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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST-
COPIES OF E-MAILS AND OTHER RECORDS PRODUCED/RECEIVED BY JIM BICKHART OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ON THE
MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO USE \$52,000 FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND TO PAY FOR THE PREPARATION OF CEQA
DOCUMENTATION FOR L.A. ANIMAL SERVICES' PROPOSED "CAT PROGRAM"

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I formally ask for a copy of the following, which I understand to be held by your agency:

- (1) Any and all records regarding the subject issue, from January 2012 and inclusive of the date of response to this request, which are from, sent to, transmitted by, or prepared by or on behalf of Antonio Villaraigosa or Jim Bickhart of the Office of Mayor in regard to authorizing the Los Angeles Animal Services Department or the Mayor or the Los Angeles City Council to use \$52,000 from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (charitable fund) to pay for the preparation of CEQA documentation for the L.A. Animal Services Proposed "Cat Program" or any other program.
- (2) Any and all records regarding solicitation, offer, receipt, commitment of moneys to fund the \$52,000 to be used by LAAS for such CEQA documentation; any request for proposal, inquiry, documents, responses that established this cost (\$52,000); and any inquiries, responses, preliminary or final contracting arrangements with any other City department or outside vendor in regard to the provision of such services transmitted by any means from or to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa or any representative of the Mayor's office from/to the General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services or any member of the Los Angeles Board of Animal Service Commissioners, City Attorney or any other legal counsel, department management, staff or other employee or representative, OR any member of the public, donor, or organization in regard to this issue.
- (3) Any and all records regarding the opinion of the City Attorney's office on the use of funds from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to conduct environmental analysis.
- (4) Any and all records from January 2012 and inclusive of the date of response to this request, which are from, sent to, transmitted by, or prepared by or on behalf of Antonio Villaraigosa or Jim Bickhart of the Office of Mayor in regard to the legal case Urban Wildlands Group v. City of Los Angeles, or the injunction in place resulting from that case, whether or not the case is named exactly (e.g., may be called "the environmentalist lawsuit," "Audubon lawsuit," "the injunction," "TNR injunction," etc.).

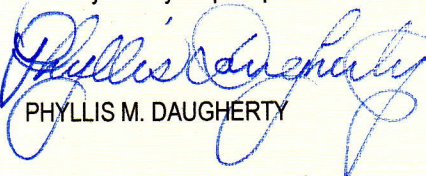
This request for records encompasses but is not limited to e-mail correspondence and attachments, invitations to and records of meetings in regard to the request for, discussion of, or receipt of money (donated or otherwise), City Attorney's opinion, or any other communication regarding the amount of \$52,000 from the AWTF to fund a CEQA for the City's Proposed "Cat Program," which appeared on the agenda of the Board of Animal Services Commissioners on August 14, 2012 and on the agenda of the Los Angeles City Council Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee on October 2, 2012, as Council File No. CF 12-1508.

I ask for a determination on this request within TEN (10) days of your receipt of it, and an even prompter reply if you can make that determination without having to review the record[s] in question.

If you deem that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you redact it for the time being and make the rest available as requested. In any event, please provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on which you rely if you determine that any or all of the information is exempt and will not be disclosed.

If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me at (213) 413-2367. I am sending a copy of this letter to your legal advisor to help encourage a speedy determination, and I would likewise be happy to discuss my request with him at any time.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.


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