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April 10, 2018

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
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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: REQUEST TO USE FUNDS FROM THE ANIMAL STERILIZATION FUND FOR A FREE
SPAY AND NEUTER CAMPAIGN FOR CATS AND KITTENS**

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

AUTHORIZE Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) to use the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to facilitate a free spay and neuter campaign on cats and kittens. This program would run for the month of May 2018.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting on April 10, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners considered and approved an item to allow LAAS to use the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to facilitate a free spay and neuter campaign on cats and kittens.

The use of this funding will allow the Department to strategically launch a campaign advertising and educating members of the public in the free spay and neuter of cats or kittens, will address the maximum number of cats/kittens allowed per household and would provide literature in both English and Spanish. The campaign advertisement would start in mid April when cats/kittens are being born and are at higher risk of being relinquished to the Department. All of these options provide a proactive approach to helping our cats and kittens get the needed sterility surgery that inevitably brings us one step closer to ending our community's pet overpopulation and places animals in permanent homes.

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Transmittal to Mayor and City Council

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BACKGROUND:

The Department of Animal Services is historically inundated with 8,000 to 9,000 cats and kittens every year often starting in April-May. This year we are already starting to see an increase in our cat and kitten impounds City wide, which is even earlier than past years and are anticipating a constant influx. An aggressive spay and neuter campaign focused on cats and kittens will help tremendously stem the tide of our pet overpopulation that we face daily in the shelters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

Respectfully submitted,



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