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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday September 25, 2025 8:15 AM

VIPs Café 18345 Ventura Blvd. Tarzana, CA 91356

General Public Comment: Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcoming Remarks
- 2. Public Comments Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.
- 3. Discussion and motion Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- **4.** Agenda planning for the upcoming Board meeting Discussion and possible action on matters within the TNC Committee's jurisdiction including but not limited to referrals from the following TNC standing Committees:

Budget Committee Agenda https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/budget-&-finance-committee
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Beautification Committee Agenda

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5. Discussion and possible motion: Recommend the TNC Board file a request for city action as follows:

WHEREAS, unregulated online pet sales fuel a shadow market that contributes to shelter overcrowding, consumer fraud, and animal suffering; and

WHEREAS, California shelters are experiencing crisis-level intake and elevated euthanasia rates, placing unsustainable burdens on local governments, taxpayers, and nonprofit rescue organizations; and WHEREAS, families are routinely misled by fraudulent online ads, resulting in financial loss, emotional distress, and public health and safety risks; and

WHEREAS, websites, print publications, airlines, and ground transportation companies facilitate and profit from the sale and shipment of animals without adequately ensuring compliance with humane standards and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Pet Foundation has proposed legislation to hold online platforms, advertisers, and carriers accountable for compliance, including meaningful penalties for violations, in order to disrupt the pipeline that enables backyard breeders, puppy mills, and illegal sellers; and

WHEREAS, certain forms of private enforcement by qualified animal-welfare organizations have been recognized in California law, and a carefully designed framework could enhance compliance while minimizing costs to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, stronger oversight of online pet sales and transport may reduce shelter intake and save the lives of companion animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council recognizes the urgent need for stronger protections for companion animals and consumers, and supports measures to:

- 1. curb illegal and inhumane online pet sales;
- 2. require platforms and carriers to verify compliance with applicable laws and humane standards;
- 3. impose meaningful penalties for violations; and
- 4. relieve pressure on municipal shelters and rescue partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to study and, as appropriate, advocate for local and state legislation to combat illegal and inhumane online pet sales and the platforms and carriers that enable them, including options for responsible private enforcement by qualified nonprofits with appropriate safeguards.

- **6.** Discussion and possible motion: Recommendations for additional matters to be added to the proposed board meeting agenda.
- 7. Discussion and motion: Approve the proposed agenda for the upcoming Board meeting with any additions and/or amendments.
- **8.** Committee Business Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
 - a. Comment on Committee members' own activities/brief announcements.
 - b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
 - c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting. Any recommendations to be submitted to the Committee Chair no later than the Wednesday prior to the Committee meeting.
- 9. Adjournment.

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