Dear Councilman Blumenfield:

At its regular monthly meeting on March 28, 2023, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council passed a resolution requesting that you introduce a City Council resolution supporting California Assembly Bill 240, entitled “Dogs and cats: California Spay-Neuter Fund.” AB 240 provides for a charge on manufacturers of dog and cat food, the money to be placed into a fund for spay/neuter of dogs and cats. Spay/neuter is the humane way to deal with overpopulation of dogs and cats; AB 240 also points out that “[w]hile the average low-cost estimate to spay or neuter an animal is $160, it costs an average of $2,000 to control, house, care for, adopt out, and/or euthanize an animal.” Failure to provide adequate funding for spay/neuter is penny wise and “pound” foolish. Please see: <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/369-budget-advocates/18933-crucial-city-funding-spay-and-neuter-saves-money-and-lives>

Additional information regarding AB 240 can be found at: <https://agri.assembly.ca.gov/sites/agri.assembly.ca.gov/files/AB%20240%20Ag%20Com%20Analysis.pdf>

Thank you for your support of this matter.

Sincerely,