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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION
53.50(e) TO LIMIT PET SHOP PERMITS TO PET SHOPS THAT ONLY OBTAIN
DOGS, CATS, AND RABBITS FROM AN ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATED BY THE
CITY OR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File Nos. 11-0754-S2 and 17-0079

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Section 53.50(e) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to authorize the Department of Animal Services to issue a pet shop permit only if the pet shop obtains its dogs, cats, and rabbits from an animal shelter operated by the City or the County of Los Angeles.

Also pending before the City Council is a draft ordinance that would establish operational requirements for pet shops in commercial zones. This draft ordinance is a companion to that ordinance.

CEQA Determination

Regarding a finding to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), we advise that prior to adoption of this ordinance, the City Council

determine that it is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and City CEQA Guidelines Article II, Section 1 (General Exemption) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. If the City Council concurs, it should adopt this finding prior to or concurrent with taking action on the ordinance.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Dov S. Lesel at (213) 978-8154. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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