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Summary: - Community Impact Statement- California State Legislature AB 44/Council File 18-0538 – Fur Ban -FOR- On December 3, 2018, Assembly Member Friedman introduced Assembly Bill 44, to limit the manufacturing, sale, trade, and distribution of fur products in California. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council Environmental Affairs Committee expresses its support for this bill, with a few recommended changes. As drafted, this bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, gifting, donation, or other distribution of fur products in the state, with certain limitations. Notably, these prohibitions do not apply to used fur products, which are defined as a product “that a person has acquired for his or her own use and worn.” We support this effort to establish more humane treatment of animals and to avoid the harmful environmental effects of fur farming throughout the state. And we discourage the continued manufacturing, sales, and use of fur products. However, we recommend greater clarity regarding the scope of the exception for “used fur products.” To effectively manage already existing fur products, and to ensure that they are not discarded and replaced by new faux fur products that may pose different environmental risks, we recommend clarifying that the definition of “used fur products” expressly includes those second-hand products handled and sold at consignment and vintage shops. Although the definition of “person” in the Fish and Game Code arguably includes consignment and vintage shops, we encourage the legislature to expressly include these entities in its description of the exemption for “used fur products.” [CONTINUED] -PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.PDF FOR FULL CIS-



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We are encouraged by the Los Angeles City Council’s recent vote on February 12, 2019, in support of a city-wide ban on the sale or manufacture of fur products. And we support a final vote in favor of the Ordinance that would add Section 53.75 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit the sale or manufacture of fur products. In fact, the Los Angeles Ordinance provides helpful alternative language regarding the exemption for used fur products. We encourage the state legislature to consider this alternative language as a more precise wording for the proposed bill.

The Los Angeles Ordinance defines a used fur product as a “Fur or Fur Product in any form which has been worn or used by an ultimate consumer.” This clarifies who may be the current owner of the product. Further, the exemptions for these used fur products specifically include: a) “the gift or transfer of a Used Fur Product between private parties”; and b) “A Used Fur Product bought, sold, donated or owned by a person not in the primary business of selling Fur or a Fur Product, including a Non-



Profit Organization, second hand store, or pawn shop.” By expressly articulating that these entities may continue to sell used fur products under the fur sale ban, the Los Angeles Ordinance provides the clarity that would improve AB44.

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council Environmental Affairs Committee recommends that AB44 be revised to more closely mirror the Los Angeles Ordinance. While this change would provide helpful clarification, we believe that as written the exemption covers consignment and vintage shops. Therefore, even if AB44 remains as drafted, we provide our support for this important step toward the humane treatment of animals and environmental protection.

Approved – February 19, 2019

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Ineligible: 0