

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SUPPORTS ANIMAL CRUELTY

Reverend Whiteside is allowing New Long's Live Poultry to use the church's parking lot on Saturdays, to sell live birds during the farmers market, for which we assume the church is collecting rent money. We have photo and video evidence of New Long's illegally abusing animals.



Live birds are stuffed upside-down in paper bags inside plastic bags with inadequate ventilation after being kept in extremely overcrowded conditions, and handled roughly and painfully by their wings or legs. Customers then transport them (often on public transit or in their car trunks, after carrying them around shopping) to their restaurants, apartments or houses and kill them when and how they wish (for food, Santeria ritual sacrifice or cock-fighting), unsupervised and unregulated.

Causing any animal unnecessary pain or suffering, including transporting them in a cruel manner, is prohibited under section 597 of the California Penal Code. However, the District Attorney is currently blocking Animal Care & Control's

enforcement efforts with regard to birds classified as "poultry," so we must appeal directly to market managers and the public to help protect these animals.

Inflicting unnecessary harm on God's beautiful and helpless creatures for money is *not* in the spirit of Jesus' teachings, and therefore not something a church should be involved in. Unfortunately, Reverend Whiteside has not responded to animal advocates' polite requests to cease this cruelty. Therefore, we are reaching out to you, his congregation, to ask him to do so.



For more information, please visit www.LGBTcompassion.org/livemarkets.