

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Mausner
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Council File No: 19-0002-S101
Comments for Public Posting: Could you please file the attached letter to Council President Wesson, regarding the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) Resolution in Opposition to the Dog Meat Trade, in Council File 19-0002-S101. Thank you. Sincerely, Jeff Mausner, VANC Liaison to L.A. Animal Services Department; Jeffrey Mausner (For identification purposes) Board of Directors and 2nd Vice President, Tarzana Neighborhood Council; Chairman, Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee; Neighborhood Council Liaison to Los Angeles Animal Services Department; Neighborhood Council Budget Representative and Budget Advocate; Volunteer, West Valley Animal Shelter; Email: Jeff@MausnerLaw.com; J.Mausner@TarzanaNC.org



June 12, 2019

Honorable Herb Wesson, Los Angeles City Council President
Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Dog Meat Trade, Council File 19-0002-S101

Dear Council President Wesson:

As you know, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) consists of representatives of all 34 Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley. At its monthly meeting on August 9, 2018, VANC passed a resolution regarding the following:

Approximately one to two million dogs are killed for food every year in South Korea. Prior to their deaths, these dogs endure a lifetime of abuse and are often slaughtered in a completely inhumane and brutal manner. As stated by the Animal Welfare Institute: "From birth to slaughter, these dogs are kept in cramped, rusty cages stacked on top of each other. The method of slaughter is usually extremely (and even intentionally) brutal, and the dogs are often butchered in full view of the others."

"Most horrifically—due to a traditional belief that high adrenaline levels will produce tender meat and increase the supposed health benefits—dogs who are killed may be intentionally subjected to extreme fear and suffering and be killed via bludgeoning, hanging, or electrocution. At the open-air markets, dogs are often electrocuted and their necks are broken—all in plain sight to passers-by and the other dogs." Additional information regarding the South Korean Dog Meat Trade is attached.

The United States is spending billions of dollars, and our military personnel are putting their lives on the line, to assist our ally South Korea in deterring invasion or nuclear attack from the North. Tens of thousands of Americans died in the Korean War, and tens of thousands were wounded, protecting South Korea. Dogs serve in our armed forces and alongside our First Responders. Dogs are instrumental in working with returning Veterans with PTSD. We respectfully request that our ally South Korea stop killing and torturing dogs, a practice which is abhorrent to the vast majority of Americans.

Therefore, at its regular public monthly meeting on August 9, 2018, the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils passed a Resolution requesting that the San Fernando Valley Councilmembers introduce a motion in the Los Angeles City Council opposing the South Korean dog meat trade and asking the South Korean government to ban the dog meat trade and enforce South Korea's animal cruelty laws.

On June 5, 2019, Councilmembers Blumenfield and Ryu introduced a resolution asking the governments of China, Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, and Indonesia to ban the sale of dog meat and to enforce their animal cruelty laws (Council File 19-0002-S101). The resolution has been referred to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, which you chair. We urge you to support this resolution.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner, VANC Liaison to L.A. Animal Services
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cc: Jordan Beroukhim

Information Regarding the South Korean Dog Meat Trade

According to the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) and other sources, approximately one to two million dogs are killed for food every year in South Korea. Prior to their deaths, these dogs endure a lifetime of abuse and are often slaughtered in a completely inhumane and brutal manner. As stated by AWI: “From birth to slaughter, these dogs are kept in cramped, rusty cages stacked on top of each other. The method of slaughter is usually extremely (and even intentionally) brutal, and the dogs are often butchered in full view of the others.”

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Please see <https://awionline.org/dogmeat> (Animal Welfare Institute)

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Some videos of the South Korean dog meat trade (in increasing order of how graphic they are) are as follows:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goDx7_DdRiE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJnp870Sn58>

<https://fightdogmeat.com/videos-south-korea-graphic/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVQjgGb4RQ&has_verified=1 (Shocking Cruelty of South Korean Dog Meat Industry Part 1 of 2 – Requires Youtube age verification to view)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivHffcM5B6w>

(Shocking Cruelty of South Korean Dog Meat Industry Part 2 of 2 – Requires Youtube age verification to view)

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Humphreville
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Comments for Public Posting: I support the resolution that asks the governments of China, Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, and Indonesia to ban the sale of dog meat and to enforce their animal cruelty laws.