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Mayor and City Council Members
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
City Hall, Room 1060
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Shannon Asquith, Executive Director of Heaven on Earth.

We are a 20-year-old nonprofit organization whose mission is to transform the lives of homeless cats through rescue, sanctuary, and new beginnings. We take cats and kittens from City and County of Los Angeles shelters and directly from the public and place them into new loving homes. This year we will save over 700 cats and kittens. We primarily serve the San Fernando Valley.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff, volunteers, and over 4,000 supporters, most of whom live in the LA area, we support the Final EIR and agree with and welcome the funding for the new Citywide Cat Program.

For the past ten years, the injunction has negatively impacted our ability to fulfill our mission by preventing the spay and neuter of free-roaming cats within the City, resulting in thousands of unwanted litters of kittens and unnecessary euthanasia at City shelters.

This injunction has also been a significant contribution to the reason California continues to have the highest shelter euthanasia rate in the country.

Passing the Final EIR and Citywide Cat program will not only prevent the births of thousands of unwanted litters of kittens on the streets of Los Angeles but it will prevent them from being brought to City shelters where they will be euthanized at City Tax Payer expense.

It will also save the City of Los Angeles the costs associated with sheltering and euthanizing thousands of cats and kittens and preserves vital funds critical to helping the citizens and businesses in the City to rebuild their lives devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On behalf of our entire organization, we urge you to approve the Final EIR and Citywide Cat Program and move them to the City Council as quickly as possible.

I would like to thank LA Animal Services, The Bureau of Engineering, City Attorney, and the City Council for all of your hard work and dedication in completing this project.

Sincerely,

Shannon Asquith, MA, MBA
Executive Director