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June 5, 2026

The Honorable Karen Bass  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor

**RE: AUTHORIZE THE USE OF A \$25,571 DONATION FROM SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC. AND SUBARU SHERMAN OAKS TO SUPPORT ONGOING ANIMAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE SKID ROW AREA (C.F. No. 24-1263)**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

- AUTHORIZE** the Department of Animal Services (Department) to utilize a \$25,571 donation from Subaru of America, Inc. and Subaru Sherman Oaks that was previously deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund – Fund No. 859, APPR 060054 – Lifesaving Fund for the revised purpose of supporting ongoing animal care and community support services within the Skid Row Area until the \$25,571 is exhausted; and,
- FORWARD** the acceptance of this transmittal to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

**SUMMARY:**

On September 10, 2024, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) approved the acceptance of a \$25,571 donation from Subaru of America, Inc. and Subaru Sherman Oaks for the volunteer program budget for purchasing supplies and equipment used in enrichment activities at the animal care centers by Department volunteers until the \$25,571 is exhausted. The Board also approved to deposit these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF) – Fund No. 859, APPR

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060054 – Lifesaving Fund, the disbursement of these funds restricted for the designated purpose of benefiting animal enrichment at animal care centers, and directed staff to forward the donation to the Mayor and City Council for acceptance and approval. On November 6, 2024, the City Council accepted the donation and approved the deposit of the funds into the AWTF and use of the funds (C.F. No. 24-1263). The Mayor approved the City Council’s actions on November 18, 2024.

In November 2025, the Department collaborated with the Mayor’s Office and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to build an outreach and enforcement program in the Skid Row area in response to multiple allegations of animal cruelty. To date, the Department has contacted over a hundred pet owners and provided donated pet equipment and supplies, such as, but not limited to leashes, pet food, food bowls, and medical sources. The Department has nearly exhausted these resources.

On April 10, 2026, the Department asked Subaru Sherman Oaks if the \$25,571 donation can be redirected to support ongoing animal care and community support services within the Skid Row area, to which Subaru Sherman Oaks agreed. These funds will be used to assist with outreach efforts, resources, and programs aimed at addressing the needs of both animals and residents in the Skid Row community, while further supporting the Department’s continued commitment to providing humane care and public safety services in the area.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The funds from this donation were deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and disbursements will be made as needed to support the ongoing animal care and community support services within the Skid Row area.

Respectfully submitted,



Gabrielle Amster,  
General Manager

Attachment: Attested Board Report – Authorize the Use of \$25,571 Donation from Subaru of America, Inc. and Subaru Sherman Oaks to Support Ongoing Animal Care and Community Support Services within the Skid Row Area

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, City Administrative Officer  
Sharon Lee, Los Angeles Animal Services

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**REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS**  
**Report No. 26-016**

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Yvonne Rodriguez

**REPORT DATE:** May 22, 2026

**TITLE:** Director of Field Operations

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE USE OF \$25,571 DONATION FROM SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC. AND SUBARU SHERMAN OAKS TO SUPPORT ONGOING ANIMAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE SKID ROW AREA**

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Approved:




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Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager


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**BOARD ACTION:**

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_____	Approved with noted modifications	Continued	_____
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**ATTESTATION:**

  
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Secretary to the Board