

Animal Issues Movement

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Paul Koretz, Chair
Personnel & Animal Welfare Committee
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Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
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Mitchell Englander, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Honorable Council Members:

Re: **CF 14-0818** Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Pilot Program / Police Department/
Department of Animal Services - Item 1 (**Joint Committee Meeting – August 15, 2014**)

This is to support your immediate approval of this long-overdue program to bring compliance with City ordinances that affect the care, welfare and protection of the animals and people of Los Angeles.

Administrative citations provide the opportunity for the burden of paying for law enforcement to be placed upon violators, rather than be paid by the law-abiding taxpayers of this City.

A special thank you to LA Animal Services Commission President David Zaft, who has dedicated much time and effort to expediting this program; to Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Mitch Englander who have supported it through the long, arduous process; to CAO Miguel Santana who developed the first pilot program which has been expanded into its present form; and, especially, to LA Animal Services Officer Gregory Randall, who developed the concept and provided it in a basic format on a piece of plain, used paper at the North Central animal shelter in approximately 1993 and said it would be the best way to gain compliance the recover the cost of enforcing animal laws.

We urge your approval and continued assistance in the implementation of the Administrative Citation Program (CF 14-0818) in the most expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

PHYLLIS M. DAUGHERTY,
Director