

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
City Clerk



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

Office of the
CITY CLERK

Council and Public Services
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012
General Information - (213) 978-1133
Fax: (213) 978-1040

SHANNON HOPPE
Council and Public Services
Division

www.cityclerk.lacity.org

When making inquiries relative to
this matter, please refer to the
Council File No.

August 29, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-0600-S9, at its meeting held August 27, 2014.

City Clerk
wrq

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the proposed establishment of an animal foundation.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the August 13, 2014 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report relative to the proposed establishment of an animal foundation.
2. DIRECT the DAS to report in 90 days in regard to progress made in the establishment of an animal foundation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that there is no impact on the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 19, 2014, your Committee considered an August 13, 2014 DAS report in response to an Adopted Budget Recommendation relative to the establishment of an animal foundation. According to the DAS, it is working with former Animal Services Commissioner Maggie Neilsen, Partner and CEO of Global Philanthropy, to form "The Foundation," a public nonprofit to help support the work of Animal Services. The Law Offices of Jill Ryther have agreed to provide pro bono legal services and working in cooperation with the City Attorney, the law firm will prepare the filing for 501(C)3 status.

The Foundation hopes to launch publicly this fall. Ms. Neilsen has created an packet to attract potential board members, donor and celebrities. The draft materials are being reviewed to ensure that the City is represented accurately. The packet includes possible projects designed to attract a variety of supporters. As part of The Foundation, the DAS will explore partnerships with nonprofits to operate a shelter that was closed because a new shelter replaced it. The nonprofit would use it as a job training location for community members who could benefit in developing skills such as customer service, janitorial, clerical, animal care, pet grooming, veterinary assistants, and more. Trainees would also earn their General Education Degree if they have not already completed high school.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the August 13, 2014 DAS report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE
KORETZ: YES

ADOPTED

AUG 27 2014

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL