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Board of Animal Services Commissioners
221 N. Figueroa Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: (Council File 10-0982) Motion (Rosendahl – Koretz) requesting the City Attorney to amend the LAMC to raise the number of dogs and/or cats that a City resident may own from three to five.

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I strongly encourage your honorable commission to support my motion in its original form requesting the City Attorney to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to raise the number of dogs and/or cats a City resident may own from three to five. I also urge you to schedule my motion at your earliest possible commission meeting, pending the September release of the Department of Animal Services report on this issue.

The current downturn in the economy has resulted in a higher rate of animal abandonment and has contributed to a 20% increase in the rate of impounds. To exacerbate the problem, over the past several years budget reductions in the Department of Animal Services have reduced the level of service provided to animals in the City's shelters.

Raising the number of dogs and cats a City resident may own from three to five would have several benefits. First, it would provide stray animals with homes and keep them from being euthanized in City shelters. Second, it could raise revenue for the City through additional animal registration fees.

Regards,

BILL ROSENDAHL
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