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Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee Agenda Item (2), CF 17-1237-S1

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Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 10:13 PM

Dear Ms. Dickinson:

Please include this communication with its attachments in Council File 17-1237-S1.

Our members have been coming to us about barking dog problems since at least 2011, and we have been opposing efforts to change the kennel definition for at least four years (see attached letters).

It would be a huge mistake to have planning and zoning restrictions apply only to "kennels maintained for business purposes, with the exception of pet shops." Essentially, this change would leave the City with no way to regulate a non-commercial location that had more than three dogs or cats on the premises.

The committee should vote "no" on this motion.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth A. Pollock

President

Del Rey Residents Association

2 attachments

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 **ltrkenneldefinition012014.pdf**
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December 7, 2017

Comment to yi.lu@lacity.com

Re: CPC-2017-4075-CA; ENV-2017-4076-EAF
Pet Shop Ordinance
Hearing on Thursday, December 7, 2017, 10 a.m.

To the Department of City Planning, Code Studies Section:

For more than 40 years, the Del Rey Residents Association has worked on fulfilling the purposes stated in its bylaws:

1. To represent the will and best interests of the Del Rey community
2. To maintain the single family residential character of the Del Rey community
3. To encourage citizen participation in all activities advancing community betterment.

As the representative body for our members, the Del Rey Residents Association is very concerned about the current draft of this ordinance for several reasons. Most critically, the term “Animal Adoption Facility” is not defined in the ordinance, and the only limit on the number of animals that can be kept in a “pet shop” is the square footage of the location. (The maximum number of adult dogs or cats is limited to not more than twenty(20) or one(1) for every sixty (60) square feet or floor area of the facility, ..., whichever results in the **greater number of animals.**” (emphasis added). This provides a huge loophole that will preclude any control over how many animals are being kept at a property. Also, the definition of “kennel” would be expanded to include both cats and dogs, but limited to places that maintain animals “for a business.” What does that mean?

Del Rey – like many areas in Los Angeles – is undergoing rapid growth, and variances and rezoning have resulted in construction of apartment complexes in many areas that are zoned CR, C1, C1.5, C2, C4, C5, CM and M on the City’s planning maps. How would the zoning code compliance and conditional use permit requirements be applied when there are apartments in those zones?

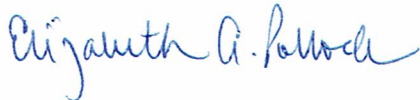
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would the zoning code compliance and conditional use permit requirements be applied when there are apartments in those zones?

Without specific definitions for when a kennel is “for a business” or a “pet shop” or an “animal adoption facility,” an aggrieved resident would have little recourse if the dogs or cats in these newly defined facilities made noise incessantly or if the operator of the facility failed to clean up after the animals.

We believe it would be a huge mistake for the City to adopt the proposed amendments to Sections 12.03, 12.14, 12.24 and 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Pollock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth A. Pollock
President

cc: Councilmember Mike Bonin (via e-mail)
Chuy Orozco, Senior Deputy, C.D. 11 (via e-mail)



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January 20, 2014

City Council File via adam.lid@lacity.org

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Re: "Kennel" and "Pet Shop" Definitions

Council File CF 11-0754-S1, now Ordinance 182816
Case No. ZA 2013-3104(ZAI)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We happened to see this on the City Council agenda because it was heard on the same day as the mural ordinance, December 3, 2013.

Our board met on December 2, 2013, and later that night, we sent the following e-mail to our Councilmember Mike Bonin:

C.F. 11-0754-S1. VOTE NO AT COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 3. The Del Rey Residents Association voted tonight (December 2) that you should vote against this proposed change in the definition of a "kennel" and against this effort to allow "pet shops" to operate without being subject to the restrictions imposed on "kennels."

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After we learned that Mike Bonin had voted "for" the ordinance, the undersigned sent the following additional explanation to his office and our board:

As for the "pet shops," the pet adoption groups should not be given a free pass to get around the "kennel" requirements. As we know from our Fall General Meeting, the Department of Animal Services isn't able to enforce the rules that it has when there are problems of excessively barking dogs and aggregations of animals that are being "fostered" without being subject to the rules for "owned" animals.

Councilmember Bonin was the main speaker at our Fall General Meeting on November 5, 2013, and during the question and answer period, one of our residents, Jack Carger, told about the two lawsuits he has had to file because of one neighbor's barking dog. (Mr. Carger came to our board about the problem in December 2011.)

The ordinance has already taken effect, but we ask that this letter be added to the Council File.

Best regards,

DEL REY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Elizabeth A. Pollock
President