April 5, 2016

RE: Los Angeles City Council File #16-0114-S1

**Subject: FRAUD in Low Income Spay/Neuter program by LAAS GM**

Dear City Councilmembers,

I object to the changes proposed in Council File #16-0114-S1 and submit the following documents proving **FRAUD** in the program committed by LAAS GM Brenda Barnette and her long-term, live-in domestic partner Pamela Chavez-Hutson.

1. A copy of "very low income" spay/neuter voucher #F15-11303 issued to Pamela Chavez-Hutson in November 2014, which was explicitly approved by LAAS GM Brenda Barnette.
2. A copy of a January 9, 2015 email from Barnette in which she indicated that she and Chavez-Hutson had "lived together for 2+ years," since the sale Barnette's house, and at which time her base City salary was $218,000, making their combined income far above the ceiling of the city's low income threshold.
3. A copy of the LADWP bill that Chavez-Hutson provided to LAAS in order to obtain the voucher, also illegally obtained given that their combined household income was far north of the LADWP's low income ceiling.
4. A copy of a Facebook post by Chavez-Hutson, shared by Barnette, showing not only that the voucher was used for a stray, which is a **PROHIBITED** use of this particular voucher, but also that Chavez-Hutson had more dogs in a single residence than the city allows, but was ignored by Barnette, who is paid handsomely to enforce those laws, including – and especially – in her own home.

Other city officials, namely City Council President Herb Wesson, City Controller Ron Galperin , PAWS Cmte Chair Paul Koretz, Dep City Attorney Dov Lesel, all LAAS Commissioners as well as the District Attorney's Public Integrity Division were advised of this theft.

This deliberate misappropriation of funds, which was explicitly approved by Barnette, constitutes theft and should be duly prosecuted.   It is also the best advertisement for having a comprehensive, external audit of LAAS.

Until then, approving changes to the program that are recommended in this agenda item is akin to allowing the rats to monitor the cheese inventory.  Please vote NO on this item.


Daniel Guss

Live-in Domestic
Partner for 2+ years
of LAAS GM Brenda Barnette

Improperly
Used for a
stray dog

11-7-2014 @ EV

(Stray dog)

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES
### DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

LA Animal Services

**NUMBER**
F15-11303

$70

### FREE SPAY/NEUTER CERTIFICATE

| PET OWNER: | ADDRESS: | TELEPHONE NO.: |
|---|---|---|
| PAMELA CHAVEZ-HUTSON | 13298 BORDEN AV | (818)362-0555 |

| CITY | ZIP: | TYPE OF ANIMAL | | ANIMAL SEX | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SYLMAR | 91342 | DOG: X | CAT: | MALE: X | FEMALE: |

| BREED: | COLOR: | AGE: | PET NAME: | EXPIRATION DATE: | ONLY AUTHORIZED VETS MAY ACCEPT CERTIFICATES | MAXIMUM AMOUTH FOR CERTIFICATE IS $70 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TERRIER MIX | WHITE | 1 | FOSTER | 01-06-2015 | | |

| VETERINARY HOSPITAL: | VETERINARY HOSPITAL ADDRESS: | CITY: | ZIP: |
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THE COMBINED HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF CHAVEZ-HUTSON
AND BARNETTE WAS WELL NORTH OF $218,000
AND DID NOT QUALIFY AS "LOW INCOME"

# Gmail

## I shared the photo of that little dog you saved

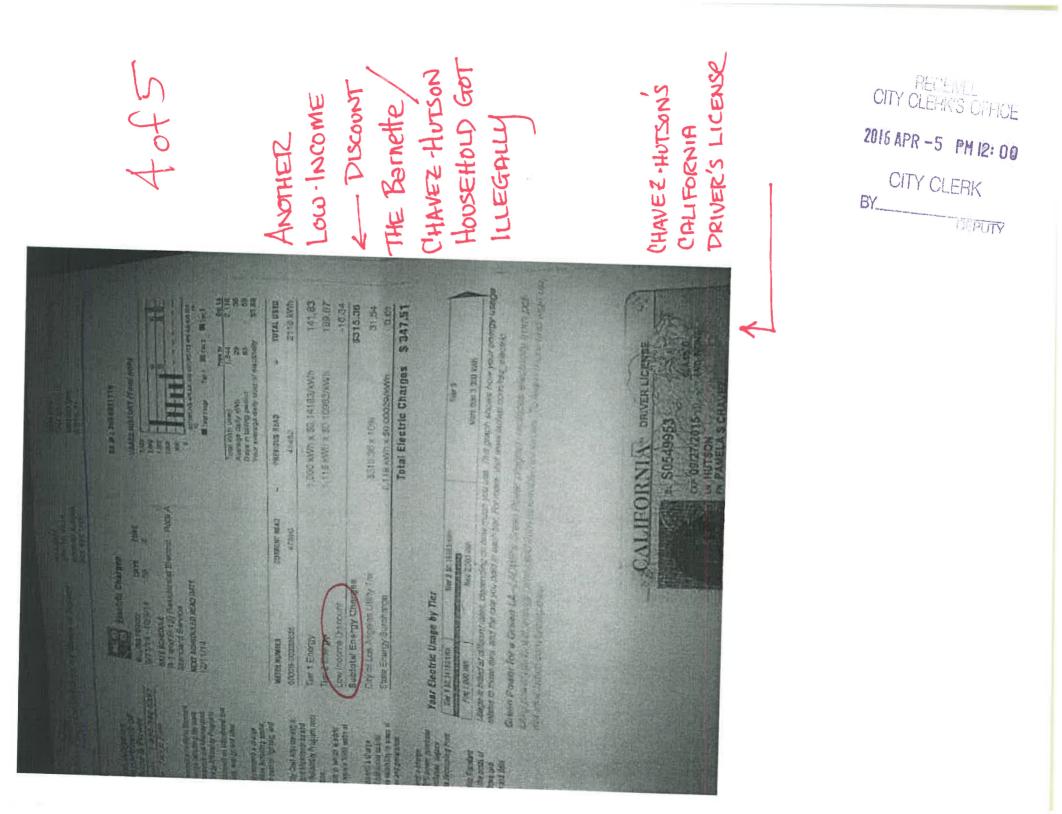**Brenda Barnette** <brenda.barnette@lacity.org>    Fri, Jan 9, 2015 at 1:05 PM
To:

Yes. I sold my house in the City.  We have lived together for 2+ years.
[Quoted text hidden]

AT THE TIME THAT "very low income"
Spay/neuter VOUCHER F15-11303
WAS ISSUED to Pamela Chavez-Hutson,
SHE LIVED TOGETHER WITH LAAS
GM BRENDA Barnette for 2+ years.

Barnette's salary at the time
was $218,000 AND DISQUALIFIED
their household as "low-income."

Handwritten annotations (in red):
- ANOTHER LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT — THE Bernette CHAVEZ-HUTSON HOUSEHOLD GOT ILLEGALLY
- CHAVEZ-HUTSON'S CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE

**Brenda Barnette** shared Pam Chavez Hutson's photo
22 hrs

He is a great dog who deserves a home of his own!



Pam Chavez Hutson

DESPERATELY SEEKING LOVE-HOMELESS PUPPY SEEKING LOVING FAMILY

Foster just showed up one morning " in my living room!"

I live in a horsey area in So California and he sneaked in my gate behind my car in the dark and I had left my side using door open in the heat

Whala....I woke up to his happy smiling face early the next morning along with my othe four dogs!

I have neutered, vac inmates and chipped him but He desperately needs. "Forever"

*Handwritten annotations:*

BARNETTE EXPLICITLY APPROVED THIS MISUSE OF LOW-INCOME FUNDS FOR (HER OWN) HOUSEHOLD w/INCOME COMBINED IN EXCESS OF $218,000.

← MISUSED VOUCHER FOR STRAY

← MORE DOGS THAN CITY ALLOWS

VOUCHER USED FOR THIS DOG.

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