

ANIMAL ISSUES MOVEMENT

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Councilman Paul Koretz, Chair
Councilman Mitchell Englander
Councilman Curren Price
Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

CF 18-1200-S23 - OPPOSITION TO APPOINTMENT OF JOSE SANDOVAL OF LATINO ALLIANCE FOR ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION AS COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF L.A. ANIMAL SERVICES - CONFLICT OF INTEREST; FAILURE TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

The above item is scheduled for the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee on August 29, 2018.

Animal Issues Movement strongly OPPOSES appointment of Jose Sandoval to this position for the following reasons:

1. Conflict of Interest - Mr. Sandoval failed to list on his resume (Ex. "A") that he is currently a partner with Heaven on Earth Society for Animal, Inc. in a \$500,000 contract to perform spays/neuters for the Department of Animal Services, which was supposed to begin on July 1, 2018. (The General Manager mentioned at the last Commission meeting that Heaven on Earth had a problem and would be starting soon.)

The Mayor's Office, which appointed Mr. Sandoval as Commissioner on August 14, 2018; the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee Chair, who scheduled this hearing, and the City Council are well aware of this contract (CF 18-0150), which was approved by the PAW committee on 6/6/2018 and approved by Council on 6/20/2018. (Exh. B)

2. In addition to the financial conflict, appointment to this Commission would place the General Manager and Department of Animal Services in the untenable position of having to objectively and impartially administer (including penalties or cancellation) a contract with a member of the Board which oversees her and heads the Department and votes as part of the body which sets policy, approves or rejects proposals/programs/contracts, and acts on any other activities requested by the General Manager.

3. This position on the Animal Services Commissioners would allow special privilege and relationship/access to the other Board members who will vote on whether or not the two options for three-year extensions of the Heaven on Earth/Latino Alliance spay/neuter contract will be renewed-in the amount of \$500,000 each. (See contract in CF 18-0150.)

4. Mr. Sandoval also omitted from his resume that he is a former City employee, having served as the Pacoima Office Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Richard Alarcon, as recently as 2013. (Exh. C)

These omissions by Mr. Jose Sandoval are a volitional act. He was deliberately hiding vital ethics information which must be available to the public and the Ethics Commission in considering him for this position.

In addition, and equally if not more troubling, is the fact that a representative of the Mayor' office (staff or volunteer) recommended/approved this for the Mayor's signature, and a staff person or representative of the Chair arranged for this matter to be calendared for consideration by the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee with the above knowledge and without full disclosure.

I urge you to DENY this appointment.

This letter is also being sent to the L.A. City Attorney and the Ethics Commission.

Phyllis M. Daugherty

Phyllis M. Daugherty, Director

cc: Mike Feuer, City Attorney
Dov Lesel, Assistant City Attorney
Laurie Rittenberg, Deputy City Attorney
Eric Eusebio, Investigator, Ethics Commission

EXH. 'A'



ANIMAL RELATED

HEAVEN ON EARTH SOCIETY FOR ANIMALS INC



aka Heaven on Earth North Hollywood, CA www.heavenlypets.org <<http://www.heavenlypets.org/>>

Heaven on Earth Veterinary Clinic at the West Valley Shelter

A partnership of Heaven on Earth, the Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation and Los Angeles Animals Services, the clinic will open in 2018. It will perform 6,000 spay/ neuter surgeries annually. In addition, it will be a comprehensive veterinary clinic, offering such services as vaccines, wellness exams, and dentals.

Budget

\$500,000

EXH. 'B'

Council File: 18-0150		Online Documents (Doc)	
Title 20655 West Plummer Street / Heaven on Earth Society for Animals, Incorporated / Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation / West Valley Animal Care Shelter Spay/Neuter Clinic / Agreement		Title	Doc Date
Date Received / Introduced 02/23/2018		Council Action	06/20/2018
Last Changed Date 06/20/2018		Report from Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee	06/06/2018
Expiration Date 06/19/2020		Speaker Card(s)	06/06/2018
Reference Numbers City Administrative Officer Report: 0150-10971-0002		Report from Department of	05/11/2018
Council District 12		Council Vote Information (2 Votes)	
Initiated by Department of Animal Services		Meeting Date:	06/19/2018
File Activities		Meeting Type:	Regular
Date	Activity	Vote Action:	Adopted
06/20/2018	Council action final.	Vote Given:	(12 - 0 - 3)
06/19/2018	Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.	Member Name	CD Vote
06/07/2018	City Clerk scheduled item for Council on June 19, 2018 .	BOB BLUMENFIELD	3 YES
06/06/2018	Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee approved item(s) .	MIKE BONIN	11 YES
06/01/2018	Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on June 6, 2018.	JOE BUSCAINO	15 ABSENT
05/11/2018	Department of Animal Services document(s) referred to Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee.	GILBERT A. CEDILLO	1 ABSENT
		MITCHELL ENGLANDER	12 ABSENT
		MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON	8 YES
		JOSE HUIZAR	14 YES
		PAUL KORETZ	5 YES
		PAUL KREKORIAN	2 YES
		NURY MARTINEZ	6 YES
		MITCH O'FARRELL	13 YES
		CURREN D. PRICE	9 YES
		MONICA RODRIGUEZ	7 YES
		DAVID RYU	4 YES
		HERB WESSON	10 YES

MISSION HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
PRESIDENT: Brad Klimovitch
VICE-PRESIDENT: open
TREASURER: Roberto Martin
SECRETARY: open



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EXH. 'C'
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Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 4, 2013

at the LAPD Mission Area Police Station, Timothy M. Falco Community Room
11121 Sepulveda Boulevard, Mission Hills, CA 91345

1. Call to Order/Introductions

President Brad Klimovitch introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member John Samuelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Board Members in attendance at the Roll Call were: Debra Dalton, Craig Forry, Raymond Garcia, Jerrilyn Hayashi, Brad Klimovitch, Roberto Martin, Jesse Martinez, John Samuelson and Clint Scott. Five Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 24 Stakeholders and Guests.

All nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven, so the Board could take such votes.

4. Approval of Minutes for BOG/Stakeholders January 7, 2013 meeting.

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 7, 2013 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

5. Reports/announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives, and Board Members.

Angel Barnuevo, Field Deputy for State 20th District Senator Alex Padilla (818-901-5588; Angel.Barnuevo@sen.ca.gov), distributed copies of a "Fruit Tree Giveaway

Festival" flier and "Fruit Tree Program Application" for the March 9th 10:00 – 2:00 event at Roger Jessup Park, 12467 Osborne St., Pacoima. The Senator is working on legislation for an earthquake early detection system; the estimated cost would be \$80 million, the potential savings much more.

Caesar Huerta, Field Representative, for State 39th District Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (818-504-3911; Caesar.Huerta@asm.ca.gov), reported that the Assemblyman is partnering with Neighborhood Councils for cleanups (contact Mr. Huerta) and with City Council District Seven on community issues. They can also assist with event flier copies and with the Mission Hills sign/monument funding work. (Mr. Barnuevo also offered funding work assistance.) Mr. Huerta encouraged submitting legislation ideas. Mr. Samuelson requested and Mr. Huerta agreed to submit a request for the Assemblyman to speak to the MHNC.

Jose Sandoval, Pacoima Office Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Richard Alarcon (818-485-0600; Jose.Sandoval@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>), announced that \$10,000 in discretionary funds are available. They will work with the LAPD regarding illegal vendors at Brand Park.

6. Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Phil Ruiz, Basic Car 19A43.

Philip Ruiz, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (mobile/text 818-634-0519; office 818-838-9843; 31524@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.lapdonline.org/northeast_community_police_station), described recent extra patrols around schools and the challenge to reduce crime, especially with recent and possibly planned inmate releases. Mission Hills crime is down 1.3%. He encouraged calling if you see suspicious activity; you can be anonymous. [If Officer Ruiz is not available and it's a non-emergency call 1-877-ASK-LAPD. If it's an emergency call 9-1-1.] There've been some home burglaries and car thefts, especially around Lassen Ave. He advised that, if a stranger knocks on your door or you hear strange noises, "make your presence felt" and give some indication that you're home. Don't keep personal items or legal documents such as insurance registration or a door opener in your car.

7. Executive Officer Report(s).

Mr. Klimovitch encouraged being supportive of Stakeholder Pamela Goldfinger, who has assisted with the MHNC Newsletter and other projects. He described open MHNC Board Seats, including Vice-President, Secretary, and Outreach Committee Chair. Two Newsletters will not have been issued, freeing \$8,000 to be re-allocated from the Budget; input is welcomed on where to re-allocate the funds.

8. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: open Chair position

Mr. Klimovitch reported that the Outreach Chair position is open. He described the need and asked for help to organize a Movies in the Park program in June, possibly in Brand Park.

Public Safety: Betty Ley

Ms. Ley presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Dalton, who Co-ordinated the latest National Night Out event with the LAPD. Ms. Ley announced a February