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Councilman Ed Reyes City Hall Council District 1 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012



Dear Councilman Reyes:

COUNCIL FILE 10-0982 PROTESTING ANIMAL INCREASE IN LOS ANGELES

I have lived at 125 S. Avenue 53 in Highland Park for more than 17 years and I have been head of a group of neighbors and members of the Senior Center group that has rescued and spayed and neutered cats and dogs and tried to find homes for them most of that time.

We do not want the animal limit to go up to five dogs and five cats because people don't even take good care of the pets they already have and they really can't afford more, but some people will try to increase anyway.

For the past few years, even with the bad economy and a lot of vacancies all over Highland Park, there are fewer strays on the streets, especially dogs. We have had some very bad experiences with pit bulls in the past and it was dangerous to try to walk near Figueroa, but that has got better because the animal control department has picked them up and people didn't get more because they can't afford to take care of them.

We still have a lot of stray and feral cats and kittens but that is also getting better. People just cannot take care of five dogs and five cats and we want the elderly people and the children to be safe on our streets from loose dogs.

Please do not vote to increase the animals in Los Angeles. It will just mean more puppies and kittens going to the shelter because a lot of people still don't spay or neuter and people will abandon more animals when they move.

Thank you,

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