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California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A)*,*

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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 possible motion: Should the Government Action Committee recommend that the TNC Board adopt the following resolution and approve its submission as a

Community Impact Statement in Los Angeles City Council File 25-0193 regarding the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam:

WHEREAS, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council previously adopted a resolution supporting the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam, and submitted a Community Impact Statement supporting Los Angeles City Council File 25-0193, introduced by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and seconded by Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2026, the Associated Press reported that police in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, arrested 12 men suspected of operating an organized criminal network responsible for stealing and selling approximately 2,700 cats for meat; and

WHEREAS, according to investigators, participants in the alleged criminal operation rode motorcycles through residential neighborhoods between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., capturing approximately four to ten cats per night, which were then transported, held, and sold into the cat meat trade; and

WHEREAS, the police investigation identified an alleged organizer of the network who purchased stolen cats, kept them at a facility in northern Ho Chi Minh City, and arranged for their resale for meat; and

WHEREAS, during a July 8, 2026 police raid, authorities reportedly discovered approximately 50 cats and dozens of traps, and subsequently returned 13 rescued cats to their owners, with other rescued cats placed in the care of an animal welfare organization; and

WHEREAS, in a separate police operation in June 2026, authorities rescued more than 400 cats, while also discovering dozens of dead cats packed in ice, further demonstrating the seriousness and extent of the problem; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2026, Tuoi Tre News reported that Ho Chi Minh City Police had dismantled a separate organized dog-theft ring and uncovered an interprovincial network trading dog and cat meat, and initiated criminal proceedings against 11 suspects; and

WHEREAS, according to investigators, members of the alleged ring used cars and homemade electric-shock devices to steal dogs, including 21 dogs during the night of October 7 to the morning of October 8, 2026, and transported the animals to a facility for processing and sale; and

WHEREAS, during a police search of the suspected processing site, authorities discovered 21 dead dogs, 32 butchered dogs, and 57 butchered cats, along with equipment suspected of having been used in the thefts; and

WHEREAS, investigators traced an interprovincial distribution network, identified regular dog-meat purchasers in Hanoi, Hai Phong, Hung Yen, and Ninh Binh, and extended the investigation beyond the alleged thieves to buyers and intermediaries; and

WHEREAS, the theft of companion animals causes substantial suffering to the animals and emotional distress to their families, while the dog and cat meat trades also present animal welfare and public health concerns; and

WHEREAS, these police actions demonstrate that Vietnamese authorities are taking meaningful steps to protect companion animals and enforce existing laws; and

WHEREAS, Hanoi has undertaken a cooperative pilot program with Soi Dog Foundation involving rabies prevention and the transition away from the dog and cat meat trades, demonstrating that Vietnamese local governments and international animal welfare organizations can work together toward humane solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam is intended to encourage cooperation, mutual respect, friendship, public health, and animal welfare, rather than confrontation, and is consistent with the purposes of international Sister City relationships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

The Tarzana Neighborhood Council commends and congratulates the Ho Chi Minh City Police for their investigation, arrests, rescue of cats, and actions to disrupt an organized criminal operation involving the theft and sale of cats for meat.

The Tarzana Neighborhood Council also commends and congratulates the Ho Chi Minh City Police for dismantling the organized dog-theft ring, disrupting an interprovincial dog and cat meat distribution network, and pursuing alleged purchasers and intermediaries as well as those directly involved in stealing the animals.
The Tarzana Neighborhood Council expresses its appreciation to the Vietnamese authorities, animal welfare organizations, and individuals who participated in rescuing and caring for the cats and dogs and reuniting rescued animals with their families where possible.
The Tarzana Neighborhood Council encourages continued cooperation between Vietnamese authorities and animal welfare organizations to prevent the theft and trafficking of dogs and cats, protect public health, and promote humane alternatives to the dog and cat meat trades.
The Tarzana Neighborhood Council reaffirms its support for CF 25-0193, the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam and encourages the Los Angeles City Council to advance this proposal as a positive, cooperative initiative consistent with the City's existing policy opposing the dog meat trade, as set forth in Council File 19-0002-S101, passed unanimously on July 3, 2019.

4. Committee Business - Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
   a. Comment on Committee member's 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, currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Agenda items for the meeting should be submitted by Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
5. Adjournment.

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