

Re: 14-0681 - LAMC 53.63

To the City Council:

* Please approve the proposed changes to LAMC 53.63.

* I am a victim of nuisance barking and have had a great deal of experience with Animal Services and LAMC 53.63.

* When it comes to nuisance barking, only Animal Services can help. Not the police and not community groups. The courts will only help if there is an Animal Services Order. So it all comes down to Animal Services and LAMC 53.63.

* LAMC 53.63 currently in place is unjust because it allows only two very specific scenarios to be nuisance barking. This is completely unrealistic when it comes to any noise nuisance. Current LAMC 53.63 is also very onerous to prove and, I allege, is therefore discriminatory because not everyone in our community would be able to prepare the necessary proof.

* Proposed LAMC 53.63, on the other hand, allows everyone to at least seek assistance from Animal Services and to prepare proof. They still have to go through all the required steps and may or may not succeed based on the proof.

* In my experience, the Animal Services process regarding barking nuisance is fair. It took a VERY long time: over a year with the nuisance barking ruining my life. I rigorously had to prove my case. I eventually succeeded based on hours of video and logged evidence. Animal Services confirmed that there was excessive barking and ordered that the dogs be trained. Not put down, trained.

* People opposed to proposed LAMC 53.63 are not focusing on the fairness of the law but rather the overall process and are using scare tactics and incorrect facts to try to make a point.

* Please let the law be fair and deal with the process separately. Again, please approve the proposed changes to LAMC 53.63.

Thank you.

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