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June 4, 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 \$25,004 OF A \$150,000 GRANT FROM PETCO LOVE TO SUPPORT ONGOING ANIMAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE SKID ROW AREA (C.F. No. 25-0006-S72)**

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

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Department of Animal Services (Department) to utilize the remaining \$25,004 of a \$150,000 grant from Petco Love, of which \$135,000 was deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund -Fund No. 859, APPR 060054 – Lifesaving Fund and \$15,000 in APPR 06000A – Available for the revised purpose of supporting ongoing animal care and community support services within the Skid Row area until the \$25,004 is exhausted; and,
2. **FORWARD** the acceptance of this transmittal to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

**SUMMARY:**

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) approved the acceptance of a \$150,000 grant from Petco Love, of which \$135,000 was designated for animal lifesaving and \$15,000 for the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event. The Board also approved to deposit these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF) – Fund No. 859, \$135,000 in APPR 060054 – Lifesaving Fund and \$15,000 in APPR 06000A – Available, the disbursement of these funds restricted for the

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designated purpose of animal lifesaving and for natural disaster emergency relief efforts, and directed staff to forward the grant to the Mayor and City Council for acceptance and approval. On June 18, 2025, the City Council accepted the grant and approved the deposit of the funds into the AWTF and use of the funds (C.F. No. 25-0006-S72). The Mayor approved the City Council's actions on June 27, 2025.

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 Petco Love if \$25,004, the remaining grant balance, can be redirected to support ongoing animal care and community support services within the Skid Row area, to which Petco Love agreed. The \$25,004 is the remaining balance of the grant. The Department spent \$15,000 of the grant for the Shelterly agreement for animal call center services during the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event, and \$109,996 of the grant went towards fee-waived pet adoptions during the December 2025 Clear the Shelters event.

These \$25,004 in 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 grant 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 \$25,004 of \$150,000 Grant from Petco Love 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. 26-015**

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Yvonne Rodriguez

**REPORT DATE:** May 22, 2026

**TITLE:** Director of Field Operations

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE USE \$25,004 OF \$150,000 GRANT FROM PETCO LOVE 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

**BOARD ACTION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved with noted modifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Date

**ATTESTATION:**



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Alison McBeth-Featherstone  
President



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Francine Acuna  
Secretary to the Board



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Olivia E. Garcia  
Vice-President