



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

February 15, 2016

Councilman Joe Buscaino
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Re: Council Files CF11-0754 and CF16-0056

Dear Councilman Buscaino,

For your information, on February 8, 2016 the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed two motions related to animal services that are in the Council File System (CF11-0754 and CF16-0056).

ANIMAL SERVICES MOTION #1:

WHEREAS on October 31, 2012 the City Council adopted ordinance number 182309 (CF 11-0754), which established the Los Angeles Municipal Code banning the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores;

WHEREAS since the passage of this ordinance it has become the national model for jurisdiction seeking to play a role in combating the often inhumane puppy mill industry by preventing the sale of animals from such mass breeding operation located across the country.

WHEREAS it has also encouraged pet shops to work with the City and rescue groups to stage adoption events that provide animals enhanced opportunities to find forever homes.

WE THEREFORE MOVE in support of amending Section 53.73 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to delete the words, "The Ordinance will become operative six months after its effective date, and expire on June 30, 2015, unless extended by ordinance."

ANIMAL SERVICES MOTION #2:

WHEREAS the Department of Animal Services is continuing to show an increase in the number of animals that are being surrendered to the City's Animal Shelters and

WHEREAS many former pet owners cite a variety of reasons for giving up ownership of their pets, including burdensome medical expenses and redemption costs, amongst others;

WE THEREFORE MOVE To support CF16-0056 requiring the Department of Animal

Services report to the City Council intake analysis with finding and recommendations for addressing this growing influx of animal surrenders;

FURTHERMORE NWSPNC moves to amend this bill adding “The City shall strongly encourage at all City sponsored events, such as resource fairs, city fairs, outdoor concerts, etc., the participation of shelter and rescue organization pet adoptions.”

We have filed community impact statements on both of these motions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Regalado". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and "D".

Ray Regalado
NWSPNC President
on behalf of the Board of Directors of the
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council