

North East animal shelter

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North East Animal Shelter Takeover

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the impending takeover by the North East Animal Shelter. This shelter should remain open to the public and be used to its capacity of 300 animals, not 50. In these days & times, it is terrible to waste any resources we have to house the deluge of pets that are entering our shelter system and irresponsible to put additional stress on the neighboring shelter who are typically overwhelmed with animals as it is. The public paid for this shelter and \$19 million was collected to run this shelter (Proposition F). Please ensure that our tax dollars are used responsibly for the purpose they were collected - to shelter homeless pets.

Best,

Andie Brokaw
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1 message

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Save a life. Adopt a shelter pet

NEV takeover: loss of funding, loss of life, disrespect for LAAS supporters

2 messages

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With Nancy Heigl, Teri Austin and Lori Weise, LAAS has had three incredible benefactors providing millions of dollars, effective organizations and tireless advocacy for the city's animals with tireless dedication for years. These three women are the kind of women most CEOs would treat with extreme dignity and utmost respect. Not Brenda Barnette.

The process Barnette used in making sure Best Friends would get the Northeast Valley shelter also made sure that none of these three women found out about the opportunity in time to make a competitive bid. Each of the three women would have done so. Once Barnette found out, she could have taken action to reopen the bid period so they could compete. Barnette did not do that.

Now we have lost Nancy Heigl's Foundation's paying for every spay/neuter for New Hope adoptions. New Hope partners adopted out approximately 9,900 year to date, and approximately 75% of those animals were unaltered, so Nancy Heigl's Heigl Foundation generously covered the New Hope partners' fees for the spay/neuter. Nancy Heigl's generosity provided about \$300,000 per year for about three years of New Hope spays and neuters, not to mention the thousands of dollars Heigl Foundation donated to make transports possible that have taken hundreds of animals out of LAAS shelters and on their way to new lives. It was only because of Heigl Foundation's financial support that the transports were able to occur.

Teri Austin, founder of the Amanda Foundation, is a pioneer of mobile spay/neuter, dedicated to providing this needed service to Los Angeles residents. Teri also does an amazing job with outreach into the all of the most challenging communities of our city. She has dedicated her life and every penny she has to make sure that spay/neuter is made available where it is needed most, throughout the city. Her efforts have prevented the births of more animals than a mathematician could count.

Lori Weise is founder and director of Downtown Dog Rescue. She makes astonishing efforts to keep the hardest animals out of LAAS shelters, providing them with training, spay/neuter and medical care, and even helping their owners. Lori Weise also has a large team of hardworking and dedicated volunteers who believe in Lori and dedicate their time to accomplish the Downtown Dog Rescue's mission possible.

To all of you, Nancy, Teri and Lori, thank you for everything you have done for the city and its animals up to this point. You deserve an apology for how Brenda treated you in City Council today, including her implication that Nancy Heigl lacks experience to deserve making a bid, and insinuating that Teri Austin and Lori Weise lack the funding to deserve to even make a bid.

Now LAAS has lost the Heigl Foundation's generous support. She is not funding any New Hope spay/neuter anymore. That happened on August 9th, the same day as the announcement that Best Friends was slated to take over the Northeast Valley shelter. Coincidence? After Nancy Heigl's dedicated support for three years, it is strange that she pulled out the day the Best Friends takeover was announced. When it happened, Brenda Barnette again demonstrated her deceptiveness. She sent a plain note to New Hope partners on August 9th attributing her loss of Heigl's support for our animals, blandly describing it to the Foundation Board's change of focus. We can put two and two

together, Brenda. And we can remember each time we write our \$40 checks that Heigl Foundation for spay/neuter that Heigl Foundation isn't covering anymore. Heigl Foundation's support was the reason many animals were saved. Now that money is gone.

So is the money for transports that had saved hundreds of animals a year and was 100% funded by the Heigl Foundation.

Brenda Barnette was sitting in City Council today blatantly lying and avoiding questions, and sabotaging the chance that anyone including LAAS employees could get a chance at operating the Northeast Valley shelter. Barnette was asked three times about which animals would suffer with the Best Friends takeover. Councilmembers asked about quarantine animals time and time again. Each time, Barnette corrected them and said "Transport" animals. That is not a correction, it is a lie. We all know evidence animals, hospital animals and mamas with litters have been being housed at Northeast Valley. You continually corrected them Brenda, as if those animals do not exist. The truth is that the collateral damage is not limited to transport animals. It will be the 1,100 to 1,200 more evidence animals, sick animals in quarantine, and mom and pups and kittens who can't be house at Northeast Valley now that Best Friends is taking over. These animals will have no place to go but to East Valley shelter (in Cardenas' District). As it is, East Valley already carries the burden of Council District 7's animals that are supposed to go to Northeast Valley shelter, by having to take in 4,000 of CD 7's animals. Now with this takeover, 1,100 to 1,200 more will now be added on top of the 4000. These combined 5,000 animals coming out of the Northeast Valley area will be going mostly to East Valley shelter, with some to the other overcrowded LAAS shelters which also have no room for them. 5,000 extra animals forced into already overcrowded shelters means the death of that many animals at LAAS to make space for them.

Best Friends says it will save 3,000 at Northeast Valley shelter. While 5,000 from the Northeast Valley area have nowhere to go.

Brenda Barnette promised us she was good at building a donor base. A million dollar donor leaves the same day the Best Friends takeover is announced.

There are no words.

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I oppose Best Friends take over of shelter

1 message

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Thank you,

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