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Subject: OPPOSITION TO ANIMAL (DOG/CAT LIMIT INCREASE (ROSENDAHL/KORETZ)
Council File No. 10-0982 (Increase to five dogs and/or five cats per resident)

The Historic Filipinotown Chamber of Commerce writes on behalf of our membership to OPPOSE and PROTEST the above Council motion, which could result in nuisance animal situations in the streets of our residential and business community.

Approximately one decade ago, it was impossible to walk down the streets of Historic Filipinotown or approach local stores without encountering packs of stray and often starving dogs and our streets are still overrun with homeless and feral cats. We oppose ANY increase in the current animal limit because we need first for the Los Angeles Animal Services Department to be able to resolve our current problems.

It is impossible to run successful small businesses when there is dog and cat waste on the sidewalks and when there are stray animals around the entrance and perimeters of the businesses, because customers are afraid to approach these locations. If attacks or bites occur, the owner of the business is often sued, although it is a situation he/she cannot control.

There is also the issue of the waste from an increased number of animals entering our sewers and storm drains. We still have very old systems that are subject to clogging and backup. Having an added burden for this unnecessarily large number of animals could cause the need for additional services at a time when the city says there is no money.

We see absolutely no justification or need for allowing every resident in this city to have ten animals apiece, and we urge you to vote for the welfare of neighbors and the entire community who are taxpayers and constituents.

Respectfully,

Jorge Prado, President
Historic Filipinotown Chamber of Commerce