

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE

Committee

reports as follows:

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization for the use of \$52,000 from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay for the preparation, circulation, and finalization of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation in support of a proposed Cat Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the request from the Department of Animal Services (ASD) General Manager to authorize the use of \$52,000 from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay for the preparation, circulation, and finalization of CEQA documentation in support of a proposed Cat Program.
2. AUTHORIZE the ASD to prepare a General Accounting Encumbrance Interdepartmental Form to Fund 682, Department 50 (Bureau of Engineering).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The ASD reports that the use of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund has no impact on the General Fund. Funding for the environmental clearance is coming from outside organizations, and the \$52,000 in donations is dedicated for this purpose only.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 2, 2012, your Committee considered a report from the ASD relative to authorization for the use of \$52,000 from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay for the preparation, circulation, and finalization of CEQA documentation in support of a proposed "Cat Program." In its September 12, 2012 report, attached to the Council file, the ASD provides details on this issue.

During the discussion of this item, the ASD General Manager provided an overview of the Department's report and responded to related questions from the Committee. It was also clarified that the \$52,000 was donated specifically for environmental clearance-related expenses in support of a proposed Cat Program, and that the funds were placed in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to temporarily hold the donated contributions. Additionally, it was stated that the City Attorney has advised the Department that this is acceptable. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the ASD report as reflected above.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
ALARCON:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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