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Gentlemen:

Under the provisions of our city charter, the Mayor is entrusted with the duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws and regulations of the City to be executed and enforced, and from time to time to communicate such information and recommend such measures as the business and interests of the City may in his opinion require.

It has been recently called to my attention that my esteemed and honored colleague, the Honorable Rosaire L. Halle Mayor of the City of Auburn, has appointed numerous and divers prominent persons of high standing and great repute as Honorary Dog-Catchers. It has also been called to my attention that said appointments have been bestowed upon many citizens of Auburn who carry on their business within the limits of the City of Lewiston, and that a few citizens of Lewiston have also been commissioned to the same office.

It is not my purpose today to question the propriety of Mayor Halle's appointments nor to challenge the jurisdictional limits within which these appointees may exercise their duties, as I intend to refer this matter to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion.

However, I assume it is my foremost duty to protect the Inhabitants of the City of Lewiston against any invasion of their rights and privileges; and to secure and maintain peace and good order in the community.

Wherefore, I deem it essential and necessary to take protective measures to insure that peace and tranquillity shall prevail within the confines of the City of Lewiston.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to nominate and appoint two of your most distinguished members to a most important and high office.