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RE: Multiple Agenda Meeting August 21, 2018
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Council members,

We applaud the consideration this Committee is giving to allowing animal rescues and adoption centers to be located in commercial zones within our city.

Animal rescues and adoption centers currently operate mostly from the outlying areas of our ever growing city, behind the scenes. They have, however, always played a valuable role as proven placement options supporting our often taxed animal welfare system. They not only make a significant difference in the lives and welfare of our homeless animal population, they provide a unique opportunity for community involvement through employment, volunteering and community outreach. They become a community within a community – a desirable place to visit, to be a part of, and to take pride in due to the difference they make every day in the lives of homeless animals and the people who care for and adopt them.

When we allow animal rescues and adoption centers to operate in commercial zones we dramatically increase their visibility and accessibility in neighborhoods, they become part of the neighborhood, fulfilling a public need by making pet adoptions more convenient and thereby more plentiful. With this new ordinance, we show support for this honorable work and in turn recognize the benefits brought into the community. **WIN/WIN**

Thank you,
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6 Year LA County Animal Shelter Volunteer
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