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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?

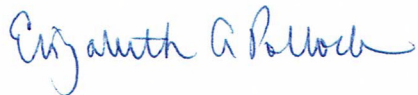
Del Rey – like many areas in Los Angeles – is undergoing rapid growth, and variances and rezoning have resulted in construction of apartment complexes in many areas that are zoned CR, C1, C1.5, C2, C4, C5, CM and M on the City’s planning maps. How

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

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,



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