

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 09-0632

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to banning the illegal purchase and sale of live animals by street vendors.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.42 to augment all current prohibitions on the sale or giving away of animals on public streets and/or sidewalks with a prohibition on purchasing, or receiving without cost, animals under the same circumstances currently enumerated in Section 53.42.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Department of Animal Services. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated February 24, 2010 (attached to the Council file), the Department of Animal Services states that the Board of Animal Services requests that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to amend the LAMC to add the purchase of animal to the City's ban on illegal sales. The Department reports that such sales contribute to the proliferation of homeless or unwanted animals ending up in public animal shelters. Additionally, the dogs, cats, rabbits, turtles, lizards, birds, and other types of animals peddled in these contexts sometimes are subjected to substandard care, lack of food and/or water, and exposure to harsh weather conditions. The Department's report was transmitted to Council and referred to the Public Safety and Transportation Committees for consideration.

At its meeting held November 22, 2010, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the Department's recommendation to request that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to expand the ban of sales of live animals by street vendors to include purchases.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
PERRY:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
ZINE:	ABSENT

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