

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Mausner
Date Submitted: 11/11/2023 01:22 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you to General Manager Stacey Dains for filing the Report of the Animal Services Department dated November 8, 2023, advocating for an increase in funding for the Animal Sterilization Fund, an increase in the number of spay/neuter vouchers available, and an increase in the fees paid to veterinarians to perform spay/neuters pursuant to the vouchers. I strongly support that. The Tarzana Neighborhood Council passed a Resolution/Community Impact Statement advocating for the same thing on October 24, 2023, which is filed in Council File 23-1008, here: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-1008_cis_10-26-2023.pdf A copy of the Community Impact Statement filed by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council in Council File 23-1008 is attached. Please also see CityWatch article entitled Crucial City Funding: Spay and Neuter Saves Money and Lives: <https://www.citywatchla.com/369-budget-advocates/18933-crucial-city-funding-spay-and-neuter-saves-money-and-lives?highlight=WyJtYXVzbnVyl10=>
Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner



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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/24/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 10/26/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Animal Services Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-1008

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Please see attached.

Ref:MSG9234065

 **Tarzana NC Community Impact Statement, Council File 23-1008.pdf**
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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Community Impact Statement “For” (in favor of) Council File 23-1008, passed unanimously by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (9-0) on October 11, 2023, and passed unanimously by the full Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board on October 24, 2023 (17-0).

Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board approves the recommendation of the Animal Welfare Committee to pass a resolution for a Community Impact Statement “For” (in favor of) Council File 23-1008, entitled “Breeding Permit Moratorium /Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) /Amendment.” The AWC also requests that the Community Impact Statement contain the following statement:

There is an **emergency** taking place regarding animals in the City. **Severe overcrowding and killing of healthy adoptable dogs in the City Animal Shelters for lack of space is an emergency.** The overpopulation of dogs is costing the City millions of dollars. Please see: [Crucial City Funding: Spay and Neuter Saves Money and Lives \(citywatchla.com\)](http://citywatchla.com)

It is crucial that steps be taken immediately to decrease the number of dogs coming into the shelters. A moratorium on breeding permits is a necessary step in doing so, at least until this immediate emergency is resolved.

At the same time, we suggest that the City Council also take the following steps to address the overcrowding emergency:

1. Encourage spay/neuter of pets by increasing funding for more free and discounted spay/neuter vouchers and increasing the amount veterinarians are paid for performing spay/neuters under the vouchers. The amount of payment to vets pursuant to the vouchers is ridiculously low and, as a result, there are not enough vets willing to perform spay/neuters under the vouchers. Increasing the availability of vouchers and raising the

fees paid to veterinarians to encourage them to perform spay/neuters is a necessary step in solving the emergency.

2. Deploy an advertising/email/social media/news media campaign for spay/neuter vouchers. As part of this campaign, make clear that the City is going to **start enforcing spay/neuter laws more vigorously, much more vigorously**. Publicize that you can use a free or discounted spay/neuter voucher to avoid a severe fine. There should be severe fines for failure to spay/neuter, with minimal or no waivers.

3. Use the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter in Mission Hills and the Jefferson Park Animal Shelter in South L.A. on an emergency basis to house dogs from overcrowded shelters in any empty kennels, without displacing any dogs currently at those shelters. Encourage all experienced former volunteers to return to help care for the animals there. This will allow this to be done at the lowest cost for the City.

Respectfully submitted, *Jeffrey N. Mausner*

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For identification purposes:

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This CIS is not submitted on behalf of the Animal Services Department.