

ARTS, PARKS, AND CITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Department of Animal Services' (DAS) staffing and deployment of Animal Control Officers, and resources needed to maintain the level of services and response time to ensure the safety of animals and residents across the City.

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

DIRECT the DAS to report to Council on its current staffing and deployment of Animal Control Officers, and what is needed to maintain the level of services that achieve the response time that ensures safety for the animals and residents across the City.

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 October 21, 2026, your Arts, Parks, and City Facilities Committee considered Motion (Rodriguez – Jurado), dated October 6, 2026, relative to directing the DAS to report on the current staffing and deployment of Animal Control Officers, and the resources needed to maintain the level of services and response time that ensures the safety of animals and residents across the City. The DAS Field Enforcement Division Officers play a critical role in protecting animals and promoting public safety throughout the City by responding to and investigating animal-related complaints, enforcing animal-control laws, and working to reunite lost pets with owners. Proper staffing levels will help keep animals and their owners safe, and maintaining sufficient personnel during evening, overnight, and early-morning hours can reduce response delays and ensure that residents have access to animal control services outside of normal business hours. The DAS also needs the necessary resources to respond when animals are in danger or at risk of endangering human life. 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:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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