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March 2, 2018

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Ms. Mandy Morales, Office of the Mayor

**RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A BEQUEST FOR \$68,000 FROM THE LEDA G. GELLER TRUST ON
BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the Department of Animal services to accept and receive a bequest in the amount of \$68,000.00 from the Leda G. Geller Trust.
2. APPROVE the acceptance of any residual funds up to \$10,000.00 to be distributed in 2018.
3. APPROVE the deposit of the above-mentioned funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.
4. APPROVE the disbursement of these funds in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2017, the Department of Animal Services received a distribution letter from the Law Offices of Larwill and Wolfe identifying a \$68,000.00 disbursement to Los Angeles Animal Services from the Leda G. Geller Trust. The letter further indicated that approximately \$10,000.00 would be left in the trust bank account which would be held until the beginning of 2018 to cover any additional expenses with any unused residual balance being distributed to the Department.

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Transmittal to Mayor and City Council
APPROVAL OF A BEQUEST FROM THE LEDA G. GELLER TRUST

On August 22, 2017, the Board of Animal Services Commission authorized the acceptance of these funds subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact on the Department's budgeted funds. This bequest will be deposited into the Department's Animal Welfare Trust Fund and used to support Department programs in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda F. Barnette
General Manager

Attachments

cc: Mandy Morales, Office of the Mayor
Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

Brenda Barnette, General Manager

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2017

PREPARED BY: Dana Brown

REPORT DATE: August 17, 2017

TITLE: Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: BEQUEST FROM LEDA G. GELLER TRUST

BOARD ACTIONS RECOMMENDED:

1. ACCEPT the bequest of \$68,000.00 from the Leda G. Geller Trust on behalf of the Los Angeles Animal Services;
2. APPROVE acceptance of any residual funds up to \$10,000.00 to be distributed in 2018;
3. APPROVE the deposit of the above-mentioned funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund;
4. APPROVE the disbursement of these funds in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund;
5. FORWARD the acceptance of this bequest to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 5.200.1 (Receipt of Property) states that any gift or bequest to be used by the Department that exceeds \$25,000 must be accepted by the Mayor and City Council.

In August 2017, the Department received the attached distribution letter from the Law Offices of Larwill and Wolfe identifying a \$68,000.00 disbursement to Los Angeles Animal Services from the Leda G. Geller Trust. The letter further indicated that approximately \$10,000.00 would be left in the Trust bank account which would be held until the beginning of next year (2018) to cover any additional expenses with any unused residual balance being distributed to the

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Department next year. Pending approval by the Board, the Mayor, and the City Council, all funds received will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (Fund 859).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact on the Department's budgeted funds. This bequest will be deposited into the Department's Animal Welfare Trust Fund and used to support Department programs in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

APPROVED:

Brenda F. Barnette

Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager

Attachment

BOARD ACTION:

☒	Passed	☐	Tabled
☐	Disapproved	☐	New Date
☐	Passed with noted modifications		

MAUREEN F. BINDER

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GEORGE R. LARWILL
(1967)

CHARLES W. WOLFE
(2003)

August 1, 2017

Los Angeles Dept. of Animal Services
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Leda G. Geller Trust

Dear Beneficiary:

Enclosed is a check for \$68,000.00 as your portion of the distribution at this time. This will leave approximately \$10,000.00 in the Trust bank account which will be held until the beginning of next year to cover any additional expenses including any necessary income tax returns to be filed for 2017. Any unused residual balance shall be distributed to you next year.

A Receipt for said distribution is enclosed for your signature. Please use the self-addressed, stamped envelope to return same after signing.

An Accounting of the assets is enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

LARWILL AND WOLFE

Maureen F. Binder
Maureen F. Binder

MFB:esc

Enclosures

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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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11 In the Matter of the Trust of)

12 LEDA G. GELLER,)

13 Decedent.)
14 _____)

RECEIPT OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

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16 The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the amount of Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars
17 (\$68,000.00) as distribution from the LEDA G. GELLER TRUST.

18 DATED: _____, 2017.

19 LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL
20 SERVICES

21 By _____
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Receipt

LEON GELMAN
1986 N HINGERS BL. #203
11365 MICHELLE CA 91020-7207

August 1, 1907

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Wagon Creek 800-967-7263
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MEMO residual distribution

Maurice J. Bender