

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of issuing a Request for Information (RFI) for City-operated animal shelter facilities, and the reassignment of existing Department of Animal Services (DAS) staff and resources to improve conditions.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield, Rodriguez – Hernandez, Jurado):

1. INSTRUCT the DAS, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to report to Council on the feasibility of issuing a RFI seeking a contractor of an established animal care and control organization to operate one or more of the shelter facilities currently operated by the City in a manner similar to the Northeast Valley Animal Care Center.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO, with assistance of the DAS, to report to Council on the feasibility and process for reassigning existing staff and resources from certain City-operated shelter facilities to other City-operated shelter facilities in order to improve conditions at a reduced number of City-operated shelter facilities with the other shelter facilities kept operational by a contractor and prevent any loss of jobs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on August 11, 2026, your Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee considered Motion (Blumenfield, Rodriguez – Hernandez, Jurado), dated April 21, 2026, relative to a requested report on the feasibility of issuing a RFI to seek a contract with an established animal care and control organization for the operation of City-operated animal shelter facilities; and, the feasibility and process for the reassignment of existing DAS staff and resources among City-operated shelter facilities to improve conditions and prevent any job losses. The alternative service delivery method implemented at the Northeast Valley Animal Care Center, which is currently operated by a contractor, resulted in a reduction of City costs, enhanced the range of services, and reduced the number of animals due to time and space constraints. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
JURADO:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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