

Ending the Torture and Killing of Millions of Dogs and Cats in the South Korean Dog Meat Trade

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Dear Congressman Sherman:

Thank you for speaking at the Tarzana Neighborhood Council meeting last Tuesday (October 26). It was very good speaking with you about the Dog Meat Trade in South Korea, in which millions of dogs and cats are tortured, killed, and eaten every year.

This email is to provide additional information, to help you and your staff carry out your commitment made at the meeting to broaden the relationship you have with South Korean legislators to focus on the dog meat issue, and leverage those relationships to help end the dog meat trade in South Korea.

As I noted, it is the **official position of the City of Los Angeles** to oppose the Dog Meat Trade. **The City Council unanimously passed a resolution opposing the dog meat trade** and stating that the City will “SUPPORT ... legislation or administrative action that would request the governments of China, Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, and Indonesia to ban the sale of dog meat and to enforce their animal cruelty laws.” The official position of Los Angeles is set forth in City Council File 19-0002-S101 (sponsored by Councilmembers Blumenfield and Ryu), attachment 1 and here: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S101> This is also the position of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, representing all 34 Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley. Please see attachment 2.

As we discussed, on September 25th, South Korean President Moon Jae-in told the Prime Minister: “Hasn’t the time come to prudently consider prohibiting dog meat consumption?” There is a bill pending in the South Korean National Assembly to do just that, Bill Number 7035—Proposed Partial Amendments to the Animal Protection Act, introduced and sponsored by Minister of Environment Han Jeoung Ae along with nine other Assembly members. As we discussed at the meeting, a letter, call, or email from you to fellow legislators in South Korea, urging support for this bill, could aid in the passage. Information about members of the South Korean National Assembly,

including telephone numbers, can be found here: https://korea.assembly.go.kr:447/mem/mem_01.jsp

As you indicated at the meeting, your encouragement on this could especially be influential with Korean legislators you have worked with regarding the formal end of the Korean War. The Zoom recording of the meeting is located here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/O96E0nWKHjzkJdTDa36mDRRvB7Mwjy0KxNBtvKdvRxS_BdISvKUqExLoFCBLvdP3iah7mqYhtXD449FW.KM2ESrKxkZkLsMfK?continueMode=true&_x_zm_rtaid=yeyvLqbkQyy0WT0pYXkHqw.1635359501852.a9af1e308e6babe153c5d223aca9ed81&_x_zm_rhtaid=364 and the relevant portion goes from 23:50 to 27:25 on the recording.

If there are particular members of the National Assembly you or your staff would like to contact by email, Giny Woo of KoreanDogs.org would be happy to provide such contact information. Giny's phone number is: (408) 582-2044; email: koreandogsteam@gmail.com.

You could also speak or correspond with the South Korean Ambassador to the United States, Lee Soo Hyuck Lee (<https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/us-en/index.do>), or the Consul General of South Korea in Los Angeles, Kyung Jae Park (<https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/us-losangeles-en/index.do>). It certainly would be fitting and proper for you to engage in such communications, since it is the official position of the City you represent to oppose the dog meat trade and to "SUPPORT ... legislation or administrative action that would request the governments of China, Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, and Indonesia to ban the sale of dog meat and to enforce their animal cruelty laws." (Please see Attachment 1, City Council Resolution.)

Raising this issue in any meetings or conversations you have with officials, business persons, or others from the countries involved in the dog meat trade could also be impactful. You could inform such persons that it is the official policy of the City of Los Angeles (a major trading partner with all the countries involved in the dog meat trade) to oppose the dog meat trade. There is also a petition started by KoreanDogs.org which has to date received over 136,000 signatures: <http://chnng.it/RWjMYspz>

If any of the people you speak with don't agree that we should take action to abolish the dog meat trade, request that they watch these videos in their entirety, and then come back and tell you that they still don't think it should be abolished:

Shocking Cruelty of South Korean Dog Meat Industry, Part 1 of 2: https://youtu.be/_ZVQjgGb4RQ

Part 2 of 2: <https://youtu.be/ivHffcM5B6w>

Helping Korea end the dog meat trade is in fact helping the Korean nation and its people. As long as this practice continues, it will be a highly contentious element in their society, a hindrance to their progress, and an ethical stain and embarrassment for their people. (There were over 500 public comment submissions to the City Council

when it considered the Dog Meat Resolution, all of them in favor of the resolution. Those comments convey the depth of people's feelings about the Dog Meat Trade. Please see: *LA Passes Anti-Dog Meat Resolution Saving Millions of Dogs from Brutal Torture and Death*: <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/18024-la-passes-anti-dog-meat-resolution-saving-millions-of-dogs-from-brutal-torture-and-death>). In fact, South Korean President Moon has stated that dog meat is becoming an international embarrassment.

So as we discussed, now is a really opportune time for you to contact your fellow Korean legislators and other Korean officials, and urge them to support the bill banning dog meat, and let them know what the official position of Los Angeles is on the torture and killing of dogs and cats. On behalf of the dogs and cats of South Korea, thank you for your commitment to do so at the Tarzana Neighborhood Council meeting on October 26.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mausner

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(For identification purposes)

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cc: Dana Brown, General Manager, Los Angeles Animal Services Department

Attachment 1 – LA City Council
Resolution Opposing Dog Meat

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Los Angeles has been one of California's leaders in pursuing progressive animal welfare policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 10 to 20 million dogs in China, 5 million dogs in Vietnam, and one million dogs each in South Korea, Indonesia, and Cambodia are killed for food each year; and

WHEREAS, dogs in these countries are kept in cramped, rusty cages stacked on top of each other, and slaughtered in brutal ways such as hanging or electrocution, due to an erroneous belief that high adrenaline levels will produce tender meat and increase the supposed health benefits of consuming dog; and

WHEREAS, the governments of some of these countries have passed laws regarding dog meat and animal cruelty: in China, the Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China, and in South Korea, the Animal Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, despite laws regulating the sale of dog meat in these countries, dog farms continue to operate in brazen disregard of any established standards of animal cruelty, and continue to raise and slaughter dogs in inhumane ways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes into its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation or administrative action that would request the governments of China, Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, and Indonesia to ban the sale of dog meat and to enforce their animal cruelty laws.

PRESENTED BY: Bob Blumenfeld
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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When making inquiries relative to
this matter, please refer to the
Council File No.: [19-0002-S101](#)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

July 5, 2019

Council File No.: [19-0002-S101](#)

Council Meeting Date: July 03, 2019

Agenda Item No.: 46

Agenda Description: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST (CLA) and RESOLUTION (BLUMENFIELD - RYU) relative to establishing the City's position regarding the sale of dog meat.

Council Action: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST AND RESOLUTION (BLUMENFIELD - RYU) - ADOPTED FORTHWITH

Council Vote:

YES	BLUMENFIELD	YES	HUIZAR	ABSENT	PRICE
YES	BONIN	YES	KORETZ	YES	RODRIGUEZ
ABSENT	BUSCAINO	YES	KREKORIAN	YES	RYU
YES	CEDILLO	YES	MARTINEZ	YES	SMITH
YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL	YES	WESSON

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Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 231(h)

FILE SENT TO MAYOR:

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:

APPROVED

***DISAPPROVED**

***VETO**

Acting Mayor

DATE SIGNED

Adopted Report(s)

Title

Report from Chief Legislative Analyst
Resolution

Date

06/17/2019

06/05/2019

Attachment 2 – VANC Resolution Against Dog Meat



December 14, 2018

Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Los Angeles City Councilmember
Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: South Korean Dog Meat Trade

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield:

As you know, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) consists of representatives of all 34 Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley, including Neighborhood Councils in your district. At its monthly meeting on August 9, 2018, VANC passed a resolution regarding the following:

Approximately one to two million dogs are killed for food every year in South Korea. Prior to their deaths, these dogs endure a lifetime of abuse and are often slaughtered in a completely inhumane and brutal manner. As stated by the Animal Welfare Institute: “From birth to slaughter, these dogs are kept in cramped, rusty cages stacked on top of each other. The method of slaughter is usually extremely (and even intentionally) brutal, and the dogs are often butchered in full view of the others.”

“Most horrifically—due to a traditional belief that high adrenaline levels will produce tender meat and increase the supposed health benefits—dogs who are killed may be intentionally subjected to extreme fear and suffering and be killed via bludgeoning, hanging, or electrocution. At the open-air markets, dogs are often electrocuted and their necks are broken—all in plain sight to passers-by and the other dogs.” Additional information regarding the South Korean Dog Meat Trade is attached.

The United States is spending billions of dollars, and our military personnel are putting their lives on the line, to assist our ally South Korea in deterring invasion or nuclear attack from the North. Tens of thousands of Americans died in the Korean War, and tens of thousands were wounded, protecting South Korea. Dogs serve in our armed forces and alongside our First Responders. Dogs are instrumental in working with returning Veterans with PTSD. We respectfully request that our ally South Korea stop killing and torturing dogs, a practice which is abhorrent to the vast majority of Americans.

Therefore, at its regular public monthly meeting on August 9, 2018, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils passed a Resolution requesting that you and the other San Fernando Valley Councilmembers introduce a motion in the Los Angeles City Council opposing the South Korean dog meat trade and asking the South Korean government to ban the dog meat trade and enforce South Korea’s animal cruelty laws.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner, VANC Liaison to L.A. Animal Services
Email: Jeff@MausnerLaw.com. Phone: 310-617-8100

cc: John Popoch, Svetlana Pravina, Andrew Pennington, Ali Pugash

Information Regarding the South Korean Dog Meat Trade

According to the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) and other sources, approximately one to two million dogs are killed for food every year in South Korea. Prior to their deaths, these dogs endure a lifetime of abuse and are often slaughtered in a completely inhumane and brutal manner. As stated by AWI: “From birth to slaughter, these dogs are kept in cramped, rusty cages stacked on top of each other. The method of slaughter is usually extremely (and even intentionally) brutal, and the dogs are often butchered in full view of the others.”

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Please see <https://awionline.org/dogmeat> (Animal Welfare Institute)

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Some videos of the South Korean dog meat trade (in increasing order of how graphic they are) are as follows:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goDx7_DdRiE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJnp870Sn58>

<https://fightdogmeat.com/videos-south-korea-graphic/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVQjgGb4RQ&has_verified=1 (Shocking Cruelty of South Korean Dog Meat Industry Part 1 of 2 – Requires Youtube age verification to view)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivHffcM5B6w>

(Shocking Cruelty of South Korean Dog Meat Industry Part 2 of 2 – Requires Youtube age verification to view)

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March 14, 2019

Honorable David Ryu
Los Angeles City Councilmember

Re: South Korean Dog Meat Trade

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

As you know, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) consists of representatives of all 34 Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley, including neighborhoods in your district. At its monthly meeting on August 9, 2018, VANC passed a resolution regarding the following:

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Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner, VANC Liaison to L.A. Animal Services
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December 23, 2018

Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles
Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: South Korean Dog Meat Trade

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

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Therefore, at its regular public monthly meeting on August 9, 2018, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils passed a Resolution requesting that you and members of your administration who have dealings with South Korean officials raise our opposition to the South Korean dog meat trade and ask the South Korean government to ban the dog meat trade and enforce South Korea's animal cruelty laws.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner, VANC Liaison to L.A. Animal Services
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cc: Claudia Luna, Tanaz Golshan