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Hello Council Members,

I'm writing, again, in support of the proposal to increase the number of owned cats.

Please consider the following changes to the existing proposal:

Please ensure that household(s) with more than three cats does not allow any cat outdoors.*

Note: This portion of the department proposal is confusing because one section the report states that all cats in a 4 or more cat household must be indoors only. However page 3 of the February 15, 2015 communication to the Council states: "The four or more owned cats in compliance with spay/neuter requirements, no more than three of which are permitted outdoors, are over four months old and owned for the pleasure and enjoyment of the animals' owners, or as fosters waiting to be placed in a home of his/her own."

If it is a four or more cat household, please do not allow any of the cats (not even up to three) outdoors. The point is to reduce the number of strays, not contribute to the problem. Additionally, it should address the safety and well being of the cats and neighbor concerns and not just for the pleasure and enjoyment of the animals' owners (or fosters).

There should be a differentiation between owned cats and feral colonies (to be addressed separately). Ensuring that four or more owned cats are indoors only may help in this endeavor (and, perhaps, address any legal issues that might arise).

Please also ensure that the spay/neuter exemptions for a more than three cat household is limited to only medical for all adult cats.

For the safety of the cats, please ensure that all cats are chipped in a multi-cat household.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

-Kathy Riordan--CD 12

* If the cat is allowed outdoors it should only be if walked on a harness or in a six sided enclosure---one that ensures the cat(s) has sufficient room to move around but cannot escape the owners' property.

