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Comments for Public Posting: June 23, 2026 Chair Ysabel Jurado and Members Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Motion 26-0528 – Pet-Inclusive Housing and Housing Stability Dear Chair Jurado and Members: On behalf of the Michelson Center for Public Policy (MCPPE), I am writing in support of Motion 26-0528, which directs City departments to evaluate barriers to pet-inclusive housing and identify opportunities to improve housing stability for pet-owning households. The Michelson Center for Public Policy is a nonprofit advocacy organization that advances evidence-based solutions through collaboration with elected officials, government agencies, and community stakeholders. Our work focuses on improving outcomes across areas including animal welfare, education, justice reform, and economic opportunity. Los Angeles continues to face a severe housing affordability crisis and pet-related restrictions can further limit housing options for many renters. For many, their companion animals are part of their family, yet breed and size restrictions, blanket pet prohibitions, and related costs can create significant barriers to securing stable housing. As the City works to address housing instability and displacement, it is appropriate to assess whether existing policies are supporting or impeding access to housing for responsible pet owners. Housing-related pet relinquishment is an often-overlooked consequence of housing instability. When families cannot secure pet-inclusive housing, they may be forced to surrender a companion animal or forego housing opportunities altogether. These outcomes can increase shelter intake and associated public costs. By examining current policies, fiscal impacts, and best practices, Motion 26-0528 creates an opportunity to identify practical solutions that support both residents and animal welfare goals. Motion 26-0528 represents a prudent, data-driven first step by directing City departments to assess existing policies and provide recommendations before considering any future legislative action. For these reasons, the Michelson Center for Public Policy respectfully supports Motion 26-0528 and urges the Committee to advance this measure so the City can better understand how pet-inclusive housing policies may promote housing stability, reduce shelter intake, and improve outcomes for both residents and their companion animals. Sincerely, Mayra Lomera Chief

Policy Officer Michelson Center for Public Policy cc: Members,
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