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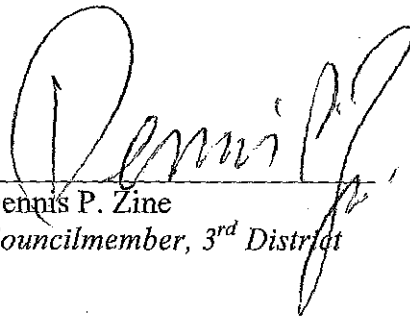
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Recent public testimony at City Council and Committee meetings has indicated that a dog that was impounded at a Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LAAS) shelter is now missing and may have been stolen. Any breach of security that would allow an impounded pet in the care of LAAS to be stolen or otherwise taken by an individual other than its owner should be thoroughly investigated.

In the course of the Department's daily work, many animals that do in fact have owners are found or seized and then taken into custody at LAAS facilities. While this impounding function is critical to preserving the safety of animals and the general public, pet owners also have a reasonable expectation that efforts will be made to reunite them with their lost pets. LAAS policies should be reviewed to ensure that impounded pets are successfully reunited with their rightful owners whenever possible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Animal Services report to the Public Safety Committee with a detailed accounting of its policies regarding found, seized, or otherwise impounded animals and the procedures in place to reunite them with their owners, including a plan to correct any security deficiencies that may lead to the theft of animals that are held at the City's shelter facilities.

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