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Gentlemen:

It is Friday afternoon of a three day weekend, and I just received notice of the hearing on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee's Item No. (4), a report regarding implementing changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to increase the number of cats that a resident may "own" from three to five.

The report is extremely poorly written and fails to define the difference between an "owned" cat and a "community" cat. It offers no support for its assumption that all of the cats being fostered/owned will have been spayed or neutered in compliance with the law. The only neighbor of a "clowder" that can object is the person right next door. If I live in an apartment building, and my landlord has not prohibited cats, I have NO RECOURSE if one of the other tenants decides to foster 10 cats. (I HAVE SEEN THIS SITUATION FIRSTHAND IN PLAYA DEL REY.) On my street, a neighbor two doors down was feeding feral cats at the house across the street. In less than six months, we went from zero to 20 cats roaming the street, and it took another neighbor a full month to trap and remove the feral cats. (He found homes for the kittens and took the adults to the animal shelter.)

If there is no OWNER taking responsibility for the cat's food, sanitation, veterinary bills, that cat is NOT a community cat. I do not want that cat on my property, clawing on my doormat and defecating in my vegetable garden. I do not want that cat roaming the neighborhood.

This proposal to increase the cat limit has not been carefully considered and should be rejected.

Best regards,

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