition of “alive” or “survived,” and records of released birds. We also excluded records of blood and/or feather spots on windows with no carcass found. From the remaining records, we defined fatalities to include any record with a disposition including “dead,” “collected,” or any disposition indicating severe injury (e.g., “disabled,” “squashed,” “fracture,” or “injured”). All other records were considered to have unknown disposition (e.g., “stunned,” “exhausted,” “weak,” “dis-oriented,” or any disposition indicating a bird was sent to rehabilitation) and were excluded from all analyses. The record-level criteria resulted in 92,869 records that we used to generate total mortality and species vulnerability estimates. It was not possible to confirm whether fatalities were caused by collisions with windows or with other non-reflective portions of buildings; therefore, for the purposes of this study, we treated all records as building–collision fatalities. Nonetheless, the majority of bird mortality at buildings likely occurs due to collision with windows or other reflective surfaces (Klem 2009).

TABLE 1. Sampling coverage, number of buildings sampled, and mortality rates documented in studies meeting inclusion criteria for estimation of total annual U.S. mortality from bird-building collisions and/or calculation of species-specific collision vulnerability.

Building class	Location	Year-round sampling?	Used for mortality estimate?	Used for vulnerability analysis?	Buildings sampled	Mortality per building		Study
						Average	Range	
Residences (1–3 stories)	Alberta	Yes	Yes	No ^c	1,747	0.7	0–43	Bayne et al. 2012
	U.S. & Canada	No	Yes	Yes	1,165	0.85	0–21	Dunn 1993
	Duluth, MN	No	Yes	Yes	42	2.3 ^f	?	Bracey 2011
	Illinois	Yes	Yes	No ^c	242	1.5	?	Weiss & Horn 2008
	Carbondale, IL	Yes	No ^a	Yes ^h	1	33.0	NA	Klem 1979
Low-rises	Purchase, NY	Yes	No ^a	Yes ^h	1	26.0	NA	Klem 1979
	Richmond, VA	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	29.0	21–38	O'Connell 2001
	Cleveland, OH	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	15.1	?	Borden et al. 2010
	Elsah, IL	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	24.0	?	Hager et al. 2008
	Decatur, IL	Yes	Yes	Yes	11	7.5 ^f	?	Collins & Horn 2008
	Washington, DC	No	Yes	Yes	21–38 ^e	4.0	1–30	Lights Out DC 2010–2012
	Rock Island, IL	No	Yes	No ^d	20	2.6	0.3–52.1	Hager et al. 2013
	Decatur, IL	No	Yes	No ^d	11	4.8	?	Horn personal communication
	Murray, KY	No	Yes	No ^d	13	1.6	0–7	Somerlot 2003
	Stillwater, OK	Yes	No ^a	Yes	1	32.0	NA	O'Connell personal communication
	Rock Island, IL	Yes	No ^a	Yes	1	54.8	NA	Hager et al. 2008
	Chicago, IL	No	No ^a	Yes	1	1,028.0 ^g	NA	McCormick Place 1978–2012
	Rochester, MN	No	No ^b	Yes	?	?	?	Project Birdsake Minnesota 2010–2011
	San Francisco, CA	Yes	No ^a	Yes	1	47.2 ^g	NA	California Academy of Sciences 2008–2012
	Indianapolis, IN	No	Yes	Yes	48	3.3	1–14	Lights Out Indy 2009–2010
High-rises	Atlanta, GA	No	Yes	Yes	53	8.4	0–40	Sexton 2006
	Calgary, AB	No	Yes	Yes	15–36	5.5 ^g	1–89	Collister et al. 1996, 1997, Booth & Collister 1998
	Baltimore, MD	No	Yes	Yes	16–48 ^e	7.1 ^g	1–81	Lights Out Baltimore 2008–2012
	Twin Cities, MN	No	Yes	Yes	118	3.0 ^g	?	Project Birdsake Minnesota 2007–2012
	New York, NY	No	Yes	Yes	17–31 ^e	5.5 ^g	1–52	Project Safe Flight New York 2009–2011
	Philadelphia, PA	No	Yes	Yes	10	13.2 ^g	?	Pennsylvania Audubon 2008–2011
	Columbus, OH	No	Yes	No ^d	20 ^e	1.4	0–5	Lights Out Columbus 2012
	Portland, OR	No	Yes	No ^d	21–44	1.0 ^g	?	Bird Safe Portland 2009–2011
	Toronto, ON	No	Yes	Yes	74–194 ^e	17.4 ^g	1–535	Fatal Light Awareness Program 2000–2010
	Winston-Salem, NC	No	Yes	Yes	16	3.6 ^g	0–10	Lights Out Winston-Salem 2011–2012
	Toronto, ON	No	No ^a	Yes	1	157.0	NA	Ranford & Mason 1969
	Chicago, IL	No	No ^b	Yes	?	?	?	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors 2002–2012
	Milwaukee, WI	No	No ^b	Yes	?	?	?	Wisconsin Night Guardians 2007–2011
	Toronto, ON	No	No ^b	Yes	?	?	?	Fatal Light Awareness Prog. 2007, 2011
	New York, NY	No	No ^b	Yes	?	?	?	Klem 2009

^a Study excluded from total mortality estimate because sampling conducted at a single building.^b Study excluded from total mortality estimate because number of buildings sampled not recorded and no information provided to calculate this number.^c Study excluded from species estimates because species data not provided.^d Study excluded from species estimates because sample size < 100.^e Number of buildings is an estimate based on the average of potential minimum and maximum (see text); range indicates year-to-year variation in number of buildings sampled.^f Mortality rate is corrected for scavenger removal and searcher detection rates.^g Mortality rate is an average per-building rate across all years of the study/monitoring program.^h Study used for species risk assessment for building class but not assessment across all building classes (sample size < 100).

Data Extraction

We classified studies into three building classes thought to cause different mortality rates (Machtans et al. 2013) and for which data on the number of U.S. buildings is available. These classes include residences 1–3 stories tall (detached houses and multi-unit residences; hereafter, “residences”), low-rise non-residential buildings and residential buildings 4–11 stories tall (hereafter, “low-rises”), and high-rise buildings ≥ 12 stories tall (hereafter, “high-rises”). For unpublished data from downtown areas of major cities, we assumed that all data came from high-rises because it was not possible to determine building height without visiting each site. For all other data sources, we were able to confirm the building type from which data were collected. Published studies that met our inclusion criteria either reported an annual mortality rate per building (averaged across buildings) or presented both the number of dead birds found and the number of buildings sampled, thus allowing us to calculate this rate. For published studies, we extracted a single annual mortality rate for each study unless the study included data from more than one non-adjacent site, in which case we extracted a separate rate for each site (e.g., Klem 1979). For unpublished datasets that included the number of buildings sampled, we always extracted a single mortality rate. This value was generated by first calculating a single-year per-building mortality rate (averaged across buildings) for each year of the study and then averaging these rates across years. In some cases, we determined that two or more sources presented duplicate data when we observed that the data were collected at the same study sites and during the same range of dates. In these instances, we extracted the data from the source that provided more detailed methods or more extensive fatality data, and we excluded the duplicated data when extracting from the other source.

Data from collision-monitoring programs often include the street address or intersection where a carcass was found but not the number of buildings sampled. Single buildings can have more than one address, and a single address can include more than one building. In addition, some monitoring programs have no systematic protocol for recording addresses, resulting in multiple similar entries for an address (e.g., 1 Main, 1 Main St., and 1 Main—Smith Tower). To account for these issues, we entered addresses into Google Maps and used satellite view to determine if addresses referred to one or more buildings. If it was still unclear from mapping whether an address referred to one or more buildings, we assumed it referred to one. Likewise if we could not confirm that two or more similar addresses referred to one building, we assumed they were separate buildings. If addresses with different cardinal directions were possible (e.g., 1 Main E and 1 Main W), we assumed they referred to separate buildings, but if they were not possible (i.e. only 1 Main

exists), we assumed data entry error and combined addresses.

Recognizing that these methods could not account for all duplicate addresses and data entry errors, we estimated a minimum and maximum number of buildings sampled in each year. We estimated a maximum number based on the number of unique addresses remaining after following the above steps and the assumption that intersections referred to a number of buildings equal to the number of carcasses found up to four (i.e. four or more carcasses may result from collision with four separate buildings, one at each intersection corner). We estimated a minimum number by combining similar addresses that may have been from one building, even if we could not confirm this with mapping, and assuming that all intersections referred to one building. We used the average of the minimum and maximum number to estimate per-building mortality rates.

Quantification of Annual Mortality from Building Collisions

The studies we used cover varying portions of the year, but most focus all or most of sampling effort on migration periods. Using raw per-building mortality rates would therefore result in a national estimate that is only relevant to spring and fall migration periods. We sought to account for partial-year sampling and to generate estimates that reflected the entire year, because several studies have indicated that building collision mortality can be substantial during summer and winter (Dunn 1993, Klem 2009, Bayne et al. 2012, Hager et al. 2013). Given enough year-round studies, partial-year mortality rates can be standardized to year-round estimates using year-round studies as a baseline (Longcore et al. 2012, Loss et al. 2013). However, there were few year-round studies that met inclusion criteria (Table 1), so we could not adjust individual studies to year-round estimates. Instead, we accounted for this limitation in our estimation model (details below) by only using a year-round study for residences, repeating estimation using a subset of studies that sampled year-round for low-rises, or incorporating a correction factor to account for mortality during periods other than migration for high-rises, a building type for which little data exists for summer and winter (see definition of and rationale for this correction factor in Supplemental Material Appendix B). Despite the limitation of applying a post hoc correction factor to the high-rise estimate, we argue that this approach is preferable to assuming that no mortality occurs during the summer and winter.

We estimated mortality in each building class by multiplying data-derived probability distributions of per-building mortality rates by distributions of numbers of buildings. For residences, we followed Machtans et al.

(2013), which based mortality rates on the only year-round building collision survey to date that sampled across a large number of residences, a study of 1,458 Alberta residents in single and multi-unit residences (Bayne et al. 2012). This study documented higher mortality rates at rural residences compared with urban residences and at residences with bird feeders compared with those without feeders. The study also documented increasing mortality with increasing age of urban residences. We incorporated these elements into our residence sub-model:

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{rural with feeder}}(M_{\text{RF}}) = N_{\text{residence}} \times R \times F \times K_{\text{rural with feeder}} \times D_{\text{residence}} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{rural no feeder}}(M_{\text{RNF}}) = N_{\text{residence}} \times R \times (1 - F) \times K_{\text{rural no feeder}} \times D_{\text{residence}} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{urban with feeder}}(M_{\text{UF}}) = N_{\text{residence}(\text{age})} \times (1 - R) \times F \times K_{\text{urban with feeder}(\text{age})} \times D_{\text{residence}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{urban no feeder}}(M_{\text{UNF}}) = N_{\text{residence}(\text{age})} \times (1 - R) \times (1 - F) \times K_{\text{urban no feeder}(\text{age})} \times D_{\text{residence}} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{residences}}(M_{\text{R}}) = M_{\text{RF}} + M_{\text{RNF}} + M_{\text{UF}} + M_{\text{UNF}} \quad (5)$$

where N is the number of residences in the U.S., R is the percentage of residences in rural areas, F is the percentage of residences with bird feeders, K is the annual per-building mortality rate, and D is a correction factor to account for two biases that lead to underestimation of mortality (Hager et al. 2013): removal of carcasses by scavengers prior to fatality surveys and imperfect detection of the carcasses remaining at the time of surveys. For Equations (3) and (4), we calculated mortality by building age classes (0–8, 9–18, and 19–28 years, and all ages ≥ 29 years), and summed estimates across age classes. These age classes correspond closely to those in Machtans et al. (2013), but we shifted classes slightly (e.g., 9–18 years instead of 10–20 years) to match housing age data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For low-rises, we generated two separate estimates of collision mortality, one using mortality rates based on all eight studies meeting our inclusion criteria and one based only on four year-round studies. We used the following sub-model for both estimates:

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{low-rise}}(M_{\text{L}}) = N_{\text{low-rise}} \times K_{\text{low-rise}} \times D_{\text{low-rise}} \quad (6)$$

For high-rises, there are no datasets based on year-round systematic sampling. We incorporated a correction factor (Y) into the mortality estimation sub-model to account for additional fatalities occurring outside of migration periods:

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{high-rise}}(M_{\text{H}}) = N_{\text{high-rise}} \times K_{\text{high-rise}} \times Y \times D_{\text{high-rise}} \quad (7)$$

We estimated total annual building collision mortality by summing estimates for individual building classes; we conducted estimation twice, once using each of the low-rise estimates:

$$\text{Mortality}_{\text{total}} = M_{\text{R}} + M_{\text{L}} + M_{\text{H}} \quad (8)$$

All of the above parameters were treated as probability distributions. From the probability distribution of each parameter (see Table 2 for specific distributions, Supplemental Material [Appendix B](#) for rationale for all distributions, and Table S2 in Supplemental Material [Appendix C](#) for numbers of buildings), we randomly drew one value and used the above formulas. We used “runif” and “rnbino” commands (for uniform and negative binomial distributions, respectively) in Program R and conducted 10,000 iterations to generate a range of estimate uncertainty.

Sensitivity Analysis

We used multiple linear regression analyses assuming a normal error distribution (function “lm” in Program R) to investigate the percentage of uncertainty in mortality estimate ranges explained by each model parameter (Blancher 2013, Loss et al. 2013). We treated the 10,000 mortality-estimate replicates as the values of the dependent variable and randomly drawn values of each parameter as values of predictor variables. We used partial R^2 values to interpret the percentage of variance in the estimate range explained by each parameter. We repeated this regression analysis four times: once for the total mortality estimate (including all parameters) and once for each of the three building class estimates (with each regression model only including the parameters relevant to that building class).

Quantification of Species Vulnerability

In addition to estimating total annual mortality, we calculated vulnerability for species and taxonomic groups. We followed Arnold and Zink (2011), who identified “super-collider” and “super-avoider” species using collision records from three unpublished datasets. We greatly expanded upon the earlier study by using 26 datasets from across North America (Table 1). All analyses described below were conducted across all datasets to estimate overall building collision vulnerability, as well as separately

TABLE 2. Probability distributions used to estimate total annual U.S. mortality from bird–building collisions. We defined uniform distributions for most parameters because not enough data exist to ascribe higher probability to particular values in the defined range. We defined negative binomial distributions for the low-rise and high-rise mortality rate distributions because they allowed the majority of probability density to match the confidence intervals indicated by the data while also allowing for a small probability of higher collision mortality rates, reflecting the exceptionally high mortality rates that have been documented at some low-rises and high-rises (see mortality rates in Table 1).

Parameter	Distribution type	Distribution parameters	Source
Residences (1–3 stories)			
Number of residences	Uniform	Varies by age (Supplemental Material Appendix C)	U.S. Census Bureau 2011
Percentage in urban areas	Uniform	Min = 72.6%; Max = 88.8%	U.S. Census Bureau 2012
Percentage with bird feeders	Uniform	Min = 15%; Max = 25%	Dunn 1993
Mortality rate			
Rural with feeders (all ages)	Uniform	Min = 2.17; Max = 4.03	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Rural without feeders (all ages)	Uniform	Min = 0.98; Max = 1.82	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Urban with feeders			
Age 0–8	Uniform	Min = 0.28; Max = 0.52	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Age 9–18	Uniform	Min = 0.42; Max = 0.78	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Age 19–28	Uniform	Min = 0.56; Max = 1.04	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Age 29+	Uniform	Min = 0.63; Max = 1.17	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Rural without feeders			
Age 0–8	Uniform	Min = 0.11; Max = 0.20	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Age 9–18	Uniform	Min = 0.18; Max = 0.33	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Age 19–28	Uniform	Min = 0.25; Max = 0.46	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Age 29+	Uniform	Min = 0.28; Max = 0.52	Bayne et al. 2012, Machtans et al. 2013
Scavenging/detectability correction	Uniform	Min = 2; Max = 4	Dunn 1993
Low-rises			
Number of low-rises	Uniform	Min = 14.0 million; Max = 16.2 million	Multiple sources (see Supplemental Material Appendix C)
Mortality rate (all studies)	Neg. bin.	$n = 4.6$; $p = 0.35$	95% of distribution prob. density = 4–18 ^a
Mortality rate (year-round studies)	Neg. bin.	$n = 5.1$; $p = 0.26$	95% of distribution prob. density = 5–28 ^b
Scavenging/detectability correction	Uniform	Min = 1.28; Max = 2.56	Hager et al. 2012, 2013
High-rises			
Number of high-rises	Uniform	Min = 19,854; Max = 21,944	Sky Scraper Source Media 2013
Mortality rate	Neg. bin.	$n = 4.0$; $p = 0.37$	70% of distribution prob. density = 4–11 ^b
Partial-year sampling correction	Uniform	Min = 1.05; Max = 1.20	Additional 5–20% mortality outside of migration
Scavenging/detectability correction	Uniform	Min = 1.37; Max = 5.19	Ward et al. 2006, Hager 2012, 2013

^a Range represents 95% confidence interval of mortality rates calculated across all eight studies of low-rises meeting inclusion criteria.

^b Range represents 95% confidence interval of mortality rates calculated from four year-round studies of low-rises meeting inclusion criteria.

^c Range represents 95% confidence interval of mortality rates calculated from 11 studies of tall buildings meeting inclusion criteria.

for each building class to estimate class-specific vulnerability. As described previously, we only included datasets with more than 100 records for the overall vulnerability analysis. However, because there were only two datasets for residences that had more than 100 records, we also included two smaller datasets to calculate collision vulnerability for this building class.

Numbers of fatalities can vary among species due to population abundance and the degree of range overlap with study locations (Arnold and Zink 2011). To account for population abundance, we extracted national population size estimates from the Partners in Flight Population Estimates Database (Rich et al. 2004), which includes

North American population estimates generated using U.S. Breeding Bird Survey data (Sauer et al. 2012). We used North American abundance rather than regional abundance because it is difficult to link study sites where mortality occurs to the affected regional subsets of bird populations, especially for species that are killed primarily during migration (Loss et al. 2012). To account for range overlap with study sites, we counted the number of sites overlapping with each species' breeding, wintering, and/or migration range (Sibley 2000). We followed Arnold and Zink's (2011) approach for calculating species vulnerability. To give each site equal weighting, we first standardized each dataset to 36,000, the largest single-site total

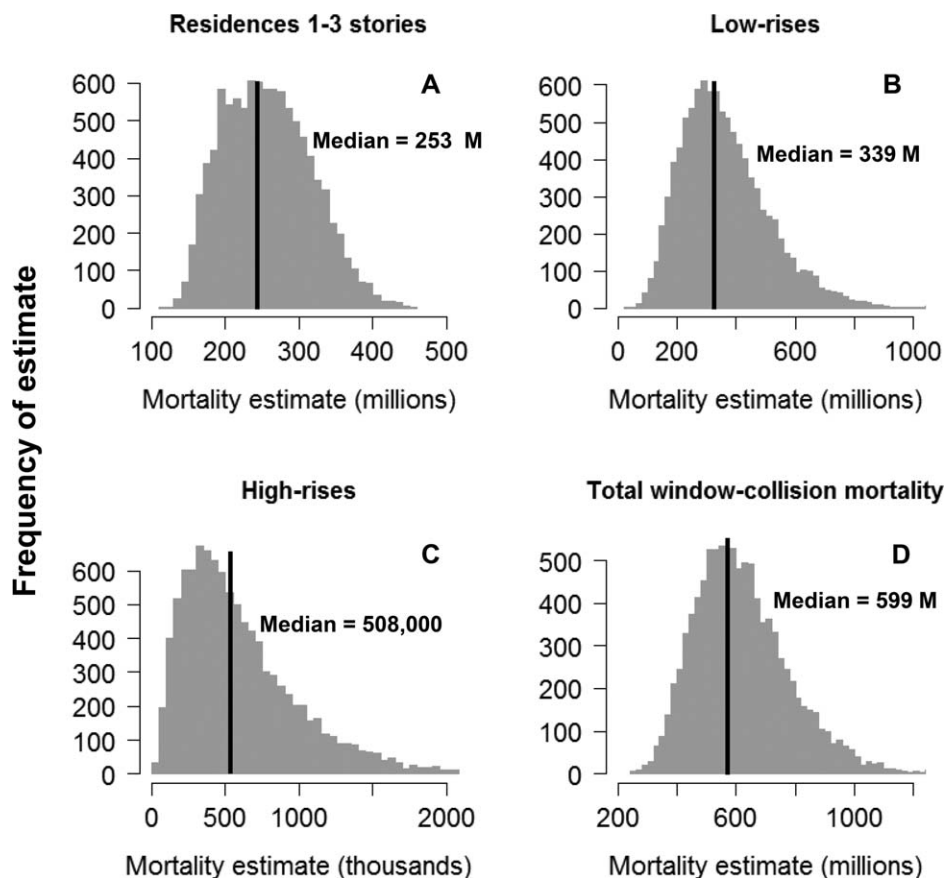


FIGURE 2. Frequency histograms for estimates of annual U.S. bird mortality caused by collisions with (A) residences 1–3 stories tall, (B) low-rises (residences 4–11 stories tall and all non-residential buildings ≤ 11 stories tall), (C) high-rises (all buildings ≥ 12 stories tall), and (D) all buildings. Estimates for low-rises and for all buildings are based on the average of two estimates: one calculated with all eight low-rise studies meeting inclusion criteria and one calculated with a subset of four low-rise studies that conducted year-round sampling.

number of fatalities, and then summed standardized counts across studies for each species. We regressed $\log_{10}(X+1)$ species counts ($X + 1$ transformation to account for zero counts for some species at some sites) on $\log_{10}$ population size and $\log_{10}$ range overlap. Vulnerability was estimated by fixing coefficients for population size and range overlap to 1.0 (this assumes that, for example, a 10-fold increase in abundance is associated with a 10-fold increase in collision mortality, all else being equal; Arnold and Zink 2011), calculating residuals, and raising 10 to the power of the absolute value of residuals. This approach of fixing model coefficients was taken because there was an unknown level of error in both the dependent and independent variables and, therefore, standard regression models could not produce unbiased slope estimates (Warton et al. 2006, Arnold and Zink 2011). Calculated vulnerability values indicate the factor by which a species has a greater chance (positive residuals) or smaller chance (negative residuals) of experiencing building collision mortality

compared with a species with average vulnerability. We estimated vulnerability for taxonomic groups by averaging residuals across species occurring in at least two studies.

RESULTS

Estimates of Bird–Building Collision Mortality

The 95% confidence interval of annual bird mortality at residences was estimated to be between 159 and 378 million (median = 253 million) (Figure 2A and Table 3) after correcting for scavenger removal and imperfect detection. This equates to a median annual mortality rate of 2.1 birds per building (95% CI = 1.3–3.1). Reflecting the large number of residences in urban areas and residences without bird feeders, we estimate that urban residences without feeders cumulatively account for 33% of mortality at residences, followed by rural residences without feeders (31%), urban residences with feeders (19%), and rural residences with feeders (17%).

TABLE 3. Estimates of annual bird mortality caused by building collisions at U.S. buildings. For low-rises (and therefore, for the total mortality estimate), we generated two separate estimates of collision mortality, one using mortality rates based on all eight low-rise studies meeting our inclusion criteria and one based on a subset of four low-rise studies that sampled mortality year-round.

Building class	Mean no. of buildings in U.S.	Point estimate		95% CI	
		Total	Per building	Total	Per building
Residences (1–3 stories)	122.9 million	253.2 million	2.1	159.1–378.1 million	1.3–3.1
Low-rises	15.1 million	245.5 million ^a	16.3 ^a	62.2–664.4 million ^a	4.1–44.0 ^a
		409.4 million ^b	27.1 ^b	114.7–1,028.6 million ^b	7.6–68.1 ^b
High-rises	20,900	508,000	24.3	104,000–1.6 million	5.0–76.6
Total	138.0 million	507.6 million ^a	3.7 ^a	280.6–933.6 million ^a	2.0–6.8 ^a
		667.1 million ^b	4.8 ^b	349.9–1,296 million ^b	2.5–9.4 ^b

^a Estimate based on low-rise estimate using all eight studies meeting inclusion criteria.^b Estimate based on low-rise estimate using subset of four year-round studies meeting inclusion criteria.

The 95% confidence interval of annual low-rise mortality based on all studies meeting inclusion criteria was estimated to be between 62 and 664 million birds (median = 246 million). The 95% confidence interval based on the four year-round low-rise studies was estimated to be between 115 million and 1.0 billion birds (median = 409 million). The average of the two median figures is 339 million (95% CI = 136–715 million) (Figure 2B), equating to a median annual rate of 21.7 birds per building (95% CI = 5.9–55).

The 95% confidence interval of high-rise mortality was estimated to be between 104,000 and 1.6 million birds (median = 508,000) (Table 3 and Figure 2C) after correcting for scavenger removal, imperfect carcass detection, and mortality during periods other than migration. Despite causing the lowest total mortality, high-rises had the highest median annual mortality rate: 24.3 birds per building (95% CI = 5–76). Combining estimates from all building classes (using the average of the two low-rise estimates) results in an estimate of 599 million birds killed annually across all U.S. buildings (95% C.I. = 365–988 million) (Figure 2D).

Factors Explaining Estimate Uncertainty

Due to the large number of low-rises and uncertainty about low-rise mortality rates, sensitivity analyses indicated that the low-rise mortality rate explained a large amount of uncertainty for the estimates of both low-rise mortality (85%) and total mortality (75%). Other parameters explaining substantial uncertainty for the total estimate included the correction factors for scavenger removal and carcass detection at low-rises (10%) and residences (9%). For residences, 70% of uncertainty was explained by the correction factor for scavenging and detection and 15% was explained by the proportion of residences in urban areas. For the high-rise estimate, the greatest uncertainty was explained by the mortality rate

(67%), followed by the correction factor for scavenging and detection (25%).

Species Vulnerability to Building Collisions

Of 92,869 records used for analysis, the species most commonly reported as building kills (collectively representing 35% of all records) were White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*), Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*), Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*), and Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*). However, as expected, there was a highly significant correlation between fatality counts and population size ($r = 0.53$, $P < 0.001$, $df = 213$) and between counts and range overlap with study sites ($r = 0.25$, $P < 0.001$, $df = 223$). After accounting for these factors, estimated vulnerability across all buildings was highly variable, ranging from 1,066 times more likely to collide than average to 273 times less likely to collide than average (high vulnerability species in Table 4; all values in Tables S3–S6 in Supplemental Material Appendix D).

Several species exhibit disproportionately high vulnerability to collisions regardless of building type, including Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*), Ovenbird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*), Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*), and Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*). Seven species that are disproportionately vulnerable to building collisions are national Birds of Conservation Concern and 10 are listed regionally (Table 4; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2008). Species in the former group include Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) and Canada Warbler (*Cardellina canadensis*) at low-rises, high-rises, and overall, Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) at low-rises and overall, Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis formosa*) at low-rises and high-rises, Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) at high-rises, and Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) at residences. For species with vulnerability indices calculated from a

TABLE 4. Estimates of species vulnerability to building collisions. Risk values indicate the factor by which species are at a greater risk of collision compared with a species with average risk. Species in boldface italics are Birds of Conservation Concern at the national level and species in boldface are Birds of Conservation Concern in at least one U.S. region (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2008). Scientific names are in Supplemental Material [Appendix D](#).

All buildings			Residences (1–3 stories)			Low-rises			High-rises		
Species	Risk		Species	Risk		Species	Risk		Species	Risk	
Anna's Hummingbird ^a	1,066.4		Purple Finch	257.2		Golden-winged Warbler	141.7		Townsend's Solitaire	167.4	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	45.5		Ruby-throated Hummingbird	174.7		Painted Bunting	129.3		Black-throated Blue Warbler	78.5	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	37.0		Ovenbird	112.1		Ruby-throated Hummingbird	103.7		Connecticut Warbler	52.0	
Townsend's Solitaire	36.3		Brown Creeper	81.1		Black-throated Blue Warbler	86.4		Brown Creeper	44.3	
Golden-winged Warbler	35.3		House Finch	80.1		Swamp Sparrow	50.6		Ovenbird	43.7	
Painted Bunting	32.1		Black-and-white Warbler	68.7		Canada Warbler	46.7		Ruby-throated Hummingbird	43.4	
Brown Creeper	26.2		Cedar Waxwing	50.5		Louisiana Waterthrush	46.4		Worm-eating Warbler	26.5	
Connecticut Warbler	22.9		Field Sparrow	48.3		Brown Creeper	44.8		Canada Warbler	25.8	
Ovenbird	21.8		Wood Thrush	41.0		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	38.3		Gray Catbird	23.9	
Canada Warbler	17.9		Swainson's Thrush	34.7		Connecticut Warbler	35.7		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	23.7	
Swamp Sparrow	16.7		Northern Cardinal	27.5		Ovenbird	30.4		Golden-winged Warbler	23.1	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	16.2		Blue Jay	26.5		Sharp-shinned Hawk	27.8		American Woodcock	22.1	
Louisiana Waterthrush	14.3		White-breasted Nuthatch	25.0		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	24.1		Common Yellowthroat	20.4	
Gray Catbird	12.8		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	22.6		Gray Catbird	23.2		Scarlet Tanager	18.5	
Pine Grosbeak ^a	12.4		Northern Waterthrush	22.5		Black-and-white Warbler	22.7		Black-and-white Warbler	18.3	
American Woodcock	11.7		Nashville Warbler	22.2		American Woodcock	21.1		Swamp Sparrow	18.1	
Pygmy Nuthatch ^a	11.4		Gray Catbird	20.7		Kentucky Warbler	20.2		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	16.2	
Black-and-white Warbler	11.1		Northern Flicker	20.2		Mourning Warbler	19.3		Kentucky Warbler	14.0	
Pied-billed Grebe^a	11.0		Downy Woodpecker	18.7		Common Yellowthroat	18.4		Northern Goshawk	13.6	
Common Yellowthroat	10.9		Black-capped Chickadee	14.9		Cape May Warbler	16.7		Eastern Whip-poor-will	13.4	

^a Species is ranked for all buildings but not individual classes because it occurs in ≥ 2 total studies, but < 2 studies within building class.

relatively small sample of studies (e.g., those noted with a superscript in Table 4), vulnerability indices may be biased. For example, the exceptionally high vulnerability value for Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) likely results from this species occurring in only two studies and experiencing exceptionally high mortality in one of these studies.

Vulnerability estimates for taxonomic groups are in Table 5. Several high-risk bird groups are represented in our dataset by only one or two species (e.g., grebes, shorebirds, kingfishers, and gulls and terns); average risk values for these groups may not represent the entire taxonomic family. Other taxa, particularly the hummingbirds and swifts and the warblers, appear especially vulnerable to building collisions, with more than one species ranking in the overall high-vulnerability list. In particular, warblers experience disproportionately high collision risk, with 10 species ranking among the 25 most vulnerable species overall and 12 and 14 species ranking among the 25 most vulnerable species for low-rises and high-rises, respectively. Taxonomic groups with particularly low collision risk include ducks and geese, swallows, herons, upland game birds, and blackbirds, meadowlarks, and orioles.

DISCUSSION

Comparison of Mortality Estimate to Previous Estimates

Our estimate of 365–988 million birds killed annually by building collisions is within the often-cited range of 100 million to 1 billion (Klem 1990a). Other estimates are either outdated (3.5 million, Banks 1979) or are simply a mid-point of the above range (550 million, Erickson et al. 2005). Our larger estimate of low-rise mortality based only on year-round studies suggests that total annual building collision mortality could exceed one billion birds, as suggested by Klem (2009). Using the year-round low-rise estimate results in an annual mortality estimate of up to 1.3 billion birds. Regardless of which figure is interpreted, our results support the conclusion that building collision mortality is one of the top sources of direct anthropogenic mortality of birds in the U.S. Among other national estimates that are data-driven and systematically derived, only predation by free-ranging domestic cats is estimated to cause a greater amount of mortality (Loss et al. 2013). A similar ranking has been made for anthropogenic threats in Canada (Blancher et al. 2013, Machtans et al. 2013). Major sources of direct anthropogenic bird mortality currently lacking systematically derived estimates include collisions with automobiles and other vehicles, collisions and electrocution at power lines, and poisoning caused by agricultural chemicals, lead, and other toxins. Additional systematic quantification of mortality is needed to allow rigorous comparisons among all mortality sources.

TABLE 5. Average vulnerability of bird groups to building collisions across all building types. Risk values indicate the factor by which a species has a greater chance (for positive residuals) or a smaller chance (for negative residuals) of mortality compared with a species with average risk.

Group	Residual	Risk
Hummingbirds and swifts	1.52	33.2
Grebes	1.04	11.0
Shorebirds	0.68	4.7
Kingfishers ^a	0.56	3.6
Waxwings	0.55	3.6
Warblers	0.54	3.4
Gulls and terns ^a	0.52	3.3
Nuthatches, tits, and creeper	0.50	3.1
Cuckoos	0.46	2.9
Mimic thrushes	0.41	2.6
Diurnal raptors	0.40	2.5
Cardinaline finches	0.36	2.3
Kinglets	0.36	2.3
Thrushes	0.25	1.8
Cardueline finches	0.23	1.7
Nightjars	0.16	1.4
Woodpeckers	0.15	1.4
Owls	0.10	1.3
Doves and pigeons	0.08	1.2
Sparrows	0.08	1.2
House Sparrow ^a	−0.15	1.4
Wrens	−0.20	1.6
Coots and rails	−0.24	1.7
Flycatchers	−0.41	2.6
Vireos	−0.55	3.6
Starling ^a	−0.56	3.6
Corvids	−0.61	4.1
Blackbirds, meadowlarks, and orioles	−0.64	4.4
Upland game birds	−0.77	5.9
Herons	−1.05	11.3
Swallows	−1.07	11.6
Ducks and geese	−1.25	17.9
Gnatcatchers ^a	−1.68	48.1

^aValues based on data from a single species.

A general pattern across and within building classes is that a large proportion of all mortality occurs at structures that kill small numbers of birds on a per-building basis but collectively constitute a high percentage of all buildings (e.g., residences compared to low-rises and high-rises; urban compared to rural residences; residences without feeders compared to those with feeders). This finding suggests that achieving a large overall reduction in mortality will require mitigation measures to be applied across a large number of structures (e.g., urban residences). Our conclusion about the relative importance of residences for causing U.S. mortality is similar to that made for Canada by Machtans et al. (2013). This similarity arises because residences are estimated to comprise a similar proportion of all buildings in both countries (87.5% in the U.S and 95.3% in Canada). Even assuming the low-end mortality estimate for residences (159 million), total

mortality at high-rises would have to be 100 times greater than our high-end estimate for that building class (1.6 million) for the two building classes to cause equivalent mortality. On a per-building basis, if each residence killed one bird per year, each high-rise would have to kill >5,800 birds per year to cause equivalent mortality. No evidence exists that high-rises kill this large number of birds.

The species composition of window collision mortality also differs by building class. While the high risk group for individual residences includes several non-migratory resident species—including Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*), Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*), and Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)—nearly all high-risk species for low-rise and high-rise buildings are migratory. Compared with resident species, migratory species traverse longer distances, use a greater diversity of habitat types, and encounter more building types and total buildings during the annual cycle. Additionally, migratory species are attracted to large lighted buildings during their nocturnal migration; this attraction causes a large amount of mortality at low-rises and high-rises as birds either immediately collide with lighted buildings or become entrapped before later dying of collision or exhaustion (Evans Ogden 1996). The greater representation of resident species in the high-risk group for residences may be due to the propensity for many of these species to congregate at bird feeders, a behavior that may place them at a greater risk of colliding with windows (Dunn 1993, Klem et al. 2004, Bayne et al. 2012).

Despite the critical importance of reducing mortality at residences, mitigation measures targeted at a relatively small number of buildings with high per-building mortality rates (e.g., some high-rises and low-rises) will likely result in large per-building reductions in mortality and therefore may represent a cost-efficient starting point for reducing mortality. The mortality proportions that we attribute to different residence types are similar to those estimated by Machtans et al. (2013). This result arises from both the previous study and ours basing analysis on Bayne et al. (2012), a Canadian study that provides a reasonable approximation of U.S. mortality rates as evidenced by rates documented in U.S. studies (Dunn 1993, Weiss and Horn 2008, Bracey 2011).

Species Vulnerability to Building Collisions

Our vulnerability analysis indicates that several species experience a disproportionately high risk of building collision mortality. Of particular concern within the list of high-risk species (Table 4) are those identified as national Birds of Conservation Concern (species likely to become candidates for listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act without further action based on population trends, threats to populations, distribution, abundance, and relative density; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2008).

For species that are vulnerable to collisions at more than one building class or overall, including Golden-winged Warbler, Painted Bunting, Kentucky Warbler, and Canada Warbler, building collision mortality appears substantial and may contribute to or exacerbate population declines. For species identified as highly vulnerable to collision for one building class but not across building types (Wood Thrush at residences, Worm-eating Warbler at high-rises), building collisions may still represent a threat. However, risk rankings for these species are more likely to be inflated by high mortality rates at a few sites, and further research is required to clarify the degree to which populations of these species are threatened by collision mortality.

Inferences about population impacts of a mortality source should ideally be based on incorporating mortality estimates into demographic models (Loss et al. 2012) or comparing estimates to population abundance (Longcore et al. 2013). Data limitations preclude intensive population modeling of building collision impacts. Sampling bias toward densely populated areas east of the Mississippi River, and therefore toward certain bird species, prevented us from estimating species-specific annual mortality. We initially attempted to apply average species proportions to the overall mortality estimate following Longcore et al. (2013), but this method returned unrealistically high estimates for species that comprised a high percentage of counts in many studies (e.g., 140% of the total population of Ovenbirds estimated to be killed each year by building collisions). Our vulnerability estimates controlled for abundance and range overlap with study sites and therefore provide a less biased approximation of species-specific collision risk.

Our vulnerability analysis expanded upon the analysis of Arnold and Zink (2011), which was based on three sites in the northeastern U.S. and adjacent Canada. Nonetheless, we documented some of the same vulnerable species, including Brown Creeper, Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*), and Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*), and similar high- and low-risk taxonomic groups (e.g., warblers and swallows, respectively). As in the previous study, the vast majority of highly vulnerable species were long-distance migrants. Unlike the previous study, we did not assess whether population trends were correlated with building collision vulnerability. This approach has received criticism (Schaub et al. 2011, Klem et al. 2012) and shifts focus away from identifying which individual species of conservation concern face a high risk of colliding with buildings.

Research Needs and Protocol Improvements

Sensitivity analyses indicated that more research of mortality rates at low-rises will contribute greatly to improving mortality estimates. Future research should sample a variety of low-rise types, including residential,

commercial, and industrial buildings. Research at low-rises has occurred mostly at buildings that are known to cause large numbers of fatalities (e.g., office or university campus buildings with many windows and/or near favorable bird habitat). Random selection of buildings for monitoring (for all building classes) allows for less-biased conclusions about local mortality rates and more reliable extension of results within study areas and across regions. Mortality data specific to different low-rise building types will allow improvement upon the current approach of assuming that all low-rise buildings have similar mortality rates. Because we based our low-rise estimate on the number of U.S. “establishments,” and because the relationship between numbers of establishments and numbers of buildings is unknown, we suggest that improved data be collected and made available for the number of U.S. low-rise buildings. Non-residential low-rises are not currently included in assessments by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Sensitivity analyses also indicate that mortality estimates will benefit from quantification of searcher efficiency and scavenger removal rates. Recent research has resulted in major advancements in understanding these biases, including studies that estimate carcass detection and/or scavenger removal rates (Collins and Horn 2008, Hager et al. 2012, 2013) or apply methods to simultaneously account for both biases (Bracey 2011, Etterson 2013). In the future, studies should account for these biases when possible and investigate how these rates are affected by size and species of carcasses, abundance and community composition of scavengers, and characteristics of vegetation and habitat near buildings.

A large portion of the unpublished data we used were collected by volunteer-led collision-monitoring programs in major cities. These citizen-science programs have contributed greatly to the understanding of bird–building collisions; however, standardization of data collection and recording procedures is necessary to make these data more comparable across programs and across years within programs. As a first step, all monitoring programs should record sampling effort, including (1) a record of all surveys conducted, even those with zero fatalities found; (2) the number of person-hours of sampling in every survey; (3) the number of buildings and building facades sampled; (4) street addresses of buildings (with attention to avoiding multiple addresses referring to one building and clarifying when one address includes >1 building); and (5) separate records of fatalities found during surveys on official routes and those found incidentally outside of survey periods and/or off of routes. This information will allow increased comparability of data among regions, improved understanding of seasonal and regional mortality patterns, and reduced bias in estimates of per-building mortality rates and overall mortality. Combining effort-corrected mortality data with information about buildings (e.g., height in

stories and meters; orientation and area of building facades; glass area, type, extent, and reflectivity; vegetation presence, type, density, and height; and amount of light emitted), will allow identification of mortality rate correlates, prediction of mortality rates from building characteristics, and implementation of techniques to reduce mortality. Monitoring programs could also expand to incorporate sampling at multiple building types, including individual residences and additional types of low-rises and high-rises. A national reporting system and database for bird mortality data would facilitate standardization of data collection for building collisions and other mortality sources (Loss et al. 2012). Until this type of comprehensive system is developed and launched, window collision monitoring programs can use simple user-defined data entry portals that will increase standardization of data recording, formatting, and compilation (see example at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dDA1dDVTsvUzS1Nfx0NxWmZxTEctbHc6MQ#gid=0), and therefore benefit research that synthesizes multiple datasets.

Model Limitations

Because data collection methods varied greatly among studies, we could not account for all differences among the datasets we synthesized. How this limitation influenced our estimates is unclear. Nonetheless, our inclusion criteria removed studies that lacked a systematic component to sampling, and we accounted for partial-year sampling by either estimating mortality using only year-round studies or applying correction factors to mortality estimates. We also accounted for sample size differences when estimating species vulnerability. However, the data we analyzed overrepresented the eastern U.S. and underrepresented the Great Plains, Interior West, and West Coast. Because of this data limitation, the mortality rate distributions that we applied to all U.S. buildings were primarily based on data from the eastern U.S. This could have biased our estimates if mortality rates in the West differ consistently from those documented in the East; however, the lack of western data prevents conclusions about such regional variation. In addition, our species vulnerability estimates do not cover species with a large proportion of their range in the West. Further research of bird–building collisions in areas west of the Mississippi River is needed to document whether per-building mortality rates differ consistently from those in well-studied regions of the east and to assess building collision vulnerabilities for western bird species. Our mortality estimates are limited by the assumption that all non-residential establishments listed by the U.S. Census Bureau are ≤ 11 stories tall and that all buildings sampled by monitoring programs in major downtown areas are > 12 stories tall. These assumptions were unavoidable because U.S. low-rise building data are not available and

building height information was not recorded in most studies.

Our mortality estimates may be conservative because data from buildings that cause exceptionally high annual rates of collision were removed from our analysis before extending average rates to the scale of the entire U.S. Hundreds to greater than one thousand birds per year have been found at intensively monitored buildings in or near areas with a high concentration of birds during migration (e.g., Taylor and Kershner 1986, M. Mesure and D. Willard personal communication). Other factors that may have contributed to underestimation include crippling bias (e.g., an uncertain percentage of birds fly away from sampling areas before dying) and sub-lethal effects that may influence social interactions and migration behavior even if not causing eventual death (Klem 1990b). Further research to quantify crippling bias and sub-lethal effects is crucial for continued improvement in the accuracy of mortality and species vulnerability estimates.

Finally, we were unable to quantify seasonal patterns of mortality due to a limited sample of studies that surveyed throughout the year. Additionally, several studies employed varying sampling effort across seasons and did not record effort data that could be used to account for this variation. Among records meeting our inclusion criteria, 60.0% were found during fall migration (August–November) and 37.0% were found during spring migration (March–May). These figures are likely inflated relative to non-migratory periods because most studies sampled only during spring and fall. Despite varying sampling effort among seasons, mortality during fall migration appears to be consistently greater than during spring migration; this pattern was seen in most of the datasets and could be related to larger populations of birds in the fall due to presence of young-of-the-year birds. Notably, several studies have indicated substantial building collision mortality during periods outside of migration, including in winter at individual residences (Dunn 1993, Klem 2009) and in summer at low-rise buildings (Bayne et al. 2012, Hager et al. 2013). Our methods accounted for partial-year sampling by either using only year-round studies (for residences and low-rises) or applying a correction factor that assumed additional mortality during summer and winter (for high-rises, a building type for which little data exists for non-migration periods). Species vulnerability estimates were also likely to be influenced by seasonal sampling biases, with in-transit migratory species likely overrepresented compared with summer and winter residents. Additional year-round studies are needed at all building types to clarify how mortality rates and species composition of fatalities vary by season.

Conclusions

As human populations and numbers of buildings increase in the U.S. and globally, actions to reduce bird mortality

from building collisions will be necessary at all types of buildings. For residences, mitigation techniques could include reducing vegetation near windows, angling windows to reduce reflection, and installing netting, closely spaced decals, or UV light-reflecting glass (Klem et al. 2004, Klem 2006, 2009). For low-rises and high-rises, mortality can be reduced by minimizing light emission at night (Evans Ogden 1996, 2002) and incorporating bird friendly design elements into new and existing buildings (e.g., Brown and Caputo 2007, Sheppard 2011). A long-term approach to reducing mortality is the continued adaptation of Green Building certification standards to include bird collision risks (Klem 2009).

We provide quantitative evidence of the large amount of bird mortality caused by building collisions in the U.S. Our estimates represent roughly 2–9% of all North American birds based on a rough estimate of 10–20 billion total birds in North America (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2002). However, because our results illustrate that not all species are equally vulnerable to building collisions, and because considerable uncertainty remains regarding species-specific mortality and population abundance, the actual impacts of collisions on population abundance are uncertain. Despite this uncertainty, our analysis indicates that building collisions are among the top anthropogenic threats to birds and, furthermore, that the several bird species that are disproportionately vulnerable to building collisions may be experiencing significant population impacts from this anthropogenic threat.

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Cyrah Caburian

From: Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:15 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; Deborah L. Feng
Subject: 2021-03-16 CC Meeting - Agenda Item 14 Bird Safety & Dark Skies

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Please include the following email as Written Communications for tonight's March 16, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 14 Bird Safety & Dark Skies.

Dear Mayor Paul, Vice Mayor Chao and City Council Members,

Please approve the combined ordinance (Attachment A) with the following 3 changes:

BIRD SAFE ORDINANCE SECTION

#1 - MODIFY SECTION 19.102.030 (C) 2

This section **needs to specify the amount of emitted light in some way. "Low voltage" says nothing about light intensity.** You can have an EXTREMELY, blindingly bright LED light that is "low voltage".

C. Non-residential Indoor Lighting Requirements:

1. Install time switch control devices or automatic occupancy sensors on non-emergency interior lights that are programmed to turn off at eleven p.m. or within two hours after the business is closed.
2. Businesses that involve the direct retailing of goods to the general public may have downward directed, **low voltage**, and fully shielded lighting for window displays at any time when there is a display of such goods.

#2 - MODIFY SECTION 19.102.030(E)2.

Change #2 to read "First floor **retail storefront display windows** up to a height of 15';"

This provides visibility for stores/retail without including other kinds of buildings i.e. office buildings.

E. Exemptions: The following are exempted from bird-safe treatment regulations of subsection 19.102.030(B):

1. Any historic structure, either as set forth in the General Plan Figure LU-3 Historic Resources or listed on the State or National Historical Registers;
2. **First floor commercial storefronts, up to a height of 15'; and,**
3. Residential development in R1 zoning districts outside of Bird-Sensitive Areas.

#3 - OUTDOOR LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

MODIFY SECTION 19.102.040(B)12.d String Lighting Regulations for Commercial and mixed-Use Commercial Areas

- Add that the commercial string lights need to be extinguished by 11pm or by 2 hours after closing, whichever is later. They don't need to be on all night!

Sincerely,
Peggy Griffin

Cyrah Caburian

From: Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:03 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda Item 14-Peggy's slides
Attachments: Agenda Item 14-Birds and Sky-Peggy's comments.pdf

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Hi Kirsten,

Please display this file when I plan to speak for Agenda Item 14.

Thank you for your help.
Peggy Griffin

SUPPORT this Bird Safe and Dark Skies Ordinance with 4 changes:

BIRD SAFE ORDINANCE SECTION

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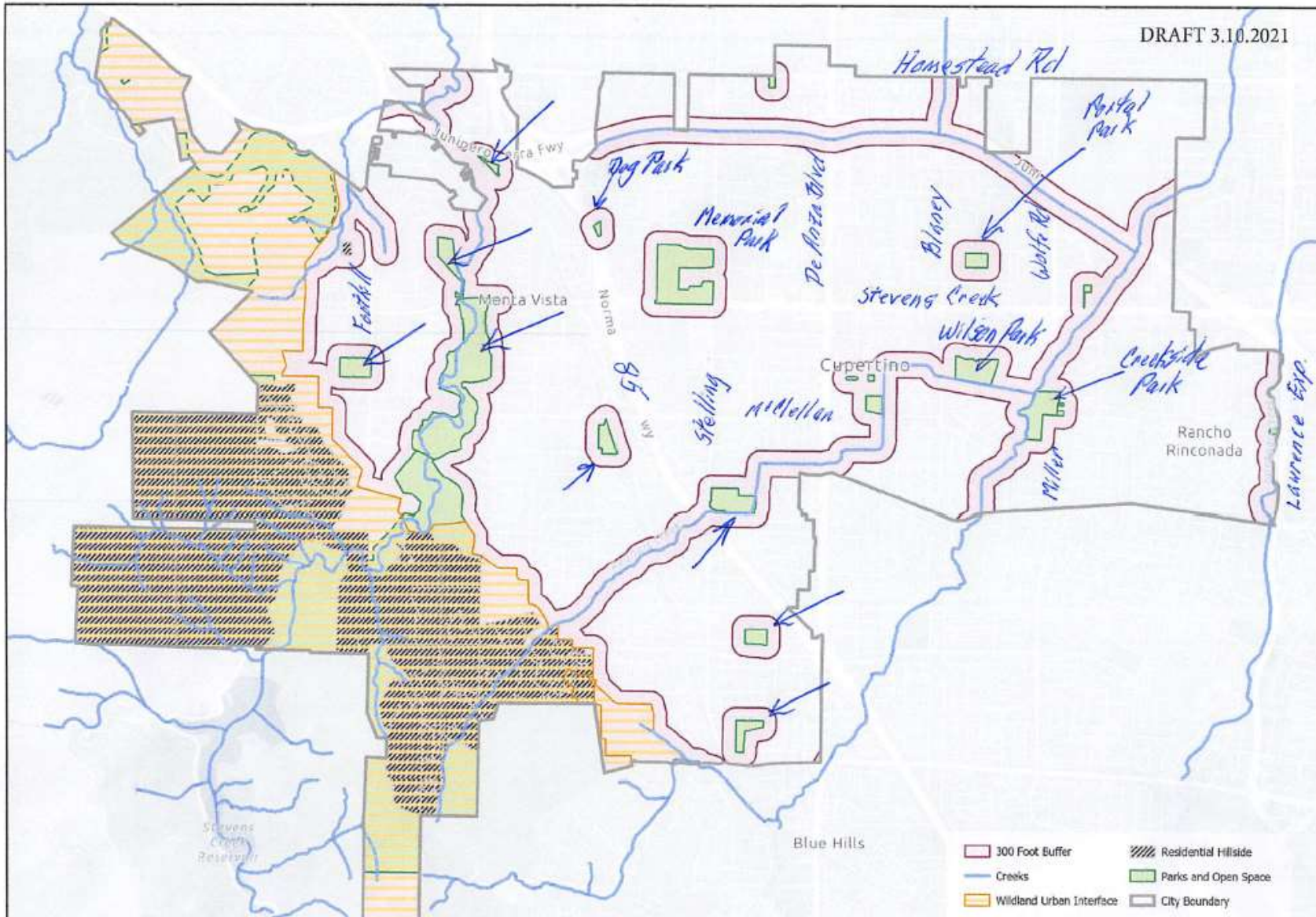
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#4 – MODIFY ATTACHMENT D – Map of Bird-Sensitive Areas Map **with labels and exact parcel impact**

Q: Which exact parcels are impacted?

Q: How can I tell?



CC 03-16-21

#15

Solidarity with the
Asian and Pacific
Islander Community

Written Comments

Cyrah Caburian

From: Connie Cunningham <cunninghamconniel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:55 AM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: March 16 CC: Thank You for the City's Commitment to Stand in Solidarity with the AAPI community

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15. Agenda Item 15. Subject: Consider adopting a resolution affirming the City's commitment to stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander community Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 21-022 affirming the City's commitment to stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you, City Council, for bringing this action to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

I agree and support this Resolution.

In solidarity,

Connie Cunningham
Cupertino Resident

Cyrah Caburian

From: etu@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:16 AM
To: City Council
Subject: I Support

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you, City Council, for bringing this action to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

I agree and support this Resolution. Please vote "yes" and sign this resolution!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Tu
Cupertino Resident

Cyrah Caburian

From: April Scott <aprscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:31 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Solidarity

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you, City Council, for bringing this action to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

I agree and support this Resolution. Please vote "yes" and sign this resolution!

Sincerely,
April Scott,
35 year resident of Cupertino

Cyrah Caburian

From: Jean Yang <jeanpyang@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 4:59 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please Vote Yes for Resolution against AAPI Hate

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you, City Council, for bringing this action to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

I agree and support this Resolution. Please vote **"yes"** and sign this resolution!

Sincerely,
Jean Yang
Cupertino Resident

Cyrah Caburian

From: Hal and Janet Van Zoeren <vanzoeren@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 6:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for the Asian and Pacific Islander Community

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you, City Council, for bringing forth an action to stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander Community.

I agree and support this Resolution. Please vote "yes" and sign this resolution!

Sincerely,

Janet and Hal Van Zoeren
Cupertino Resident

Cyrah Caburian

From: Stanley Fong <sfong6@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 7:31 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Thank You for your yes vote: Solidarity with the AAPI community

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Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Councilmembers,

Thank you, City Council, for bringing this action to stand in solidarity with the AAPI community.

"A resolution of the Cupertino City Council affirming the city's commitment to stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander Community. A vote Yes is publicly important with the recent outbreak of violence against the Asian community.

I agree and support this Resolution. Please vote "yes" and sign this resolution!

Sincerely,
Stanley Fong
Cupertino Resident

Cyrah Caburian

From: Peggy Griffin <griffin@compuserve.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:52 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: 2021-03-16 CC Mtg Agenda Item 15 - Standing in solidarity with Asian and Pacific Islanders - no place for hate

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Dear Mayor Paul, Vice Mayor Chao and Council Members,

Thank you for passing the resolution expressing solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander Community. It sets an example to our residents, our children and our neighboring communities.

I agree with Vice Mayor Chao that there is no place for hatred in our society and we should all strive to be accepting and open to different ideas and perspectives.

Thank you!
Peggy Griffin

Cyrah Caburian

From: Joseph Fruen <jrfruen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:39 PM
To: City Council; Darcy Paul; Liang Chao; Jon Robert Willey; Hung Wei; Kitty Moore
Cc: Kirsten Squarcia; City Clerk; Cupertino City Manager's Office; Deborah L. Feng
Subject: For public comment: Item 15 - 3/16/2021 Council meeting - Resolution in support of the AAPI community

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Mayor Paul & Members of the City Council:

Thank you for asking for today's resolution. In the time since this item was first suggested, attacks on the Asian American and Pacific Islander community have only gotten worse, culminating--from all appearances--in today's horrific events in Cherokee County, Georgia. I hope you will expand the recitals to include intervening events and pass today's resolution.

Thank you,

J.R. Fruen
Cupertino resident