

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, SB 1441 (Stern) introduced on February 16, 2018, and amended on April 2, 2018, would prohibit a person from declawing a domestic cat; and

WHEREAS, declawing is often mistakenly conceived of as a simple cosmetic procedure similar to fingernail trimming, with the purpose of stopping unwanted scratching; and

WHEREAS, declawing is actually a cruel and inhumane surgical procedure commonly performed on cats that involves amputating the last bone of each of a cat's toes, with a scalpel, guillotine clipper, or laser; and

WHEREAS, declawing presents numerous health risks to a cat, and has been banned in the City of Los Angeles since 2009, as has West Hollywood, Santa Monica, Burbank, Beverly Hills, and Culver City, and many other cities and countries worldwide; and

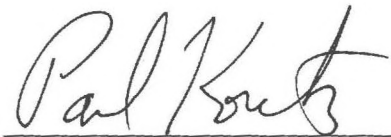
WHEREAS, declawing creates physiological problems, such as excruciating pain, damage to the radial nerve, hemorrhage, bone chips that prevent healing, painful re-growth of deformed claw inside of the paw, necrosis, arthritis, and muscle atrophy; and

WHEREAS, declawing a cat robs it of one of its primary defense mechanisms and produces psychological problems, which are more difficult to address than unwanted scratching, including difficulty using a litter box, increased aggressiveness, and excessive biting; and

WHEREAS, many harmless solutions for unwanted scratching exist, including trimming a cat's claws with nail clippers, training a cat to use a scratching post, deterrent pheromone sprays, replaceable claw covers, and furniture tape;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes into its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1441 (Stern), which would prohibit a person from performing, or otherwise procuring or arranging for the performance of surgical claw removal, declawing, onychectomy, or tendonectomy on a domestic cat.

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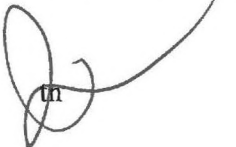


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