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Re: "Kennel" and "Pet Shop" Definitions

Council File CF 11-0754-S1, now Ordinance 182816
Case No. ZA 2013-3104(ZAI)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We happened to see this on the City Council agenda because it was heard on the same day as the mural ordinance, December 3, 2013.

Our board met on December 2, 2013, and later that night, we sent the following e-mail to our Councilmember Mike Bonin:

C.F. 11-0754-S1. VOTE NO AT COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 3. The Del Rey Residents Association voted tonight (December 2) that you should vote against this proposed change in the definition of a "kennel" and against this effort to allow "pet shops" to operate without being subject to the restrictions imposed on "kennels."

After we learned that Mike Bonin had voted "for" the ordinance, the undersigned sent the following additional explanation to his office and our board:

As for the "pet shops," the pet adoption groups should not be given a free pass to get around the "kennel" requirements. As we know from our Fall General Meeting, the Department of Animal Services isn't able to enforce the rules that it has when there are problems of excessively barking dogs and aggregations of animals that are being "fostered" without being subject to the rules for "owned" animals.

Councilmember Bonin was the main speaker at our Fall General Meeting on November 5, 2013, and during the question and answer period, one of our residents, Jack Carger, told about the two lawsuits he has had to file because of one neighbor's barking dog. (Mr. Carger came to our board about the problem in December 2011.)

The ordinance has already taken effect, but we ask that this letter be added to the Council File.

Best regards,

DEL REY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Elizabeth A. Pollock
President