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PAW Committee:

As the first and largest provider of free and low-cost spay/neuter surgery for cats in Los Angeles County, we at FixNation are very pleased to see the publication of the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Citywide Cat Program. We are grateful to the Bureau of Engineering, L.A. Animal Services, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, and the L.A. City Council, for their commitment to the City's companion animals—owned and unowned alike—and the people who care for them.

Our high-volume, high-quality nonprofit clinic has experienced firsthand the disastrous impact of the 2010 injunction against city-supported trap-neuter-return (TNR). In the first year alone, FixNation was hit with a decrease in revenue of 20 percent as L.A. Animal Services' voucher program was suspended. In response, we have made every effort to make our services available to L.A. residents at no cost—but this poses obvious challenges for sustainability. We therefore welcome the Program's allocation of funding for the surgical sterilization of 20,000 free-roaming cats annually from Los Angeles.

FixNation and its programs have sterilized nearly 200,000 cats to date, processing approximately 17,000 felines each year. We currently spay/neuter 100+ cats a day, a daunting reminder of the urgent need to implement TNR to manage the city's skyrocketing population of community cats—and, by extension, the importance of the resources necessary to support such programs. We encourage the City Council to approve the EIR and implement the Citywide Cat Program as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the animals that share our communities with us and the many Angelenos who care for and about them.

Sincerely,

Karn Myers  
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