

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Is it merely a coincidence that my latest dog license was accompanied by an advertisement for "Dogs - A science tail" at the Annenberg California Science Center, where paid admission for a family would run at least \$100? Or was the violation of my privacy as a City resident who receives notice to renew a dog license paid for in this \$100,000 quid-pro-quo "donation" to Los Angeles Animal Services and General Manager Brenda Barnette? Is it supposed to be all right that I am being solicited through City mail because LA Animal Services has been allowed to place its logo on this non-City enterprise and offer a \$2.00 discount? This is a blatant violation of government policy, and evidence of the corruption that has occurred by placing all power in the hands of Brenda Barnette and Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee Chair Paul Koretz. Of course, this will be approved! How could they turn down \$100,000? If money were being spent for the care of impounded animals, this might be tolerable; but the L.A. Animal Services shelters are packed with animals living in filthy and disgusting conditions, some of whom have been there for a year because they are unadoptable and need to be mercifully and humanely euthanized so that they do not harm adopters. The kennels are NOT being washed down daily with water (per a written directive to employees). With a \$100,000 donation, can't the City afford the water to keep the animals healthy and clean. Cats and dogs are stashed in crates and pop-up containers in hallways and offices. The odor is awful. Dogs are in multiples of up to six per crate/kennel and the weakest are being killed by the stronger ones in a struggle for space and survival. L.A. Animal Services shelters were replaced just before GM Barnette arrived. They now are worse than a third-world country. Perhaps she is hoping for a major disease outbreak so she won't have to count the dead animals in her "kill" rate. Whatever the motivation, you ALL should be charged with animal cruelty. When is the last time ANY of you, including Barnette and the Commissioners, were in the kennels of the shelters (not just the meeting rooms and offices) when they weren't just cleaned in anticipation of an official visit for a Commission meeting? The public knows you really don't care, but others do and we pay huge taxes to support the shelters and the animals, who are helpless victims---they are not yours to abuse and neglect. We will be closely watching the expenditure of

this \$100,000, which will undoubtedly be filtered into some "play group" or other activity where the costs cannot actually be determined. The public is not ignorant and records are being kept. You have given away the privacy of dog owners in this City for this \$100,000; the check is already in the bank--that is a small price to have a profitable message delivered directly to the mailboxes of thousands of pet owners.