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The City of Los Angeles has been one of California's leaders in pursuing progressive animal welfare policies and practices. Recently, the Chief Legislative Analyst released a report recommending adoption of both CF 18-0002-S21 and CF 18-0002-S22, Resolutions that support Federal and State efforts to ban the use of animal testing in the development of cosmetics, specifically HR 2790 (McSally), the Humane Cosmetics Act and SB 1249 (Calgiani), the California Cruelty-Free Cosmetics Act. Testing cosmetics on animals is already prohibited in many nations worldwide, including the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, and India; and dozens of safe, humane, and cost-effective alternatives to animal testing are already commonplace for determining the safety of cosmetics.

Additionally, household and industrial cleaning products are also frequently tested on animals. These tests are commonly conducted on animals such as pigs, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, rats and hamsters. Tests include skin and eye irritation, where chemicals are rubbed onto the shaved skin or put into the eyes of rabbits. Other tests include painful intubation procedures designed to look for signs of distress, illness or specific health hazards such as cancer or birth defects; tests where the animals are exposed to gases; and situations where animals are injected with or made to ingest increasing amounts of a test substance until the "lethal dose" of the substance is determined.

Humane alternative testing methods also exist for these products yet is not required. Companies are able to test the safety of these products by using artificial tissue that has been grown in a laboratory, with no animals involved. Throughout the world, existing legislation prevents using animal testing for cosmetic products, but some household cleaners are not subject to similar legislation and the animals continue to suffer needlessly. Many animals continue to be subject to cruel tests for cleaning products.

The week of April 23rd has been designated as World Week for Animals in Laboratories. During this week, advocates worldwide are focusing their attention on the issue of animal testing. The City of Los Angeles has an opportunity to strengthen its established precedent of fighting to end animal testing, by requiring that our City departments use "cruelty-free" office supplies, such as cleaners, soaps, sanitizers, and other similar products, which were not developed using animal testing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, and any other City department that purchases office supplies, such as cleaners, soaps, sanitizers, and other similar products, (including from vendors), to report back with a list of their current office supplies vendors and whether any products they purchase are tested on animals.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of General Services, any other City department that purchases office supplies, such as cleaners, soaps, sanitizers, and other similar products, purchase only "cruelty-free" supplies whenever viable non-animal tested products are available.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back on the most effective means of ensuring that the City discontinue use of animal tested products.

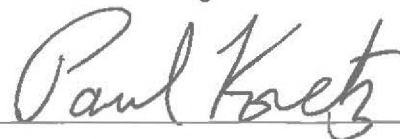
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