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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

WILLIAM CRAMER, an individual,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

KAMALA D. HARRIS, Attorney General,
in her official capacity as Attorney General
of California and HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES,

Defendants - Appellees.

No. 12-56861

D.C. No. 2:12-cv-03130-JFW-
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MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
John F. Walter, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 2, 2015**
Pasadena, California

Before: D.W. NELSON, BYBEE, and IKUTA, Circuit Judges.

Appellant William Cramer appeals the district court's dismissal of his
complaint, which challenged the constitutionality of Proposition 2, the Prevention

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent
except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision
without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2015. We review Rule 12(b)(6) dismissals and void for vagueness claims de novo. *Sprewell v. Golden State Warriors*, 266 F.3d 979, 988 (9th Cir. 2001); *United States v. Cooper*, 173 F.3d 1192, 1202 (9th Cir. 1999). We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we affirm.

For a statute to survive a vagueness challenge, it must “give [a] person of ordinary intelligence a reasonable opportunity to know what is prohibited, so that he may act accordingly.” *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104, 108 (1972). Additionally, the law “must provide explicit standards for those who apply them,” to prevent “arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement.” *Id.* Cramer’s complaint does not allege facts sufficient to state a claim that Proposition 2 is flawed in such a manner. *See Eclectic Props. East, LLC v. Marcus & Millichap Co.*, 751 F.3d 990, 995–96 (9th Cir. 2014). Proposition 2 does give people of “ordinary intelligence” a “reasonable opportunity” to understand its requirements. It says that “a person shall not tether or confine” chickens in a manner that prevents them from either “fully spreading both wings without touching the side of an enclosure or other egg-laying hens” or “turning in a complete circle without any impediment, including a tether, and without touching the side of an enclosure.” Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25990–25991. Thus, any person confining his or her chickens in a

manner where the chickens would not be capable of such actions, is in violation of Proposition 2.

Cramer argues that because Proposition 2 does not specify minimum cage sizes for egg-laying hens, no one can be certain what sizes do or do not violate the statute. He is incorrect. All Proposition 2 requires is that each chicken be able to extend its limbs fully and turn around freely. This can be readily discerned using objective criteria. Because hens have a wing span and a turning radius that can be observed and measured, a person of reasonable intelligence can determine the dimensions of an appropriate confinement that will comply with Proposition 2. While it may have been preferable for Proposition 2 to state that an enclosure for egg-laying hens must provide a specified minimum amount of space per bird, the Due Process Clause does not demand “perfect clarity” or “precise guidance.” *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project*, 561 U.S. 1, 19 (2010) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

AFFIRMED.