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Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles, since 1877

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Opposition unless amended

Please file in CF 17-1237 in opposition to this item.

Department of City Planning,

spcala and our constituents have some concerns regarding the proposed pet shop ordinance. Though tweaked a bit from its earlier iteration it still needs more work. The major fear is that there is a push to achieve arbitrary no kill numbers by creating illusory statistics and by abdicating responsibility for our homeless pets in favor of amateurs, hoarders and "warehousers". We want to insure that animals not be destined to live agonizing lives, relegated to unimaginable conditions just to play a political statistics game.

That said – here are a few comments.

The pet limits in the city are established by the fact that if a household has over 3 dogs or cats a kennel permit is required. Language must be inserted in the new version that keeps those limits for personal pet ownership notwithstanding the "business" language. It will also help control the gathering of outdoor cats, not for business, that would trigger environmental issues.

Pet shops much larger than what is specified in the proposed version are seriously overcrowded. This proposal provides a ratio but does not say, for example, that all 20 animals can't be in the same cage. Language needs to be fixed there as well.

Enforcement and inspection language should be strong and allow all peace officers, animal control officers and humane officers statutory inspection rights.

An Environmental Impact Review regarding, noise, smells, traffic etc. may need to occur as is commonplace when more industrial enterprises are permitted in more residential areas. Conducting the EIR may avoid some liability exposure and another injunction against the City.

With all due respect I still am most concerned about the humane treatment of these animals particularly against the landscape of fraudulent charities and rescues etc., and hope that these issues can be addressed. We cannot support this without said fixes.

Sincerely yours,

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