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## Rebuttal of Snarx Protest email. Please include in Council File 10-0892 Pet Limits

1 message

Ed Muzika <edwardmuzika@sbcglobal.net>

Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 8:09 PM

Reply-To: edwardmuzika@sbcglobal.net

To: Bill Rosendahl <councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org>, Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, john.white@lacity.org

Cc: Jeffrey Ebenstein <Jeffrey.Ebenstein@lacity.org>

Edward Muzika, Ph.D.

8956 Geyser Ave. Northridge, CA 91324

TO: Paul Koretz, Bill Rosenthal, John White

RE: Pet Limit Numbers Increase Proposal

Please Insert in Council Folder 10-0892

Recently you received a protest email from Lorelei Snarx, purportedly the secretary for BWHA, a housing association.

In it she relates how the proposed increase would "abridge my basic rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. With the advent of a larger number unknown personalities living under one roof, you have no idea what chaos may ensue. There very well may be a howler, barker, biter, or disease carrier moving in next door. Maybe 5 of them?"

Outside of being hysterical nonsense, she fails to mention that her housing association can impose its own limits on the number of pets, irrespective of what ordinance the City passes. Thus her argument is nonsense.

Yours Truly,

Edward Muzika, Ph.D.

Her email is below:

To: Paul.Koretz@lacity.org  
Sent: Tue, Sep 21, 2010 11:57 am  
Subject: Proposal to increase # pets per household.

Dear Councilman Koretz,

I write you today in response to the proposal you and Councilman Rosendahl have introduced, intended to expand the allowable number of household pets to 5 each = up to 10 cats and dogs per residence. Although I understand and have empathy for the humanitarian reasons you've introduced this bill, the practicalities of it abridge my basic rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. With the advent of a larger number unknown personalities living under one roof, you have no idea what chaos may ensue. There very well may be a howler, barker, biter, or disease carrier moving in next door. Maybe 5 of them? The people who adopt these animals are not vetted. Some are cruel and will see this opening as an opportunity to treat their newly adopted pets inhumanely, like starving them or beating them or leaving them alone all day while they cry for attention and disturb neighbors.

I understand you mean well, in the meantime, please take into account that many people will be impacted adversely by this proposal.

Lorelei snarx  
Secretary, BWA  
343 N. Alfred Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
323-655-2071

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## Council File 10-0982

1 message

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**K. Eisenhower** <woodviolet9@hotmail.com>

Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 7:44 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, john.white@lacity.org

Dear Councilman Koretz,

I'm writing today to congratulate you on your proposal to increase pet limits in Los Angeles and to tell you how much I support it. I've lived in District 5 for twenty years and have been a pet owner longer than that.

I've seen some of the arguments against increasing the limits and none of them make any sense to me as both a dog and cat owner. It cannot encourage hoarding because hoarders have a mental illness and their hoarding by its very nature has no regard for the law. A hoarder who collects thirty animals is not thinking about the law, if they even understand what the law is. By the same token, animal abusers don't alter their abuse patterns according to the law.

As for suggestions that more animal will increase nuisances like barking, the same law applies whether one has one dog or five, and neighbors are always free to seek remedies from L.A. Animal Services for those kinds of problems.

The objections presented all seem to be predicated on what people imagine will happen. But as someone who, over the years, has adopted several dogs and cats – including seniors from the City shelters, I know increasing the limits will save lives. What's more, the people who are likely to want to follow the law are going to be more conscientious owners, not less. Irresponsible pet owners don't care what the law is. But I am a responsible pet owner who spays, neuters, microchips and, even during periods of unemployment, have always gotten my cats and dogs any vet care they needed. I also know that if I break the law I put all my animals at risk, that's part of being a responsible owner. But if I want to save more homeless animals, and I have the ability to do it, I think I should be allowed to.

Thank you for your help, and for fighting for L.A. homeless animals.

K. Eisenhower





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## For inclusion in LA council file 10-0982

1 message

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**Kim Perry** <kapers126@me.com>

Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 3:45 PM

To: "bill.rosendahl@lacity.org" <bill.rosendahl@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "john.white@lacity.org" <john.white@lacity.org>

I respectfully urge the passing of proposed legislation to increase the 3 dog and 3 cat limit to 5 dog and 5 cat limit. New York City has no pet limits. New York is of comparable size to Los Angeles but has a much better adoption rate for cats and dogs 66% and also a better euth rate of 33%.

Laws already exist for combatting the problems of stray animals, dangerous animals, noise violations and sanitation. Enforcement of these already existing laws is key to preventing abuse, unsanitary conditions, hoarding and neighborhood disputes. Pet limit laws are not the answer to resolving any of these problems. Instead they penalize responsible pet owners and rescuers most willing and able of providing good homes to the thousands of homeless animals in Los Angeles. Increasing the pet limits would be a positive step in the right direction.

Thank you.

Kim Perry

Sent from my iPad

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John White <[john.white@lacity.org](mailto:john.white@lacity.org)>

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## Support of Increased dog limits

1 message

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**Cline, Cathy** <[cline@avinc.com](mailto:cline@avinc.com)>

Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 3:09 PM

To: [councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org)Cc: [john.white@lacity.org](mailto:john.white@lacity.org)

Dear Councilman Krekorian:

I am writing in support of increased limits for dogs and cats in the city of Los Angeles. As a long time resident of North Hollywood, I am requesting that you vote in favor of the new proposed limits for dogs and cats in the city.

Research has shown that other cities that have higher limits have not experienced a negative impact as the result of such increased limits. I am currently helping the North Hollywood economy and improving the home values in my neighborhood, by doing an extensive remodel to my home. My pets are more important to me than my home and I hope that the city of Los Angeles will stop the current lawmaking trend of making it very difficult to be a responsible pet owner in the city.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cathleen S. Cline  
6242 Camellia Avenue  
North Hollywood, CA 91606

cc via email: [john.white@lacity.org](mailto:john.white@lacity.org)

Please ensure that this letter is placed in Council File 10-982

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## For Pet Limit Increase

1 message

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R Berger <berger3@socal.rr.com>

Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 12:13 PM

To: john.white@lacity.org

Dear Mr. White:

just an email here to say that I support opening the way to having more pets in one's house. I myself have 2 cats only, but I can see that those with the ability to take on more animals should have the right to do so. Count me as one supporting Council file 10-0982.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Berger

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