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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) Report to the Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC), December 11, 2018, by Jeffrey Mausner, Animal Welfare Committee Chairman.

1. What Happened to Dogs in the Recent Fires? I am very happy to report that the Los Angeles Animal Services Department (LAAS) and the people of the City did a FANTASTIC JOB of caring for animals during the fires. On November 9, the day after the Woolsey Fire started, the West Valley Animal Shelter was the most crowded I have ever seen it. Every kennel in the main kennels, all the puppy kennels, and all the training kennels were full, many with 2 large dogs. There were temporary kennels for dogs set up in the Community Room at the Shelter.

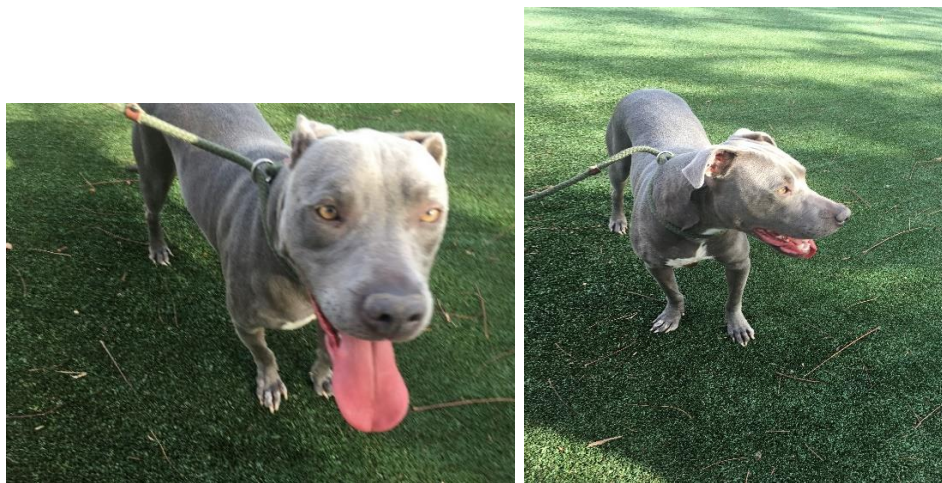
By November 16, one week later, there were 24 empty kennels in the main kennels, all the puppy kennels were empty, and all the training kennels were empty. That is among the least crowded I have ever seen the West Valley Shelter. This was accomplished without killing a single healthy adoptable dog, through temporary fosters, rescues, increased adoptions, redemptions of lost dogs, and even sending dogs to be fostered at a prison. **THIS REALLY WAS A MONUMENTAL SUCCESS, AND EVERYONE AT LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES SHOULD BE HIGHLY CONGRATULATED.** Special thanks to MeLissa Webber, the new Assistant General Manager for Life Saving; Karen Thang, West Valley Life Saving Liaison; Jennifer Duarte and Cory Mitchell, West Valley Shelter Supervisors; all of the Staff and Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter; and Brenda Barnette, LAAS General Manager. Thank you to all Rescue Organizations who took dogs and cats and all citizens who fostered animals.

The West Valley Shelter was even able to take dogs from the chronically overcrowded South L.A. Shelter in the weeks after the fire. There are still some empty kennels at West Valley, and it is continuing to transfer dogs from the South L.A. Shelter.

2. Status of No-Kill at the City Animal Shelters. Citywide, we are still achieving No-Kill for dogs. The live/save rate for dogs for the City as a whole in October was 92.2%. (The live/save rate is (live impounds minus non-live outcomes) divided by live impounds. Above 90% live/save rate is generally considered “No-Kill.” The remaining 10%, unfortunately, accounts for dogs and cats who are too sick or injured to be saved, or dogs who are too aggressive to be safely adopted or rescued.) All of the City Shelters, except for South L.A., which receives the most dogs, had live/save rates above 90%. South L.A.’s live/save rate for dogs was 86%, which is why it is important for the other five Shelters to take dogs from the South L.A. Shelter. West Valley’s live/save rate for dogs in October was 96.4%.

Los Angeles has not yet achieved No-Kill for cats. The live/save rate for cats in October was 83.98%. As you know, I think the main reason the City has not achieved No-Kill for cats is because of the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) Injunction against the City. Please see pages 6-17 below for information about that. The City is currently working on an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) to use in court to see if the injunction can be overturned. The EIR is described on the Bureau of Engineering’s website at: <https://eng.lacity.org/citywide-cat-program-e1907610>

3. Adopt Sweet Pea at the West Valley Shelter.



Sweet Pea is a 5-year-old female Staffordshire, waiting to be adopted at the West Valley Shelter. She is the sweetest and most affectionate dog you can imagine. She is great on leash, both walking and running. She knows how to sit and takes treats gently. When she first came into the Shelter, she was very shy and afraid of

people, but has definitely gotten over that from working with the Volunteers. She is already spayed. Her ID number is A1791318.

4. Firehouse Adoption Event. We did a mobile adoption event at the Encino Firehouse in November. Councilman Koretz came by and gave a Certificate of Appreciation to the West Valley Shelter. Here are some pictures from the event.





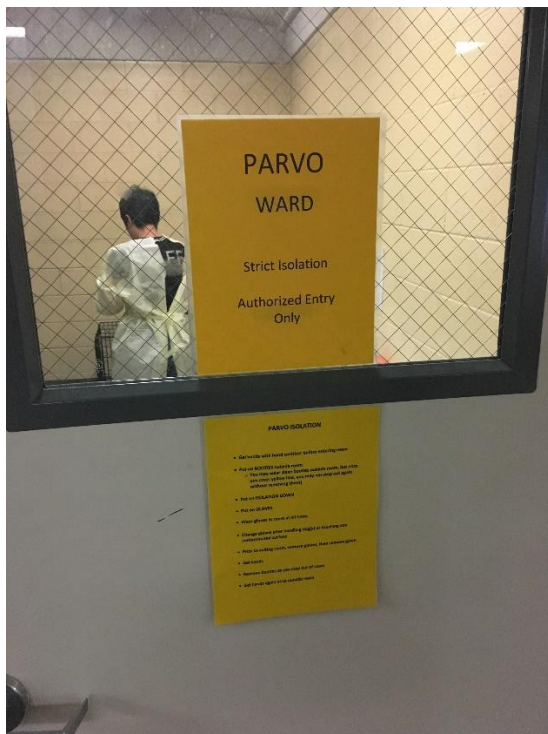
5. Jefferson Park Animal Shelter, Saving the Lives of Cats and Dogs. The Jefferson Park Shelter, which you know we were responsible for initiating, is up and running. There are 2 rows of kennels filled with dogs who were rescued from the City Shelters. The rest of the kennels, and most of the facility, is filled with kittens and cats, most of whom are sick or injured and being cared for.

Two and a half years ago, this was an abandoned, boarded-up, graffiti covered building. Thank you to the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and its Animal Welfare Committee, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, City Council President Herb Wesson, Jordan Beroukhim, Deron Williams, Paul Darrigo, Best Friends Animal Society, and Angel City Pit Bulls for making the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter a reality, and thereby saving the lives of thousands of cats and dogs.

See <http://tarzananc.org/docs/1353-1287.pdf> paragraph 4 and

<http://tarzananc.org/docs/1388-1396.pdf> paragraph 3, for the history of this project







***Resolution Passed by the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils
(VANC) December 14, 2017***

RE: CF 17-0413

The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), consisting of representatives of all 34 Neighborhood Councils in the SFV, **SUPPORTS City Council File 17-0413**, directing the appropriate City departments to prepare an Environmental Impact Report to allow reconsideration of a proposed Citywide Cat Program that applies to all “free roaming cats” including feral cats and stray cats, utilizing the Project Description as detailed in the April 11, 2017 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report.

VANC supports Trap, Neuter, Return as the humane way to deal with free roaming cats, rather than mass extermination.

VANC requests that the EIR include consideration of the morality of the proposed Citywide Cat Program utilizing Trap Neuter Return, as opposed to the alternative. This should include consideration of the damage to the reputation of Los Angeles and potential resulting loss of revenue if the City engages in the extermination of free roaming cats.

VANC Liaison to the Department of Animal Services, **Jeffrey Mausner**, is authorized to communicate this resolution to Brenda Barnette, Dana Brown and William Tranzow of the Animal Services Dept., the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, and Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, and to the persons conducting the scoping process.

We hope that you will give our Resolution every consideration.

Jill Banks Barad

Founder and Chair VANC

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October 7, 2017

Dr. Jan Green Rebstock, Environmental Supervisor II
Christopher Adams
Bureau of Engineering
Department of Public Works
City of Los Angeles

Gilberto Ruiz, Senior Project Manager
Tanvi Lal, Project Manager
ICF

Re: Los Angeles Citywide Cat Program

Dear Dr. Rebstock, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Lal, and Mr. Adams:

I am writing this letter on my own behalf, not on behalf of the Neighborhood Council.

It was good meeting you at the Scoping meeting at the East Valley Animal Shelter on September 28. Thank you for speaking with me and the others at the meeting, and taking our input, regarding the scoping process for the Citywide Cat Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

I believe that Trap Neuter Return (TNR) is the humane and civilized way to deal with free roaming cats. The way that the Urban Wildlands Group, Audubon Society, and the other plaintiffs in the lawsuit want to do it, by mass slaughtering of free roaming cats, is horrific, inhumane, and contrary to a civilized society.

I am absolutely astounded that so-called environmental groups would advocate the wholesale killing of thousands of cats. But of course, that is exactly what the

entire lawsuit and injunction is about. Urban Wildlands, along with the Audubon Society and other plaintiffs, should be ashamed of the position they have taken in support of killing animals. They and their injunction are responsible for the death of thousands of cats.

Urban Wildlands, Audubon Society, and the other plaintiffs are costing the City hundreds of thousands of dollars, by requiring this EIR, money that could be used to spay/neuter thousands of cats, which would deal with this issue.

I request that the Environmental Impact Report consider the morality of the alternative solution for free roaming cats proposed by Urban Wildlands and Audubon. While mass extermination may be more efficient or cost less (and of course that isn't a given -- hence the reason for the EIR), the inhumanity of that, and the effect it will have on millions of citizens of our City and throughout the world, should be considered. How will it look if Los Angeles deals with free roaming cats by killing them all rather than using a civilized method. Also consider the impact of having to kill these cats on the employees of Los Angeles Animal Services Department who have to carry out this edict. The City provides counseling for employees of LAAS who carry out killings of animals at the Shelters; how much more will this cost if they have to unnecessarily kill tens of thousands of cats.

The opponents of Trap, Neuter Return (TNR) make much of their claim that a certain percentage of free roaming cats would have to be spay/neutered to have an impact on the population. This is a red herring. Even if true, wouldn't the same be true for the percentage of free roaming cats that have to be killed? Isn't it better to spay/neuter them rather than kill them?

A possible suggestion for the scope of the EIR: A person at the Animal Welfare Committee meeting suggested that the EIR could include a study of the impact on the number of rats in the City if free roaming cats are killed rather than neutered and returned.

I would also like to respond to several things that Travis Longcore of the Urban Wildlands Group said in his letter to David Zaft, President of the Board of Animal Services Commissioners at the time, dated November 7, 2016.

Longcore's criticism of the goal of reducing "euthanasia" of cats in City Shelters (page 3) is perverse. (His use of the term "euthanasia" is incorrect. Euthanasia is defined as: killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured animals in a relatively painless way for reasons of mercy. See Merriam Webster.) What he is advocating is actually the killing of cats, not euthanasia. That is, in particular, the case when there is a readily available alternative to the killing, like TNR. Contrary

to what Longcore says, the City of Los Angeles, City Council, L.A. Animal Services, and the Board of Animal Services Commissioners should be commended for wanting to reduce the killing of cats in the City Animal Shelters.

Longcore's criticism of Brenda Barnette for not immediately killing cats at the end of the minimum hold period, possibly to explore alternatives to killing them such as adoption or rescue, is also perverse. Not only does Longcore want more cats killed at the City Shelters, he wants them killed more quickly. The reason to kill them more quickly? To save a little money. How about withdrawing the lawsuit and injunction -- that will save the City \$800,000, the expected cost of the EIR.

Longcore concludes: "The primary goal of any stray/feral cat program, both from an environmental perspective and a humane perspective, should be to reduce the number of unowned cats in the most efficient way. TNR programs simply have not been shown to do that. They can reduce the number of cats that are euthanized at shelters, because those cats are released outside, shifting the burden onto the environment and residents of the community. But sterilization of a tiny fraction of outdoor cats does not reduce the overall impact of unowned free-roaming cats on the environment." Longcore letter, page 8.

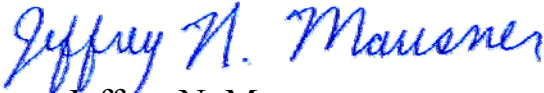
What Longcore overlooks is that the specific cats that are spay/neutered, living-breathing animals, aren't killed, and they won't produce any more feral cats because they are neutered. That is what should be done from a "humane perspective."

And if it is true, as Longcore states, that spay/neutering the small percentage of cats that are brought in to the Shelters will have no effect on the overall feral cat population, why will killing the same number of cats have such an effect?

What Longcore and these "environmental" groups are advocating is not in any way humane. It is completely inhumane. Furthermore, by pursuing the lawsuit and injunction, they are requiring the City to expend \$800,000 to conduct the EIR. Because of their unreasonable position, it has to be done. I certainly hope the City will never provide any funding or benefits to the plaintiffs in the lawsuit after requiring the City to spend this money.

Once again, thank you to the City of Los Angeles, the City Council, Los Angeles Animal Services Department, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, and the Department of Public Works for your work on this important project.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey N. Mausner

cc: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
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As I advised you at the Scoping meeting, on September 26, 2017, at its regularly scheduled public meeting, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC) Board passed the following motion:

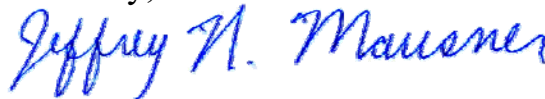
Council File 17-0413 Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee's request to file a CIS in support of Council File 17-0413 directing the appropriate city departments to prepare an EIR to allow reconsideration of a proposed Citywide Cat Program that applies to all "free roaming cats" including feral cats and stray cats, utilizing the Project Description as detailed in the

April 11, 2017 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report. The Animal Welfare Committee Chair is authorized to communicate this resolution to Brenda Barnette, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux of the Animal Services Dept., the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, and at public meetings for the scoping process.

The agenda containing this resolution is attached. (Please see page 5 of the attachments, paragraph 15.) This resolution was passed unanimously, with only 1 abstention by a new Board Member who was not familiar with the issues. This resolution was previously passed unanimously by the TNC Animal Welfare Committee. (Please see page 9 of the attachments.)

Thank you to all of you for your work on this EIR.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Mausner

Board of Directors and 2nd Vice President,
Tarzana Neighborhood Council (TNC)

Chair, TNC Animal Welfare Committee

TNC and Valley Alliance of Neighborhood
Councils (VANC) Liaison to Los Angeles Animal
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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday September 26, 2017 7:00 PM
Tarzana Elementary School Auditorium
5726 Topeka Dr
Tarzana, CA 91356

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board.

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcoming Remarks and Pledge
2. Remarks by representatives of public officials
3. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.
4. Budget Advocate Report
5. Presentation: Food & Water Watch – Proposal to ban drilling and other oil field activities within 2500 feet of residential properties and other specified locations in Los Angeles
6. Discussion and motion - Approval of minutes of **August 22, 2017** meeting.
7. Discussion and motion: Approval of August 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER)
8. Discussion and motion: Approval of Financial Statements as of August 31, 2017
9. Discussion and motion: The TNC Board approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation to appoint Susan Rogen to the open South Area Representative board position.
10. Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Animal Welfare Committee to purchase a "Bone Pool," a wading pool for dogs, for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter for not to exceed \$325.00.
11. Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Budget Committee’s recommendation regarding the request from the Animal Welfare Committee to purchase a canopy for use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, in the backyard, for not to exceed \$325.00.

12. Discussion and motion: Resolved: Based on approval of the above agenda items 10 and 11 above the TNC Board approves a revised budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 as follows: General and Operational Expenditures \$10,080.00, Neighborhood Purpose Grants \$550 and Community Improvement Projects \$8,928.57, for a total budget of \$19,558.57.

Consent Calendar Items; The following items will be passed by consent unless a board member request the item to be pulled for discussion or a member of the public wishes to address the item: 13,14, 15, 16, 18 and 20

13. Discussion and motion: **Council File 17-0002-S66** - Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee's request to file a CIS supporting Council File 17-0002-S66 regarding AB1199 (the Pet Canine Encounters Protection Act), which will provide training to California peace officers about how to both quickly and safely respond to unexpected situations when encountering a dog, which invaluable training will give them the tools to protect themselves as well as the life of a treasured canine family member. The Animal Welfare Committee Chair is authorized to send a letter to Assemblymember Nazarian informing him of our support for the city's position
14. Discussion and motion: **Council File 17-0170** - Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee's request to file a CIS in support of Council File 17-0170 re-affirming the city council's goal to make Los Angeles a "no kill" city for all healthy adoptable shelter animals by December 31, 2017. The Animal Welfare Committee Chair is authorized to communicate this resolution to Brenda Barnette, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux of the Animal Services Dept., the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, and Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield.
15. Discussion and Motion: **Council File 17-0413** Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee's request to file a CIS in support of Council File 17-0413 directing the appropriate city departments to prepare an EIR to allow reconsideration of a proposed Citywide Cat Program that applies to all "free roaming cats" including feral cats and stray cats, utilizing the Project Description as detailed in the April 11, 2017 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report. The Animal Welfare Committee Chair is authorized to communicate this resolution to Brenda Barnette, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux of the Animal Services Dept., the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, and at public meetings for the scoping process.
16. Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee's request to support the use of all kennels at the West Valley Shelter, including the Training Kennels, Puppy Kennels, and kennels in the Grooming Room, before any healthy, adoptable animals are killed for lack of space at any of the City Shelters. The Animal Welfare Committee Chair is authorized to communicate this resolution to Brenda Barnette, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux of the Animal Services Dept., the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, and Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield.
17. Discussion and motion: Resolved: The TNC Board approves the Land Use Committee's recommendations regarding the Encino-Tarzana Community Plan update as follows:
1. **Zoning:** Retain the existing zoning throughout the community. Except that properties on the full extent the south side of Ventura Boulevard be zoned commercial.
 2. **Mixed Use:** Encourage mixed use along Ventura and Reseda Boulevards, but require a 16 foot height for first story commercial and retail use.. If so, the allowable building height to be increased to 36 feet except that for properties between Etiwanda Avenue and Wilbur Avenue on the north side of the Ventura Boulevard the allowable height be increased to 51 feet.
 3. **Boundary:** Include the portion of Tarzana north of Topham Street/Oxnard Street and south of Victory Boulevard in the Encino-Tarzana Community Plan.
 4. **Population Increase:** Recognizing the need to accommodate increased population, allow an additional story in height and increased FAR in the multi-family zoned portion of Tarzana for properties that require a portion of each new construction or major remodel to include very low income, low income, and moderate income units.
 5. **Orange Line Stations:** Upgrade the existing Orange Line stations, particularly the station at Reseda/Oxnard, to provide restrooms and other amenities such as snack bars.
 6. **Parks:** Explore the possibility of designating the space under the power lines along Crebs Avenue for parks.
 7. **Major commercial street upgrades:** Upgrade the commercial, retail, and office spaces along Ventura and Reseda Boulevards to require increased setback and wider sidewalks to increase pedestrian friendliness for all new construction or major remodel. Install X crosswalks (pedestrian scramble) on Ventura Boulevard at Yolanda Avenue, and at Reseda Boulevard at Burbank. Increase the allowable building height to 36 feet except that for properties between Etiwanda Avenue and Wilbur Avenue on the north side of the boulevard, the allowable height to be increased to 51 feet.

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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

September 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Tarzana Child Care Center

5700 Beckford Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356,

Chairman - Jeffrey Mausner

Committee members

Mary Aratounian, Eva Brusa, Lynn Davis, Michael Gross, Shelley Gross, Janet Mausner,
Deanna Dylan Scott, Renee Shamloo, and Jennifer Varela

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1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting - *Action Item*.
3. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution of support for AB 1199, the Pet Canine Encounters Protection Act, send a letter to Assembly Member Nazarian informing him of its support and thanking him for his work on the bill, and file a Community Impact Statement supporting the City Council Resolution supporting this bill, Council File No. 17-0002-S66.**
4. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution supporting the use of all kennels at the West Valley Animal Shelter, including the Training Kennels, Puppy Kennels, and kennels in the Grooming Room, before any healthy adoptable animals are killed for lack of space at any of the City Shelters, and communicate its support of this use to Brenda Barnette, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux, Assistant General Managers, and Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield.**

5. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution of support for the implementation of No-Kill of healthy adoptable dogs, cats, and rabbits at the City Animal Shelters by December 31, 2017, communicate its support of this to Brenda Barnette, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux, Assistant General Managers, and Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, and file a Community Impact Statement in support of the City Council's reaffirmance of this goal, Council File No. 17-0170.**

6. Discussion and possible motion: **Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution and file a Community Impact Statement in support of City Council File 17-0413, relative to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in connection with the proposed Citywide Cat Program, which directs appropriate City Departments to prepare an EIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act utilizing the Project Description as detailed in the April 11, 2017 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report; communicate its support of this to Brenda Barnette, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, Dana Brown, Assistant General Manager, Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, and the City Attorney's Office; and thank them for their continued support.**

7. Discussion and possible motion regarding **submission of a request to the Budget Committee to purchase a "Bone Pool," a wading pool for dogs, for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, for an amount not to exceed \$300.00.** This will allow the dogs to cool off on hot days on the exercise yard.

8. Discussion and possible motion regarding **submission of a request to the Budget Committee to purchase an approximately 12 x 20 foot canopy for the use of the Volunteers at the West Valley Shelter, in the back yard, for an amount not to exceed \$300.00.** This will provide shade for the Volunteers when they take the dogs into the back yard. The previous canopy we purchased was for the exercise yard and has proven to be very popular with the Volunteers, shielding them from the sun and providing some relief from the high temperatures.

9. Discussion regarding the killing of dogs, cats, and other animals at the City Animal Shelters.

10. Comments by the Chair and discussion regarding:

- a. RFP (Request for Proposals) for the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter.
- b. Toffy, dog who was transferred from the West Valley Shelter to the South L.A. Shelter, who has now been rescued.
- c. Volunteers at the West Valley Animal Shelter.
- d. AB 485, the Pet Rescue and Adoption Act.

11. 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.

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/26/2017

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 08/30/2018

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 17-0413

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Summary: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the Animal Welfare Committee's request to file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 17-0413 directing the appropriate city departments to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to allow reconsideration of a proposed Citywide Cat Program that applies to all "free roaming cats" including feral cats and stray cats, utilizing the Project Description as detailed in the April 11, 2017 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report. The Animal Welfare Committee Chair is authorized to communicate this resolution to Brenda Barnette, Dana Brown and Louis Dedeaux of the Animal Services Dept., the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield, and at public meetings for the scoping process.