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Subject: Oppose CF 16-0585-S2 Trap & Release / Coyote Management:

Message: Honorable Chairperson Koretz and PAW committee members:

I am a Citizen for Los Angeles Wildlife, and I oppose Council File 16-0585-S2, and the motion to propose a trap and release program for coyotes for the following reasons.

IT IS INHUMANE!

Coyote trapping is an inhumane practice, as relocated coyotes often do not survive. Furthermore, the removal of a parent may result in the abandonment of pups who are too young to fend for themselves.

IT IS INEFFECTIVE!

When alpha males are removed, younger males are drawn into the area, leading to an increase in mating and litter size. In the end, there is no reduction, and possibly there is an increase, in the local coyote population. The younger and less experienced population may be more prone to undesirable behaviors, particularly if the fundamental causes of these behaviors are not addressed.

THERE ARE BETTER OPTIONS:

The fundamental causes of human-coyote conflicts are habitat encroachment and fragmentation, and the habituation of coyotes to urban areas as a result of people purposely or accidentally feeding or sheltering them. Addressing these causes would be a much more effective use of time and resources, through programs that promote the best practices for communities, including coyote "hazing," which teaches the coyotes to fear and avoid humans.

Please join in opposition to this motion, and focus instead on expanding education and coexistence programs in Los Angeles.

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It is inhumane, and would cause the premature death of many of the displaced animals. Neglect and starvation would be the fate of pups left behind.

It is ineffective. Coyotes must find territory, and the removal of one animal just makes space for another.

There are better options. Since humans continue to encroach on wild spaces, it is our responsibility to learn how to live with the animals we encounter there. The inevitable results of climate change will put increasing pressures for survival on all Earth's species. Please devote more resources to the education of humans in techniques and practices that decrease, rather than increase, the unwanted behaviors of coyotes and other indigenous wild animal populations.

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