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Attn: William Carter, Chief Deputy City Attorney

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST-**

**COPIES OF E-MAILS AND OTHER RECORDS REGARDING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION ON THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO USE \$52,000 FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND TO PAY FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE REGARDING L.A. ANIMAL SERVICES' PROPOSED "CAT PROGRAM" OR ANY OTHER 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 2011 and inclusive of the date of this request, which are from, sent to, transmitted by, or prepared by the office of the City Attorney of the City of Los Angeles and/or any deputy, staff member or contract employees therein in regard to any opinion—formal or informal--on the matter of 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 to pay for the preparation of an Environmental Clearance regarding L.A. Animal Services Proposed "Cat Program" or any other program.

(2) Any and all records regarding such City Attorney's opinion 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, department management, staff or other employee or representative, OR any member of the public, donor or organization in regard to a City Attorney's opinion on the subject issue.

This request is submitted pursuant to General Manager Brenda Barnette's testimony before both the LAAS Commission meeting and the Los Angeles City Council Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee that such City Attorney opinion exists.

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 a City Attorney's opinion on the above issue 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.

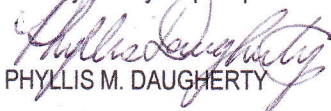
I ask for a determination on this request within TEN (10) days of your receipt of it, and an even prompter reply if you can make that determination without having to review the record[s] in question.

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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October 4, 2012

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Los Angeles CA 90012

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Attn: John Chavez, Asst. General Manager

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(3) Additionally, this request includes any documents in the possession of the General Manager or other employee of Los Angeles Animal Services from/to the General Manager or any employee of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services to any Commissioner, City Council member or any staff member thereof in regard to the request or receipt of any City Attorney's, or Deputy City Attorney's opinion on the above matter.

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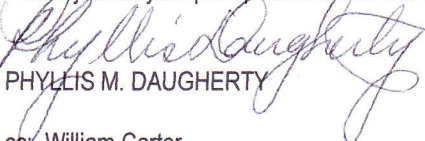
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