

# Best Friends

1 message

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**Patty Shenker** <patty@pattyshenker.com>

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 11:02 AM**

To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Lattimore,

We are writing to urge your support of Best Friends taking over the NE Valley shelter for the next 3-5 years. The LA animal shelters are still overwhelmed & killing far too many animals so it is a wonderful opportunity to get help from this large, successful, private organization. This shelter is empty now while our homeless pets are being killed due to lack of space. Just recently, a rescuer took a darling little dog she named Gremlin to the shelter, feeling confident that his owner would come for him. Unfortunately, before the owner or the rescuer could get him out of there, he was killed by his kennel mate. This is partly due to poor decisions by the shelter employees but compounded by the overcrowding at the shelter. I have attached a photo of poor Gremlin who the rescuer, many others and us still are mourning. Of course, we mourn for all of them. So how could we not accept this proposal which will save more of their innocent lives? We urge you now to show us by supporting this plan- perhaps in memory of poor Gremlin.

We thank you for your time & attention.

Sincerely,

Patty Shenker & Doug Stoll  
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# Northeast Shelter 11-1345. NO to Best Friends

1 message

**Milan Radovic <milan.radovic@gmail.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 11:50 AM**

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This is in response to the BEST FRIENDS attempted takeover of the LAAS Shelter in Mission Hills. It's a very important shelter used to house evidence animals, emergency evacuation animals as well as mammas and babies. If BF gets it, these animals will have no place to go.

It aint all peachy like we're led to believe!

Best Friends has a budget of over 40 MILLION a year. If they'd like to help the LA Pets, ask them to build a shelter of their own. Giving them a facility that cost tax payers 19MILLION is not fair. They are offering \$1.00 a year. Does that seem like fair market rent?

The idea is flawed. Please keep LA's animals safe!

Follwing is a mail that is going around from some other concerned citizens who work in animal rescue and animal rights. I'm not alone in this...

Don't you think it is ironic that on Sunday New Hope partners were promised by Best Friends a \$100 gift for additional adoptions and, two days later, Best Friends is asking us to endorse a proposal about which we have no real details? Be informed, read on.

Best Friends is soliciting the rescue community to endorse their takeover of the Northeast Valley shelter.

Let's remember that from 2008 until two weeks ago, the Northeast Valley shelter has, in fact, been housing evidence animals, mamas and babies, hospital animals, quarantine animals and large numbers of animals awaiting transport. That is a lot of animals.

In the last couple of weeks, in preparation for Best Friends' takeover of Northeast Valley shelter, all of these animals have been relocated to the other LAAS shelters they originally came from or would have originally gone to had we not had Northeast Valley shelter. The hideous impact is already apparent: there is even more overcrowding

and higher killings at LAAS' six other shelters.

Best Friends is stating they will provide the Northeast Valley community with a low-cost spay/neuter and adoption center and community outreach center that offers wellness clinics and emergency services to Northeast Valley pet owners. At what price and who pays?

1) The Northeast Valley community is a very low income area with a very high stray and relinquishment rate. Since Best Friends will not be accepting strays or owner surrenders (services LAAS does provide), what will happen to those animals?

2) Speaking of services, Best Friends is asserting that they will provide emergency care to the community. What emergency services? Will Best Friends provide emergency medical care? At what price? Will Best Friends be hiring the equivalent of animal control officers to patrol or respond in the area? Will Best Friends hire experts to deal with wild animal emergencies? After all, by definition, "emergency" means sufficient personal is ready to go at any time.

3) The proposed Best Friends' contract does not disclose any prices that Best Friends will charge the public (or New Hope) for anything. Then how do we know if this low income community can afford such services? How can we know if Best Friends' operation will be good for the city and the animals, without knowing prices?

The City Administrator Officer's Aug 2, 2011 report to the mayor and city council concerning Northeast Valley Animal Care Center states that all charges will be set by Best Friends "in its discretion". This means that Best Friends is asking you to lobby city council, and asking city council to approve, a potential 7 year contract without having the slightest idea how much Best Friends will charge for anything. Not one word is mentioned as to the fees public or New Hope will be charged for spay/neuter. Not one word about fees the public or New Hope will be charged to adopt. Although the proposed contract says that LAAS will get "a set adoption fee", we are not told if that is the full adoption fee, or a small percentage. Furthermore, the report states that Best Friends will house a total average of only 50 dogs and cats combined. That does not make a dent in our overcrowding. Moreover, to adopt that number Best Friends will have to cherry-pick their animals like spcaLA with Madeline Bernstein in Long Beach's nightmare. In other words, Best Friends will shine (and earn donations) like spcaLA does at the expense of LAAS evolving into the same killing machine that Long Beach shelter is known for.

You cannot give up a \$19 million shelter with this kind of ambiguity. Northeast Valley shelter cost city taxpayers \$19 million to build under proposition F. Proposition F was voter approved and paid because this low income area was in desperate need of a city shelter to assist them with animal care and for public safety reasons. Now their Proposition F investment is being given away to Best Friends, leaving them without a shelter or hope of their expected public safety or emergency services for up to 7 years, and without their spent \$19 million.

Point being, Best Friends is asking us to sign and endorse a product that we have no details on and one that simple addition does not add up to lower kill rates. No matter what Best Friends is proposing, using Northeast Valley shelter will not result in saving lives. On the contrary, Best Friends' takeover will force our already overcrowded shelters to operate in even tighter quarters by reducing 7 shelters to 6.

In conclusion, I thought City Council is supposed to be to be getting more fiscally responsible. How can City Council possibly approve a contract that gives a way a \$19 million city taxpayer asset with a contract that says nothing about prices to be charged to city residence? For \$19,000,000 Los Angeles taxpayers will not be getting what they bargained and paid for, and LAAS overcrowding will increase with consequential faster and higher killing rates.

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What do we really know about the impact this proposal will have on the record numbers of animals coming into the shelters? Their plan is to take in a limit of 50 animals and maintain a "No-Kill" policy. We all know there are record numbers of animals coming into our shelters, so, I can only presume there will be a "Closed Door" (not No-Kill) Admission policy. Space is limited and volume is overwhelming. This means some dogs and cats will be admitted and some will not. Bear in mind this shelter was built in district 7 because the need was so great. They continue to be one of the biggest contributors to the intake population. We still need a fully functioning public shelter there. Currently this facility has housed a number of at risk animals: evidence, pregnant mamas and medical. These animals are already being moved into the other overcrowded shelters like this is a done deal. Guess what? Animals need to be killed to make room.

The City Council meeting is tomorrow, Friday August 12 at 10 am. Please let all the Council members know we need more time to study the overall impact of handing over operations to a private entity. Let them know that you want more input on the Alternative 4 study (Keeping the shelter publicly owned and fully functional). Experts in administration are starting to weigh in and feel key components are missing from the study and the conclusions are flawed as a result. We need time to weigh all the facts and explore all the alternatives. We also need to reopen the bidding. I know of at least one other party who is interested in pursuing a partnership with the city. The animals are counting on us to ask questions. Here is the link to read the proposal and the supporting documents:

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PLEASE consider the repercussions of such a bad decision by our city

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Ed Boks:

Turning over a \$14M city facility to BF would be a monumental mistake.

If LA does give BF this gem it should only be on condition that BF only gets the most difficult animals to adopt.

LAAS doesn't need help adopting out the cute dogs. I left LAAS the number one pet adoption agency in the world and the numbers have only declined since I left. This scam will drive the numbers further down and make LAAS look like a slaughter house while making Best Friends look like heroes. This is stupid and hurtful to the animals on so many levels.

# Fwd: Item 11-1345: Oppose the giveaway of the tax paid North East animal shelter

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**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 2:19 PM**

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\*Thank You in advance for Saving a life!

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Sincerely,\*

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From: **kim sill** <[kimsill123@gmail.com](mailto:kimsill123@gmail.com)>

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# Yes on Best Friends running the North East Valley Shelter.

1 message

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Good afternoon to the esteemed Council Members, all...

my name is Jf Pryor, and I have worked in rescue in Los Angeles County for the last ten years. I have run two non-profit 501c3, and well know the work that Best Friends does locally. as well as nationwide.

I think everyone became aware of Best Friends when they took in the victims of Michael Vick's horrific raid, and worked diligently to rehabilitate those poor, tormented dogs. Post rehab, they placed them into loving foster or permanent care. So much for those that content that they only wish for cute, fluffy dogs. Any org that does that kind of work, and wishes to introduce Los Angeles - with the help if LAAS - to the notion of a no-kill shelter, should be applauded, encouraged, and welcomed...not help back due to misplaced egos, radical insecurities/jealousies, and faulty perceptions.

Yes. Please.

Let them continue to help, and be based out of this amazing, shuttered facility.  
thank you kindly for thinking of animals, over select human egos, in your vote.

be well.  
Jf Pryor



# Northeast Valley shelter - VOTE "NO"

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Dear Council members,

Please vote NO on the Northeast Valley Shelter takeover until all options have been looked at.

This takeover will kill many more dogs in our shelters.

Please look at all the facts before making a decision.

Thank you  
Steve Spiro

# REMEMBER: The city can open up the NEV shelter...

1 message

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**olivia barrymore** <oliviabarrymore1@gmail.com>

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 3:04 PM**

To: oliviabarrymore1@gmail.com

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Do not buy into the propaganda. It just needs proper negotiating. There is nothing confusing or difficult about it.

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The City's proposed rent-free/utilities-paid, three-year gift of use of the \$19-million bond-funded Northeast Valley shelter as a private adoption center by Best Friends Animal Society--an organization with which Barnette has had a long association, and an item scheduled for City Council vote on August 12 and continued to August 16?

[http://www.opposingviews.com/i/is-mayor-villaraigosa-sacrificing-an-l-a-animal-shelter'](http://www.opposingviews.com/i/is-mayor-villaraigosa-sacrificing-an-l-a-animal-shelter)

While Animal Services officers struggled to minimize the suffering of severely injured wildlife without the firearms required for humane field euthanasia, Best Friends—which reported a 2009 income of \$51 million--held an August 6 event in West Hollywood for “No More Homeless Pets.” GM Barnette and Animal Services Commissioner Terri Macellaro are listed on the Steering Committee, along with others who testified for this proposal at the August 12 meeting.

The invitation was sent to a select group of L.A. animal-rescuers and proclaims, “We have come together to give you funding incentives...” Reportedly this includes \$100 per animal a rescuer takes from an L.A. City shelter and adopts to a home, above the rescuer's prior-year adoption total.

<http://content.bestfriends.org/vo/?FileID=3ee5fae1-32e5-4906-9bb5-9b1fe85c062f&m=d483b340054c8e46a079e66b2b2870fb&MailID=19929272>

Then on August 10 a Best Friends' e-mail was sent, entitled, “Contact your city council member and ask them to support Best Friends.” It reads, “Please take a moment to contact your city council member and ask him or her to support Best Friends' proposal to operate the North East Valley shelter...”

<http://newsletter.bestfriends.org/t/20372746/93179620/54535507/0/?c4e129f6=SG>

Why Would Barnette Want to Give Away Our Shelter?

At the August 12 hearing, the City Council considered the Best Friends takeover of the Northeast Valley shelter to create an adoption center for about 50 of the most desirable pets selected from other City animal shelters. The Council wanted to postpone the item to September. Ms. Barnette told them that without Best Friends, animals will die. She estimated in a “the-sky-is-falling” presentation that at least 240 animals would be euthanized during a 30-day continuation of this item.

She failed to mention that up to 15,000 animals, or about 50% of the impounds per year which overcrowd the East and West Valley shelters, are from the Northeast Valley service area. This expedites euthanasia of thousands of animals because of limited shelter capacity. These pets could be held longer and have a much better chance for adoption if the Northeast Valley shelter is opened by the City even at reduced hours.

This is not necessarily just an animal issue; it is a management issue. Giving away a shelter will only make it worse. Moving the most desirable pets to the proposed Best Friends adoption center will discourage adopters from visiting their local shelter.

Barnette also ignored that the Northeast Valley shelter was constructed with equine and livestock-keeping capabilities specifically to meet the needs of a uniquely rural area. These facilities were intentionally NOT incorporated into the East or West Valley shelters construction, because these shelters were never intended to operate without each other.

The Northeast Valley animal shelter has the potential to hold up to 900 animals of all species. It serves a large low-income area with a huge and dangerous problem created by stray and packing dogs, especially pit bulls. Increased animal control in the community and a closer location for relinquishments, stray-animal acceptance and redemption of lost pets is critical to residents and animals.

#### Why Is Northeast Valley Being Treated Differently?

The Northeast Valley should NOT be treated differently from any other area of Los Angeles. Much of its population is hard-working, lower-income families who do not have the time nor resources to attend meetings and organizing efforts to save their shelter. They should not be punished for this. NO other area of the City faces a give-away of its animal shelter.

The limited adoptions and education programs proposed by Best Friends Animal Society do NOT constitute the full public services badly needed and provide NO additional animal control field services to this under-served community which is, and will continue, paying its share of the Prop. F \$154 million, bonded indebtedness for many years.

#### Gift of Public Funds?

In the opinion of an increasing number of Los Angeles taxpayers, the proposed contract with Best Friends Animal Sanctuary constitutes a gift of public funds and possibly indicates that Proposition F was a misrepresentation to the voters.

The 2000 Prop. F. Ballot clearly states: “The number of animal shelters—6 for the entire City—does not meet the health care requirements set by the State.”

If this is not true--if the Northeast Valley shelter, which is shelter #7-- is NOT needed to meet State health requirements by housing stray animals from that community, then the \$19 million paid by property owners for this shelter should be refunded.

A member of the legal community questioned whether this is a misrepresentation of law or a misuse of resources by the City—or both.

#### Keeping Our Shelter

Because at least 50% (about 15,000 per year) of the animals at the East and West Valley shelters come from the service area of the Northeast Valley, opening this shelter at least four days a week would decrease the need for staffing and resources at both those shelters and also reduce their budgets. The combined savings, plus an effective licensing program, would support services at the Northeast shelter (both dogs and horses are licensed by LA City.)

By equitably dividing shelter budgets, the Northeast Valley shelter could enable thousands of animals to be saved by a longer hold period, rather than being euthanized for time and space.

Hopefully, the Los Angeles City Council has the clarity to see through the media drama and remember that Los Angeles MUST provide ALL care needed and promised for homeless animals.

And, hopefully, more Los Angeles City and Valley residents will contact their representatives by August 16, 2011, and demand what they are paying for.

Animal care and control by the City is not an option but a State mandate. We must pick up stray animals and provide rabies control. This is a core service!

L.A. Animals Services' staff has continued to provide these core services through disasters, budget cuts, activist attacks and a series of incompetent managers.

Brenda Barnette was hired to run all the City shelters, including the Northeast Valley. It appears she is not considering options to fulfill her employment obligation.

Why is Barnette so determined to give away our shelter to Best Friends?

# Proposed contract between LAAS and BFAS (on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting)

1 message

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August 15, 2011

To: Ms. Patrice Lattimore, Legislative Assistant to the Los Angeles City Clerk

From: Taimie Bryant, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law

RE: Proposed contract between LAAS and Best Friends Animal Society

I am writing to you and to the Los Angeles City Council as a resident of Los Angeles and as a professor at UCLA Law School where I teach courses on animal law and on tax-exempt organizations. I do not purport to represent the University of California or UCLA. Instead, the views expressed herein are based on my experience and knowledge of two fields with relevance to the proposal to contract with Best Friends Animal Society (BFAS) so that the Northeast Animal Care Center can be used for the benefit of the animals of Los Angeles and the people who care about animals or who care about reducing our City expenditures for the killing of animals in our shelters.

As a professor of animal law, I am supportive of the partnership proposal between LAAS and BFAS because nationally we see lower kill rates when government entities collaborate with private sector entities, such as for-profit veterinarians and nonprofit organizations such as rescue groups. The City of Los Angeles cannot afford to do all that could be done through a partnership, and not entering into the partnership will virtually guarantee more (expensive) killing, which is a terrible and demoralizing cost burden.

As a professor of tax-exempt organization law, I am also supportive of the partnership because of the quality of BFAS as a stable, successful tax-exempt organization known for helping communities and individuals find solutions to the many problems that concern companion animals. As reported in the Chronicle of Philanthropy on March 30, 2011, BFAS (and Susan G. Komen for the Cure) were ranked as "two of the most trusted nonprofit name brands in the country," based on a 2011 Harris Poll Equitrend study. BFAS has built that reputation by delivering value in the types of services it offers to animals and to the people who care about them. Donors and members of the animal protection community painstakingly scrutinize animal protection organizations and will not support organizations they believe are unstable or badly run. BFAS enjoys broad support, and that support will stand the City of Los Angeles in good stead. BFAS already has a presence in Los Angeles, running many successful programs and events here. The landscape is well-known to BFAS, and the organization can "hit the ground running" in the direction of reducing our shelter kill rate.

In his report of August 2, 2011, Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer, describes specific and limited activities that BFAS will undertake during a limited three year contract. It is a modest proposal, BFAS has considerable experience in doing exactly those activities, and BFAS is willing to use organizational assets (including financial) to offer the City of Los Angeles a much-needed assist during extremely difficult economic times. A three-year contract with BFAS even during good economic times would be justified based on the amount of expertise that BFAS is in a position to share with administrators in LAAS.

Also in Mr. Santana's report is a description of alternatives and the process by which the contract proposal with BFAS came about. It appears from the report that the contract with BFAS is the most reasonable

alternative for use of the Northeast Animal Care Center and that sufficient procedural safeguards were employed.

As a resident of Los Angeles I have been encouraged by the steps taken by the City, including the hiring of LAAS General Manager Brenda Barnette, to move the City effectively in the direction of less shelter killing. Given the national stature and reputation of BFAS, I think that we should be proud of this opportunity. It is to our considerable benefit that BFAS believes in us: in the people of Los Angeles, the officials of Los Angeles, and the managers of LAAS. I cannot imagine that BFAS would undertake a project here if they could not be sure of providing a truly valuable and valued service.

# I oppose the shelter take over by Best Friends

1 message

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kim sill <kimsill123@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 3:23 PM

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*Dear Council member,*

*I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process.*

Dog Bless,

Kim Sill

[D Cups Saving Tea Cups](#)

"I have never rescued an animal, they have always rescued me."



# I oppose the Best Friends Shelter Takeover!

1 message

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Demetra Canning <demetracanning77@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:07 PM

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Thank you,  
Demetra Canning

# Vote

1 message

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**KlopOut1@aol.com <KlopOut1@aol.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:36 PM**

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**Karen Klopfenstein**  
**9009 Rangely Ave**  
**LA, CA 90048**

# I oppose the Best Friends proposal

1 message

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**kirk canning <kirk@division13.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:38 PM**

To: kirk canning <kirk@division13.com>

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thanks

-kirk canning

# OPPOSED!

1 message

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**Christine Wheelis <CWheelis@gkind.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:43 PM**

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# From a journalist: Best Friends shelter deal not what taxpayers were promised

1 message

Susan Reynolds <northsidesf@mac.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:48 PM

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I am the editor in chief of a newspaper and a magazine in San Francisco specializing in animals and animal rescue. My 2009 investigative cover story, "How the San Francisco SPCA let us down," caused the president, vice president and much of the board at the organization to step down. While I am a fan of Best Friends, I am not a fan of this deal. I plan to follow it closely and write about it (we receive over 200,000 hits a week online and our print editions reach over 100,000 readers). Here's the problem as I see it:

This deal was done very "quietly" and the bidding was not open.

\$19 million from taxpayers was collected from Prop F -- choosing Best Friends would mean you are defaulting on your promises to produce a "fully functioning" shelter.

Best Friends says it will take in only 50 animals from other LA shelters, despite a capacity for 300 animals. As an expert in the area of rescue, I also know they plan to "cherry pick," a term used for highly visible shelters like Best Friends who go to other shelters and pick "the cute and fluffy" animals they can adopt out the easiest --- leaving behind the vast majority of animals to die.

The shelter won't be open to the public -- this is a neighborhood that desperately needs a full service shelter with low cost spay and neuter programs and educational/community based programs. How will that work with a shelter that isn't open to the public?

I hope you will keep your promise to the taxpaying public on Prop. F and take more time -- and more bids -- on this project. I will be watching...

Susan Dyer Reynolds  
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[www.northsidesf.com](http://www.northsidesf.com)  
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**Jasmine Blue's Tails of the Dog Park**  
*How a throwaway pit bull rescued her rescuer*  
[http://www.northsidesf.com/archives/archive\\_jasmineblue.html](http://www.northsidesf.com/archives/archive_jasmineblue.html)

**"Pet Tales," San Francisco Chronicle: Jazzy halts flow of tears with toys and tenacity**  
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/12/07/DDV61GJFEE.DTL>

# Best Friends proposal

1 message

Christina Lublin <christina.lublin@mphent.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:54 PM

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I urge you to oppose the current Best Friends proposal to take over the North East Animal shelter. This proposal does not fulfill the spirit of Proposition F which clearly promised taxpayers a fully functioning animal shelter to the very needy District 7 in Los Angeles. Currently about 50% of the impounds per year which overcrowd the East and West Valley shelters, are from the Northeast Valley District 7. This expedites the destruction of thousands of animals because of limited shelter capacity. These pets could be held longer and have a much better chance for adoption if the Northeast Valley shelter is opened by the City even at reduced hours.

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There is no good reason to rush to give the shelter to Best Friends. Best Friends proposal only calls for 50 animals (despite the capacity for 300) to be cherry picked out of the LAAS shelters. No admission from the public would be allowed, which this shelter was designed to serve. The posted analysis of Alternative 4 on Item 11-45 is flawed due to missing data. This alternative is the option of having Animal Regulation operate the shelter at full capacity. Experts in the field of shelter administration are weighing in that Alternative 4 must be reopened and missing data needs to be included.

Best Friends claim that the shelter was empty anyway, is categorically false. There were indeed a great many animals housed there. Evidence dogs, medical animals and pregnant mothers. Transports were being staged from there as well. In the last 2 weeks Brenda Barnette (the shelter manager) quietly moved the animals from the Northeast shelter, into the other already overcrowded LAAS shelters. Animals were killed to make room. The shelter staff is very upset and does not support the Best Friends takeover or Brenda Barnette's push to give it away. The staff are firmly committed to running the shelter and will do what it takes to open it to the public.

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This is not about Best Friends or an affront to them. It's about a promise to taxpayers that they would receive a fully functioning shelter where it was needed most. So far that promise has not been fulfilled. \$19 million of our hard earned tax dollars were collected from Proposition F.

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***I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process.***

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Thank you,

Christina

Christina Lublin

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# Oppose Best Friends proposal

1 message

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Gail Renga <gailrenga@hotmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:55 PM

To: Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed! Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process!!

Thank you,

Gail Eatherly

Santa Barbara, CA



# Shelter Giveaway

1 message

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**Denise Larkin <deniselarkin57@gmail.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 4:55 PM**

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Dear Council Members:

I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process. I think the following article clearly states why a Best Friends takeover of the shelter is NOT a good idea. <http://www.opposingviews.com/i/society/animal-rights/brenda-barnette-la-animal-shelter-giveaway-best-friends-gift-public-funds>

Thank you for your time.

Denise Larkin

San Diego, CA

# I oppose Best Friends Shelter Takeover!

1 message

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eb <ez4me2day@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 5:04 PM

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***Live well, laugh hard, & love dearly,  
Ellen***

# Please distribute this letter to City of Los Angeles Council Members before tomorrow's meeting...

1 message

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**Mignon Marks** <info@calseia.org>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 5:39 PM

To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Cc: Cecilia Aguillon <Cecilia.Aguillon@kyocera.com>

Hello Ms. Lattimore,

Would you please distribute the attached letter to all members of the Los Angeles City Council on behalf of CALSEIA? The letter relates to Agenda Item #62, Changes to the Solar Incentive Program Guidelines, for the Supplemental Agenda for August 16, 2011.

Thank you!

Mignon Marks

Executive Director

California Solar Energy Industries Association

916-747-6987



**CALSEIA Letter to City Council August 15 2011.pdf**

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August 15, 2011

Honorable Council Member Ed Reyes  
Honorable Council Member Paul Krekorian  
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Honorable Council Member Eric Garcetti  
Honorable Council Member Jose Huizar

(Sent via e-mail to Patrice Lattimore, <Patrice.Lattimore@lacity.org>)

Dear Council Members:

The California Solar Energy Industries Association (CALSEIA) urges you to approve changes to the Solar Incentive Program (SIP) Guidelines, which were proposed by the Department of Water and Power (DWP) and then approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners on August 2, 2011.

CALSEIA supports implementing these changes to the program, because the priority is restarting the SIP on September 1, 2011. CALSEIA member-companies were hurt by the SIP's suspension in April. They want to get back to work as soon as possible, selling and installing solar PV systems in the LADWP service territory. Please reject any motion that would delay re-opening this program.

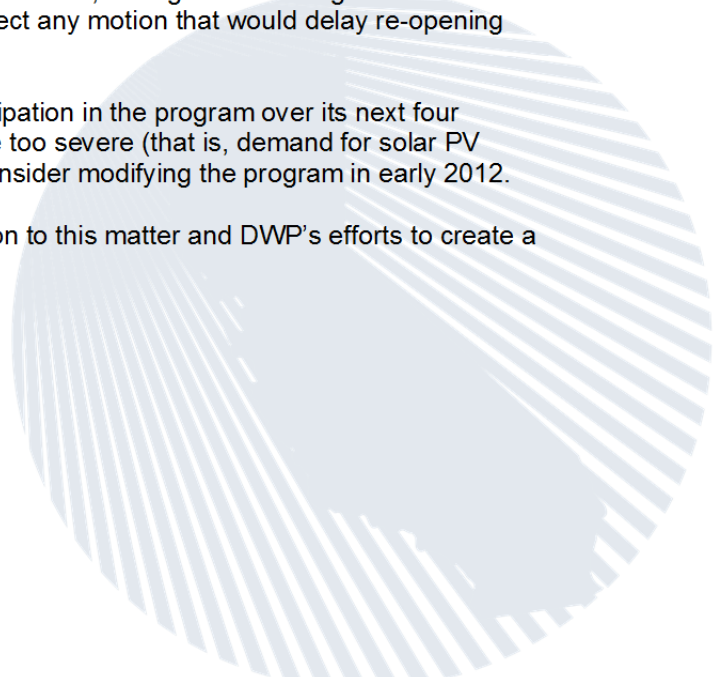
CALSEIA urges LADWP to monitor customer participation in the program over its next four months of operation. If the proposed changes prove too severe (that is, demand for solar PV systems stops), then CALSEIA urges LADWP to consider modifying the program in early 2012.

CALSEIA appreciates City Council's prompt attention to this matter and DWP's efforts to create a sustainable SIP program in its service territory.

Sincerely,



Mignon Marks  
Executive Director



# PLEASE DO NOT LET BF TAKE OVER SHELTER

1 message

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please do not let BF take over North East Animal Shelter PLEASE

# Opposition to Best Friends proposal to take over the NE Valley animal shelter

1 message

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**Robin Skov <angel\_paws@sbcglobal.net>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 5:40 PM**

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I am writing to express my opposition to the Best Friends proposal to take over the Northeast Valley animal shelter as it is currently written and am asking instead for the fully functioning shelter we, as taxpayers, were promised under Proposition F. \$19 million was collected under Prop F to open another fully functioning animal shelter that would serve the Northeast Valley. If that is not going to happen, then the money needs to be given back to the taxpayers immediately. The Best Friends option is NOT to run a fully functioning shelter. They will house far fewer animals than the shelter can accommodate and will only accept animals from other shelters. This is unacceptable and I, as a taxpayer who votes in every single election, will remember this come election time. Our government officials need to honor the promises made to their constituents and the promise of Prop F was to open a city staffed, fully functioning animal shelter. Not to have an animal welfare group take over the shelter my tax dollars built to use it for their own agenda.

# Best Friends Proposal for North East Animal shelter

1 message

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veronica ferrantelli <veronica.ferrantelli@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: veronica ferrantelli <veronica.ferrantelli@yahoo.com>  
To: Veronica Ferrantelli <veronica.ferrantelli@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 6:08 PM

Dear Council Members,

I oppose the **Best Friends**  
**proposal for the**

**North East Animal shelter**

**as written**

**and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the  
taxpayers be reimbursed.**

Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open  
the bidding process.

A tax paying citizen,

Veronica Ferrantelli

# North East Animal Shelter

1 message

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**Mary Leonard <maryleonardinteriors@gmail.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 6:52 PM**

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> I find it unnecessary to reiterate the many valid arguments being made against handing the North East Animal Shelter  
> over to Best Friends without due diligence. You have been provided clear and concise facts that need to be  
> addressed before any decisions are finalized. Clearly, the people did not intend this outcome when voting in favor  
> of  
> Proposition F. I would like for each of you to locate one constituent who believes allocating funding for the  
> protection  
> and saving of animals should translate into providing less care and accessibility, not only in an area where the need  
> is  
> so great, but throughout Los Angeles. At the very least, your vote should be delayed so this issue can receive the  
> attention  
> and consideration it deserves.  
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> Thank you.  
>  
> Mary Leonard  
> 672 Elkins Road  
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# Verdict Out On Best Friends IS THIS A TAKEOVER

1 message

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Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 7:20 PM

To: councilmember.reyes@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, Dennis.Zine@lacity.org, Zman8910@aol.com, tom.labonge@lacity.org, tony.cardenas@lacity.org, richard.alarcon@lacity.org, councilmember.parks@lacity.org, jan.perry@lacity.org, wesson.hj@lacity.org, bill.rosendahl@lacity.org, eric.garcetti@lacity.org, jose.huizar@lacity.org, michael.delarocha@lacity.org, Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org, doug.tripp@lacity.org, Jeffrey.Ebenstein@lacity.org, trudie.abraham@lacity.org, John.Gregory@lacity.org, jose.sigala@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, stacy.bellew@lacity.org, Brian.Perry@lacity.org, Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, saeed.ali@lacity.org, councildistrict15@lacity.org

I think more time should be spent making this decision.

Why doesn't Best Friends just open their own sanctuary here, they are rich enough.

They are a for profit corporation. Half of their board gets paid as do over four hundred of their employees. Yet they want to take over one of our few shelters.

Why? To what purpose do they want one of our shelters?

They have offered us, a rescue, \$100.00 for each of our dogs if we share our mailing list with them. HUH???

There are too many questions that need answers.

Please vote **NO** until we, the taxpayers, have all the answers.

Barbara Gale  
30724 Lakefront Dr.  
Agoura Hills, Ca. 91301  
818 874-9444  
SCGRRescue

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There is an Indian legend which says:

"When a human dies there is a bridge they must cross to enter into heaven. At the head of that bridge waits every animal that human encountered during their lifetime. The animals, based upon what they know of this person, decide which humans may cross the bridge...and which are turned away."

SPAY/NEUTER your animal companions, there are too many unwanted dogs and cats in this world ~~~~~ and most wind up dead!!!!

# Best Friends Vote

1 message

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Stevi Paul-Martin <stevipaul@mac.com>  
To: Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 7:33 PM

**I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process. Please vote NO.**  
Stephanie Martin

# Please OPPOSE Best Friends proposal to take over North East Valley Shelter

1 message

Rene Ruston <reneruston@me.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 7:36 PM

To: councilmember.reyes@lacity.org, Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, Dennis Zine <Dennis.Zine@lacity.org>, Dennis Zine <Zman8910@aol.com>, tom.labonge@lacity.org, tony.cardenas@lacity.org, richard.alarcon@lacity.org, councilmember.parks@lacity.org, jan.perry@lacity.org, wesson.hj@lacity.org, bill.rosendahl@lacity.org, eric.garcetti@lacity.org, jose.huizar@lacity.org, michael.delarocha@lacity.org, "councilmember.english@lacity.org" <Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org>, doug.tripp@lacity.org, Jeffrey.Ebenstein@lacity.org, trudie.abraham@lacity.org, John.Gregory@lacity.org, jose.sigala@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, stacy.bellew@lacity.org, Brian.Perry@lacity.org, "patrice.lattimore@lacity.org" <Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org>, Saeed Ali <saeed.ali@lacity.org>, councildistrict15@lacity.org

Taxpayers voted on a Bond Measure that insured a fully functioning shelter in an area of town that critically needs it. District 7. Never has the need been more great. \$19 million of our hard earned tax dollars were collected from Proposition F. If we allow our government officials and city managers to change the intention of these bond measures, then what good are they? We might as well vote NO on all bond measures from this day forward if their intention can be changed after the deal is done. That means no bond measure is worth the paper it's written on. We need more time to explore Alternative 4. There is flawed data in the analysis that may change the conclusions drawn.

Also need to cast a wider net to entice bids. I contacted one national group that has an office in town and they were unaware that bids had even been solicited.

Do not give away this critically needed shelter tomorrow. We need more time to explore the options now that the public is aware.

Sincerely

Rene Succa-Ruston  
Century 21 America  
Relocation Specialist  
Fine Homes and Estates  
(818) 522-7311

[\\$1000 to your favorite animal rescue at close of escrow!](#)

Board Member: [www.BrittanyFoundation.com](http://www.BrittanyFoundation.com)

VP Animal Alliance

- 70,000 puppies and kittens are born every day in the U.S.
- Between four million and six million pets are euthanized every year because they are homeless.
- That means between 11,000 and 16,000 pets are euthanized every day *simply because they are homeless.*
- An animal in a shelter is killed every 1.5 seconds.
- Only one animal in 10 born in the U.S. gets a good home that lasts a lifetime. \_

[Be Part of the Solution: Spay or Neuter your Pet.](#)

# NO TO BEST FRIENDS

1 message

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**Dawn Loryne <gsk9rescue@yahoo.com>**  
To: Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 7:45 PM**

I oppose the take over of Best Friends of the N/E Shelter. We need a fully functional shelter. The taxpayers voted for prop F for a reason. Don't let more animals die at the hands of Brenda

**Dawn Loryne** animal advocate

**German Shepherd Rescue of Orange and LA county** [www.gsroc.org](http://www.gsroc.org)

# Please oppose Best Friends take over...

1 message

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Jennifer Lee Pryor <jennifer@pryorsplanet.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 8:00 PM

To: Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process.

Jennifer Lee Pryor  
Director Pryor's Planet  
[www.pryorsplanet.com](http://www.pryorsplanet.com)

# Best Friends shelter takeover - PLEASE VOTE NO!!

1 message

nedarosa <nedarosa@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 8:04 PM

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**I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed.**  
**Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process.**

# Re: URGENT!! Item 11-1345: Opposing the giveaway of the tax paid North East animal shelter

1 message

**golly sunshine** <gollysunshine@yahoo.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 8:38 PM

To: golly sunshine <gollysunshine@yahoo.com>

I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written for 50 animals and want a shelter running at full capacity of 300 or I demand us taxpayers be reimbursed. I want Alternative 4 reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process if we need to go outside city management. I do not want my taxpayer money to be used to euthanize animals which could be given life with the 19 million allocated for them.

Thank you,  
Crystal Ann Taylor  
10861 Moorpark St. #209  
North Hollywood, CA 91602

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Crystal Ann Taylor

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# Vote NO on Best Friends Proposal for District 7

1 message

Karalyn Eckerle <[giants@socalgiantschnauzerrescue.org](mailto:giants@socalgiantschnauzerrescue.org)>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 9:17 PM

To: councilmember.reyes@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, Dennis.Zine@lacity.org, Zman8910@aol.com, tom.labonge@lacity.org, tony.cardenas@lacity.org, richard.alarcon@lacity.org, councilmember.parks@lacity.org, jan.perry@lacity.org, wesson.hj@lacity.org, bill.rosendahl@lacity.org, eric.garcetti@lacity.org, jose.huizar@lacity.org, michael.delarocha@lacity.org, Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org, doug.tripp@lacity.org, Jeffrey.Ebenstein@lacity.org, trudie.abraham@lacity.org, John.Gregory@lacity.org, jose.sigala@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, stacy.bellew@lacity.org, Brian.Perry@lacity.org, Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, saeed.ali@lacity.org, councildistrict15@lacity.org

As a rescue group which has worked with most of the shelters in Central and Southern California, we strongly oppose the proposal of Best Friends as written. What is needed is a shelter running at full capacity. Los Angeles area shelters are already full to overflowing and we network daily with rescue groups doing their best to pull and place dogs as appropriate. To close a shelter serving the Los Angeles/Valley area and District 7 is totally inappropriate.

Taxpayers were promised a fully operational and fully staffed shelter. Under the Best Friends proposal that will not be the case. In fact, it will be the total opposite. Funds were collected under Proposition F and under the Best Friends proposal, the promised services will not be delivered. It appears Alternative 4 was poorly handled. Documentation is woefully inadequate. The bidding process is suspect and one has to wonder how the terms of this matter could legally be changed after Proposition F was passed.

There is no need to rush into this matter and we strongly urge you to vote against approval of the Best Friends proposal. We oppose the Best Friends proposal as written. A shelter running at full capacity is what was funded and if that is not going to happen, taxpayers should be reimbursed. Furthermore, Alternative 4 needs to be revisited. The bidding process needs to be re-opened and fully publicized to allow for larger participation in an effort to provide what the people of District 7 voted for and expected -- a fully operational shelter facility!

Please vote NO on the Best Friends proposal.

Regards,

Karalyn Eckerle  
President  
Southern California Giant Schnauzer Rescue, Inc.

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# PLEASE CHOOSE THE HUMANE OPTION.....

1 message

Deborah Y Chew <catsmusic5@hotmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 9:23 PM

To: councilmember.reyes@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org, dennis.zine@lacity.org, zman8910@aol.com, tom.labonge@lacity.org, tony.cardenas@lacity.org, richard.alarcon@lacity.org, councilmember.parks@lacity.org, jan.perry@lacity.org, wesson.hj@lacity.org, bill.rosendahl@lacity.org, eric.garcetti@lacity.org, jose.huizar@lacity.org, michael.delarocha@lacity.org, councilmember.english@lacity.org, doug.tripp@lacity.org, jeffrey.ebenstein@lacity.org, trudie.abraham@lacity.org, john.gregory@lacity.org, jose.sigala@lacity.org, mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org, stacy.bellew@lacity.org, brian.perry@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, saeed.ali@lacity.org, councildistrict15@lacity.org

***Dear Council Members:***

***Please show that you are compassionate, well-educated leaders, and STOP the unnecessary killing of helpless shelter animals!!!!***

***I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process.***

***Thank you.***

***Deborah Y Chew, Teacher  
Los Angeles County***

***"Never, Never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our souls when we look the other way."***

***~ Martin Luther King Jr.***

**(no subject)**

1 message

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Lucinda <lucileea@llacpa.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 9:50 PM

To: jose.huizar@lacity.org

**I oppose the Best Friends proposal as written and want a shelter running at full capacity, or demand the taxpayers be reimbursed. Alternative 4 needs to be reopened and a wider net cast to open the bidding process.**

**Lucinda L. Ades, voter and taxpayer**

# Northeast Shelter

1 message

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Charlotte Hefti <violingal1@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 10:24 PM

To: Patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Lattimore,

I think it would be a huge mistake to give the Northeast Animal Shelter to Best Friends Rescue. They are only agreeing to handpick 50 of the "best" animals from the other shelters in the area.

This beautiful, multimillion dollar shelter is capable of housing 900 animals! This, to me equals 850 animals that will be euthanized unnecessarily a month.

It is incomprehensible that Brenda Barnette, who is on the steering committee for Best Friends, organized this "giveaway" of the Northeast shelter, without even getting a proposal from other reputable rescues. (i.e. Amanda Foundation, D Cups Saving Tea Cups, etc.) It is corruption, plain and simple. A gift to her own organization.

It is well known that the 50% of the animals that are in the East and West Valley shelters come from the Northeast area. Only allowing 50 dogs at a time in this shelter will overcrowd the others and cause senseless pet deaths.

I believe that the pool of available shelter money should be equally divided between ALL shelters (Northeast included).

There are other options, including offering volunteer opportunities to people in the community during these difficult financial times.

The residents in the Northeast area deserve to have their own shelter.

It is only fair and equitable, and, I believe a proper use of the Measure F funds.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Best,

Charlotte Hefti

310-505-6765

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Most people have the will to win, few have the will to prepare to win. -Bobby Knight

# Vote re: Mission Hills LA Shelter

1 message

**Bruce Greenspan <soundguy61@mac.com>**

**Mon, Aug 15, 2011 at 11:21 PM**

To: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, councilmember.reyes@lacity.org, councilmember.zine@lacity.org, councilmember.LaBonge@lacity.org, councilmember.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.cardenas@lacity.org, councilmember.parks@lacity.org, councilmember.perry@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.rosendahl@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.garcetti@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councildistrict15@lacity.org, saeed.ali@lacity.org

Dear Council Member(s)

My name is Bruce Greenspan  
and I am a resident of Malibu CA.

It has come to my attention that there is a vote before you offering the Mission Hills LA Shelter, one of the nicest of the shelters, to Best Friends to run as an adoption center and spay/neuter clinic.

I have nothing to gain by opposing this decision, but the animals and residents of LA do, most importantly the animals.

Best Friends is not a best friend to the LA Shelters namely because they will not take in strays from the areas, nor will they take in the animals at greatest risk from the remaining 6 shelters, instead they will choose the most available animals and cause a burden on the other shelters, leaving them with pets that no one wants.

The greatest hope shelters have is the traffic generated by highly adoptable animals, once they are gone and at a separate facility, so will be the foot traffic that saves lives.

Please consider this closely. There are other options that can serve the residents of this community and save more lives of LA City Pets.

Best regards,  
Bruce Greenspan