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To whom it may concern:

I'm a real estate agent who is 100% in favor of allowing pets in housing both shelters and apartments with any funding from the city.

When you allow pets, you can obtain more money for the unit and it appeals to more potential tenants and residents. There are some people that have only found the love of a pet in their whole life and would not leave the pet. They would rather live on the street. We need to leave our own values aside, not be judgmental of how somebody else wishes to live. Most buildings whether they are high-end, medium or low-end now have other floor surfaces rather than carpeting because, quite frankly, most people don't want to have carpeting anymore. Think of it this way, if you had a child who got sick you have a mess, if you have a pet that gets sick ditto. If an adult who spills a glass of red wine, right a mess!

The lease needs to spell out: all pets on a 6-foot leash, no extendo leashes, pick up after your pet, pet properly vaccinated and licensed and obey all other City pet laws.

Please, feel free to contact me with any questions. We do between 3 to 8 leases per year with clients and we have personally leased as pet owners' numerous times.

Almost all leases now require renter's insurance, a small expense.

Best regards,

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