

November 10, 2017

Councilman Paul Koretz
Councilman Bob Blumenfield
Members of L.A. City Council

Attention: Joan Pelico, Chief of Staff

Subject: Council File 17-1237 Kennel/Delete Definition Amendment

I want you to know that I supported Paul in his campaign, I had signs in front of my house, and my apartment buildings. I was at his fundraisers. And I recall this issue very well, as I was there in opposition.

I was part of the vast group concerned in 2010 with Paul's and Rosendahl's effort to get people to have 5 dogs, or more, and their offspring, four feet from their neighbor's homes. I belong to 4 homeowner groups and everyone was outraged. If they had not been, there would have been 5 dogs with the breeders or hoarders, or more, with many inhumanely kept in cages up to 24 hours a day.

I am horrified that Paul Koretz is now trying again to make kennels in LA. He tried this years ago. Everyone was against it. All animals lovers do not want kennels, and hoarders in our community. That is why we fought it last time.

I know of someone right now that has 12 dogs in her house. It stinks. animal feces, urine, barking. Is that what we are supposed to have in our city where houses are 4 feet apart?

Kennels need to be zoned away from the city.

Please stop this, I just received a letter alerting us of this situation.

The person who wrote the article for City Watch has 2 dogs herself. I fight for animals. We have never been without a stray cat taken into our home I eat cage free eggs, and fight for Farm Animals also. I think the hoards of people that mistreat animals need more punishment and enforcement.

That being said. We do not need to make LA a NO KILL. This is beginning to sound like the "right to lifers" There is a life cycle, and keeping animals alive to give them to people who call themselves rescue, and do not care the conditions these animal are in just so they are in a home, have their own issues.

Why are so many animals abandoned? Because people cannot afford to keep them or pay the vet bills, which are about the same as peoples' Dr. bills. Because they wanted a watch dog. They are lonely. They need to move and dump the animal. Landlords have had enough with these fake "comfort" dogs, that are untrained, left alone to bark all day for the comfort of the people who leave them alone. Etc, Etc.

I had a personal experience in one of my properties where a girl took in 3 rescue dogs. When approached, she said "they were not her dogs"--a neighbor's. She then hung herself in my property, a major tragedy in itself. The dogs had been left to urinate and defecate on the wooden floors to the tune of about \$30,000. The place was ruined. This is true, I can give you more info as to the exact address if you like.

Every hoarder show I have seen has many neglected and sick animals running around.

Why would someone need to take care of 5 dogs? And yet this was pursued by Paul and is now again.

The average life span of a dog is 8 to 12 years. People live a lot longer unless they are in the street, why is nothing being done for them?

On my street almost every other house has a dog or 2, they are well cared for and quiet

because they have respect for the neighbors. But this is where they can afford the care and understand the responsibility to the community. Paul's motion will badly impact low-income areas, where pets are more disposable, there are inadequate fences. But these animals are searching for food and not altered and they roam the city. This motion gives people the right to store and rescue dogs, with no enforcement. Not sure they will keep them, or pay their medical bills, or not have to move and dump them in a shelter.

Keeping the poor dogs or cats alive in the shelters, or making people feel guilty when a dog or cat is put to sleep is not the answer. Almost forcing people to take in dogs they will not be able to care for, and not take into consideration that neighbor's are so close together, and they have a right to peace and quiet, not to mention the health issues involved.

We need to worry about the breeders or hoarders who take advantage of every situation. they know there is no enforcement.

Please stop this. Barnette should have been gone years ago.

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Amy Galaudet and family, (we vote)

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