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Attention: Ms. Hleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

**TRANSMITTAL: REPORT BACK ON ANIMAL SERVICES COYOTE MANAGEMENT**

The General Manager of the Department of Animal Services respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council :

NOTE AND FILE this report.

**SUMMARY**

The Department of Animal Services is to report on regulations, current practices, and alternative options for coyote management, including a trap and release coyote management program.

**WILDLIFE PROGRAM**

Sharing space with wildlife can be challenging at times, but we strive to educate our constituents on how to coexist with them and how to eliminate or reduce the problems associated with wildlife.

In the State of California, it is illegal to trap and release any wildlife; therefore, the Department has alternative programs for wildlife, including coyotes.

In 2018, Animal Services enhanced its wildlife program by expanding from one citywide specialized Animal Control Officer to five Animal Control Officers assigned throughout the City at the various Services Centers and one Senior Animal Control Officer as the lead. The enhanced program includes one monthly wildlife workshop. Workshops are held in various communities in the City of Los Angeles and are open to the public for wildlife education, including coyotes. The schedule for these workshops can be found on our website. Further, the department promotes the workshops on our social media platforms and with Neighborhood Council liaisons.

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The wildlife team has produced three (3) Public Service Announcements (PSAs), one informational video about wildlife education, one informational video about coyote hazing and one to promote our wildlife workshops held each month. The PSAs are available on our website, Facebook page, and presented during our wildlife workshops. We are looking forward to creating more educational PSAs, and those will be shared as well.

The wildlife team has teamed up with the Department of Fish and Game - Conflict Programs Coordinators. Our teams have met together to collaborate on our education pieces on coyote management.

As previously noted, our wildlife team has created a hazing educational program that is coyote specific and is sharing it with the public and anyone who has concerns regarding coyotes. Officers conduct an investigation and then determine the best solution for the problem. The program includes walking the property and recommending the removal of attractors for coyotes. We also teach techniques to encourage coyotes to return to their habitat. These techniques include a "Scarecrow" which is turned on by motion and starts a jetted sprinkler; a motion sensor which creates a loud noise and vibration and strobe light which scares off the predator; a shaker can (which is a can full of rocks); and/or a bicycle horn which also scares off the predator. Additional techniques are all included in our PSA and educational program.

As it is illegal in the State of California to trap and release wildlife, the department engages in these educational programs as alternative options to coyote management.

Respectfully submitted,



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