

**ANIMAL ISSUES MOVEMENT**

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All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing. Edmund Burke

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Councilman Greig Smith, Chair  
Councilman Dennis Zine  
Councilman Tony Cardenas  
Councilmember Jan Perry  
Councilman Ed Reyes  
Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee

Honorable Committee Members:

RE: CF 09-0632 EXPAND THE BAN ON ANIMAL SALES IN SANTEE ALLEY TO INCLUDE BANNING THE PURCHASE AND ALSO POSTING SIGNS

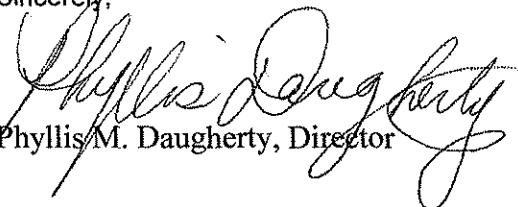
This is to add the wholehearted support of Animal Issues Movement to the passage of CF 09-0632, which is a very progressive approach to reducing or ending animals being illegally sold at Santee Alley--an on-going criminal and inhumane practice for many years.

Like many animal-related laws, enforcement is difficult regarding sales; however, this will add a warning to purchasers, who are likely to be more concerned about the legal consequences than sellers who avoid prosecution continually.

Very often those who purchase turtles, bunnies and other small animals from street and illegal vendors do not actually realize they are enabling an illegal practice, and the warning alone will deter many of them. It will also dissuade the cruel practice of crowding these helpless creatures into horrible conditions where they often suffer and die before (or shortly after) they are sold. This is simultaneously a measure that will positively address public health concerns and increase awareness regarding potential zoonotic disease transmission.

I hope this is one of the issues that will initially be addressed by an Administrative Citation issued to the purchaser, and I urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

  
Phyllis M. Daugherty, Director