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October 2, 2025

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

Attention: Legislative Coordinator, Office of the Mayor

**RE: ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST FROM THE GRAY FAMILY TRUST**

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

1. **ACCEPT** a \$46,800 bequest from the Gray Family Trust on behalf of the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, West Valley Animal Services Center;
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859, Account 060002 – W. Valley Shelter;
3. **APPROVE** the disbursement of these funds restricted for the purpose of the bequest; and,
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of this bequest to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

**SUMMARY:**

On April 9, 2025, the Department received notification from the Hornstein Law Offices, informing the Department that it would be the recipient of a bequest from the Gray Family Trust to be used for the West Valley Animal Services Center. On September 3, 2025, the Department received a check in the amount of \$46,800 from the Gray Family Trust.

Pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 5.200(c), any monetary gift, contribution, or bequest to the Department that exceeds \$25,000 must be submitted to the City Council for approval. Staff recommends that the Board formally request the City Council to accept this bequest.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council  
**ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST FROM THE GRAY FAMILY TRUST**

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These funds will be used to support existing programs administered at the Department's West Valley Animal Services Center.

On September 25, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$46,800 bequest from the Gray Family Trust, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. This bequest will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund – Fund No. 859, Account 060002 – W. Valley Shelter, to be used to support the West Valley Animal Services Center in accordance with the bequest from the Gray Family Trust.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez  
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of Bequest from the Gray Family Trust

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

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**Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners**

**MEETING DATE:** September 25, 2025

**PREPARED BY:** Sharon Lee

**REPORT DATE:** September 17, 2025

**TITLE:** Senior Management Analyst II

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST FROM THE GRAY FAMILY TRUST**

**BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

1. **REQUEST** the City Council to accept a \$46,800 bequest from the Gray Family Trust on behalf of the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, West Valley Animal Services Center;
2. **DIRECT** staff to transmit the Board's request to the City Council;
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Approved:



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**BOARD ACTION:**

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