

Communication from Public

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February 22, 2025

Re: Thousands of People Support the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam, as set forth in Council File 25-0193. This project will save the lives of millions of dogs and cats.

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam is described in the following article: *Five Million Dogs and Cats Desperately Need Saving in Vietnam*, <https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam>. This project will save the lives of millions of dogs and cats.

Over 9,000 people have already signed a petition supporting the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam. The petition is entitled *Los Angeles & California Must Help End the Brutal Killing of Millions of Dogs & Cats in Vietnam*, <https://www.idausa.org/campaign/dog-meat/latest-news/los-angeles-and-california-must-help-end-the-brutal-killing-of-millions-of-dogs-and-cats-in-vietnam/>

On November 14, 2024, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam. A copy of the resolution is attached.

On December 10, 2024, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council overwhelmingly passed a resolution and Community Impact Statement supporting the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam. A copy of the Community Impact Statement is attached.

The Motion implementing the Sister City Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam was introduced by Councilmember Blumenfield and seconded by Council President Harris-Dawson on February 21, 2025. Thank you to those Councilmembers for helping to save the dogs and cats of Vietnam!

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Mausner

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Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

We hope you are doing well. At its regular monthly meeting on November 14, 2024, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils unanimously (15 in favor, none against, 2 abstaining) passed the following resolution:

The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), consisting of representatives of Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley, supports the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM, as set forth in the following City Watch Article:

<https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam>

VANC calls upon City Councilmembers, the Mayor, Members of the State Assembly, and State Senators in Los Angeles and California to sponsor and support a resolution adopting the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM, as set forth in the above referenced City Watch article. We urge the City and State to work with international organizations working to end dog and cat meat in Vietnam, including In Defense of Animals, Animals Asia, Four Paws International, Humane Society International, and others. Those persons presenting the Sister City/State proposal to a city or province in Vietnam may use their judgement regarding how to frame the proposal in a diplomatic manner, so long as the final outcome of the process is consistent with current City policies regarding international affairs and leads to the banning or phase out of the dog and cat meat trade in the Vietnamese city or province.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss this or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Gravani

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President, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Jeffrey Mausner

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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Community Impact Statement in favor of the Sister City/State Project to end Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam, passed unanimously by the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (9-0) on November 6, 2024, and passed by the full Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board on December 10, 2024 by a vote of 11 in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstain.

At the request of the Animal Welfare Committee the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board adopts a motion as follows:

Whereas, since 2019, it has been the official position of the City of Los Angeles to oppose dog meat, including specifically in the country of Vietnam (Council File: 19-0002-S101) , and

Whereas, on September 10, 2023, President Biden and the leader of Vietnam entered into the Joint Leaders' Statement: Elevating United States-Vietnam Relations To A Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and

Whereas, the Joint Leaders' Statement encourages states and cities in the United States and Vietnam to enter into sister city/state relationships, and

Whereas, since it is the official position of Los Angeles to oppose dog meat in Vietnam, the city that Los Angeles enters into a sister city relationship with should ban dog and cat meat. The Sister City/State Project to End Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam will offer a city or province in Vietnam a sister city/sister state relationship with Los Angeles which would be conditioned on the Vietnam city or province banning dog and cat meat.

Therefore, the TNC Board adopts the TNC Animal Welfare Committee's position as follows: Resolved: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the Sister City/State Project to end Dog and Cat Meat in Vietnam and requests the City Council to pass a resolution to form a Sister City relationship with a city or province in Vietnam with the condition that the Vietnamese city or province ban dog and cat meat. The TNC Board further requests that this motion be forwarded to members of the City Council and other relevant city agencies. This resolution can be filed as a Community Impact Statement in support of any City Council resolution on this subject.

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