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Re: In preparation for Aug 15 PAW meeting, in support of Motion by CM Blumenfield, Koretz, & O'Farrell to ban the manufacture and sale of fur products

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Good afternoon Chair Koretz:

Animal Defenders International (ADI) offers the following in support of the Motion to draft an ordinance banning certain sales and manufacture of fur products, and in response to the 6 August 2018 legislative analyst report on the various questions posed at the 1 August 2018 meeting on this issue.

Referencing the 6 August [legislative analyst report](#), we support a broad definition of *fur* and *prohibited actions* - including its sale, import, trade, display, or distribution *by any means* - similar to the West Hollywood ordinance; *fur products*, to include accessories, similar to ordinances in Berkeley and San Francisco; and the ban of fur product displays advertising sales in other localities. Referencing the various localities' unfortunate exemption for trappers, we appreciate the analysis and note that, while there may be wiggle room here (see various code sections cited below), it is telling that West Hollywood returned later to amend their ordinance, presumably concerned regarding possible state preemption.

- [CA Fish & Game Code, section 3039\(b\) \(2017\)](#) *Products or handicraft items made from furbearing mammals and nongame mammals lawfully taken under the authority of a trapping license may be purchased or sold at any time.*
 - [CA Fish & Game Code, section 79 \(2017\)](#) *"Shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive.*
 - *at any time* does not necessarily extend to mean *at any place*
 - but see [CA Fish & Game Code, section 203 \(2017\)](#) *Any regulation of the commission pursuant to this article relating to resident game birds, game mammals and fur-bearing mammals may apply to all or any areas, districts, or portions thereof, at the discretion of the commission, and may do any or all of the following as to any or all species or subspecies:*

(a) Establish, extend, shorten, or abolish open seasons and closed seasons.

(b) Establish, change, or abolish bag limits and possession limits.

(c) Establish and change areas or territorial limits for their taking.

(d) Prescribe the manner and the means of taking.

(e) Establish, change, or abolish restrictions based upon sex, maturity, or other physical distinctions.

Still, these items regard *taking*, not commercial sale, import, manufacture, or display.

- See also:

- [CA Fish & Game Code, section 201 \(2017\)](#): ***Nothing in this article confers upon the commission any power to regulate any natural resources or commercial or other activity connected therewith, except as specifically provided.***
- [CA Fish & Game Code, section 1801\(h\) \(2017\)](#): ***It is not intended that this policy shall provide any power to regulate natural resources or commercial or other activities connected therewith, except as specifically provided by the Legislature.***

Our many thanks to you once again, for your dedication and work on this issue.

All my best,

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Subject: In support of Item No. 18-0538 (Aug. 1 PAW Committee meeting) - Motion by CM Blumenfield, Koretz, & O'Farrell to ban the manufacture and sale of fur products

Good morning Los Angeles City Council Members Blumenfield, Koretz, O'Farrell, Cedillo, Krekorian, Ryu, Martinez, Rodriguez, Harris-Dawson, Price, Wesson, Bonin, Englander, Huizar, and Buscaino:

Animal Defenders International (ADI) offers the following in support of the [Motion \(Item No. 18-0538\)](#) presented by Council Members Blumenfield, Koretz, and O'Farrell to the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee, to draft an ordinance to ban the manufacture and sale of fur products, excepting used fur products,

beginning January 1, 2020. Our thanks to the sponsors for their work on this Motion to bring Los Angeles in line with others, including West Hollywood, Berkeley, San Francisco, Denmark, the UK, the Netherlands, and designers such as Michael Kors, Jimmy Choo, Versace, and Gucci, who have acted against fur industry cruelty.

ADI investigations reveal nightmarish standard industry practices, where animals' miserable lives in cramped, filthy cages abruptly end by electrocution (to their anus or genitals), suffocation, broken necks, or worse – some are still conscious and breathing even after they've been skinned. And though leghold traps were declared inhumane by the American Veterinary Medical Association, and are banned in Los Angeles and the state of California, they remain a common kill method in the US fur industry. I include here for your consideration, ADI's 2017 reports and a [link to videos of one of ADI's investigations](#) into this terrible industry.

We hope this informs your review, and we urge your yes vote on the Motion; we remain available as well, to assist with drafting, data, or testimony in support of this effort.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

All my best regards,

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