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May 6, 2026

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: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$107,000 GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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

1. **ACCEPT** a \$107,000 grant from ASPCA for the purpose of wildfire and disaster preparedness; and,
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859, Account 06000A - Available; and,
3. **APPROVE** the disbursement of these funds restricted for the purpose of the grant; and
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND:

California wildfires continue to pose severe and increasing threats to public safety, animal welfare, and community stability. The Department of Animal Services plays a critical operational role during disaster events by providing emergency animal evacuation, sheltering, medical care, transport, and community recovery services.

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In recognition of the Department's demonstrated capacity and leadership in disaster response, the ASPCA has awarded the Department a one-time \$107,000 California Wildfire Response & Preparedness Capacity Building Grant. This funding is designated to strengthen emergency readiness, expand lifesaving capabilities, and improve response infrastructure across all six Animal Care Centers and field operations.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 5.200(c) states that any monetary gifts, contributions, or bequests to be accepted and used by the Department of Animal Services (Department) that exceeds \$25,000 must be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

The grant from ASPCA will provide funding as follows:

1. Staff & Volunteer Disaster Response Training – \$19,000

- Emergency response training
- Training materials and supplies

2. Emergency Shelter & Medical Readiness – \$20,000

- Shelter tents and canopies
- Sanitation equipment
- Emergency medical supplies

3. Field Rescue Gear & PPE – \$15,000

- PPE kits
- Specialized rescue equipment
- Field response kits

4. Transport Equipment & Supplies – \$24,000

- Emergency transport crates
- Leashes and handling equipment

5. Pet Supply Caches for Community Distribution – \$13,000

- Disaster relief pet supplies
- Storage bins and distribution materials

6. Evacuation Infrastructure – \$16,500

- Evacuation site support equipment

On March 24, 2026, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$107,000 grant from ASPCA for California wildfire and disaster preparedness, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The Department will receive a one-time grant in the amount of \$107,000 from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), to be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (Fund 859, Account 06000A-Available).

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Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of a \$107,000 Grant from American Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) For California Wildfire and Disaster Preparedness

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