

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 11-1678-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President Martinez and Los Angeles City Councilmembers, On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), I respectfully urge you to support Council File 11-1678-S3, which has been presented by Councilmember Koretz. The proposal requires certain Los Angeles facilities and concessionaires to offer plant-based protein options. As you have heard from numerous other organizations, a public shift towards diets that emphasize plants over animal products would have profound benefits for human health, the environment, and animals:

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Sincerely, Sabrina D. Ashjian California State Director



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