

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requesting actions to end mistreatment of animals at City shelters. Thank you. Sincerely, Christina Spitz, WRAC Vice-Chair



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

March 5, 2024

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Paul Krekorian, President, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Chair, Council Budget, Finance & Innovation Committee (BFC)
Hon. Tim McOsker, Chair, Council Personnel, Audits & Hiring Committee (PAHC)
Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Councilmember, CD 1
Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5
Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4
Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

Via email to all addressees and submission to relevant council files

Re: Conditions at Los Angeles City animal shelters; CF #s 24-0304 and 23-0193; support all actions necessary to end mistreatment of animals, including development of a plan for action to improve management and operations at City animal shelters.

Dear Mayor Bass, Council President Krekorian and Councilmembers Blumenfield, McOsker, Hernandez, Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and Hutt:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles.

In light of recent serious concerns about the continuing deplorable conditions at the City's animal shelters, e.g., <https://abc7.com/some-animal-advocates-decry-shelter-crisis-city-of-los-angeles-approves-motion-aimed-at-increasing-staffing/14530005/>, we now reiterate WRAC's position expressed in December 2022, strongly supporting the goals and requests made by Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council to end mistreatment of animals at City shelters: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/WRAC-letter-re-Animal-Shelter-Conditions.pdf>.

We note that the City Council has recently passed a motion for more funding for Animal Services (CF 23-0193/Hernandez); we also note the recent Animal Services report (CF 24-0304), calling for emergency funding for that department (matter assigned to the BFC and PAHC and now pending in these committees).

While WRAC's member councils have not taken positions specific to these Council Files, based on our past position decrying the conditions in City animal shelters, we respectfully urge the City Council and relevant Council Committees *as soon as possible* to take all actions necessary to ensure the ethical treatment and safety of animals in these shelters, including not only funding for more staffing, but developing a much-needed ***plan for action to improve management and operations at the shelters so that mistreatment of animals will at long last come to an end.***

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils