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To: Los Angeles City Council Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee

There has not been adequate notice to the public of this item. As happened in January, the Department of Animal Services report was submitted to you late on Friday of a three-day weekend for a hearing on Tuesday. That this was done twice in a row makes it look as if the Department of Animal Services does not want the public knowing what it is trying to do.

The cat limit increase outlined in the February 12, 2015, report by the Department of Animal Services is unworkable.

1. It still allows three "owned" cats to go outdoors, but it does not explain how one can tell which of the cats at a particular address may go outside, and which may not. For the protection of birds, small mammals and public health, all cats should be kept indoors.
2. The report still fails to define what it means to "own" a cat. It uses the terms "companion cat," "foster cat," "pet cat" and "owned cat" with no explanation of those terms.
3. If the cat limit is going to be increased, the City needs to protect the interests of people who do not want other people's cats on their property. The City needs to enact a "no trespass" rule so that if an unwanted cat comes onto private property, the private property owner can call Animal Services to come and remove the animal. If cats were licensed and chipped the way dogs are, the rightful owner could be contacted to claim the animal, and the license fees could help pay for more spay/neuter clinics.
4. Cats, like all other domestic animals, are property, not people. When there are not enough resources to support a herd of cattle, the herd is culled. The same must be true for cats when there are not enough adoptive homes available. Euthanasia must be an option available to the Department of Animal Services.

Very truly yours,

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