

ARTS, PARKS, AND CITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to security needs and associated funding at each of the City’s six Animal Shelter locations.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Padilla for Rodriguez – McOsker):

DIRECT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) and other City departments to report to Council on the security needs at each of the City’s six Animal Shelter locations and the associated funding that is needed.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on September 16, 2026, your Arts, Parks, and City Facilities Committee considered Motion (Padilla for Rodriguez - McOsker), dated September 9, 2026, relative to directing the DAS and other City departments to report on the security needs and associated funding at each of the six Animal Shelter locations. Security is necessary at the Animal Shelter facilities due to significant operational pressures, including staffing shortages and the need to serve members of the public while caring for the animals. Dedicated security personnel could provide an important layer of protection by monitoring entrances and exits, responding to threatening behavior, assisting employees during emergencies, and allowing Animal Control Officers and animal care staff to focus on their core responsibilities. A comprehensive security plan would help ensure that DAS staff can safely care for animals, volunteers can serve the community, and constituents can access shelter services without compromising safety. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, AND CITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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