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For tomorrow's meeting

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DAS report in response to Motion (Buscaino - Koretz) relative to the Coyote Management Program.



Good Morning Council Members. My name is Randi Feilich and I am the volunteer Southern California Representative of Project Coyote. I am also a property owner in the City of Los Angeles.

When I testified before you last month I expressed our support for the city's proposal to adopt a proactive coyote coexistence plan that emphasizes public education and effective behavior modifications to reduce conflicts between people, pets and coyotes.

The city of Los Angeles has been a trendsetter when it comes to humane treatment of animals and we are pleased to see this emphasis with the proposed plan. Some have called for an allowance of trapping and removing coyotes but as we have pointed out such an approach is generally ineffective and certainly not humane. Moreover, Los Angeles has taken the enlightened step in banning snares and other indiscriminate trapping devices. It should be noted that the proposed plan does not supersede state law which allows for the removal of an animal that poses a danger to human public safety.

I reiterate the offer of Project Coyote's assistance through our Coyote Friendly Communities program. Communities including San Francisco, Marin County, Calabasas and others are all implementing aspects of this program that includes science-based materials and signage to workshops, hazing trainings, public service announcements and other tools and resources. We are at your disposal in any capacity that we can assist Los Angeles in adopting this plan and educational outreach program. (see attachment)

Thank you.

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