

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE, relative to proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Community College District for the temporary use of Pierce College as a temporary emergency evacuation shelter for large domestic animals.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the MOU, attached to the Council file, with the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) for the temporary use of the Pierce College facility to house large domestic non-exotic animals during an emergency.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Animal Services (DAS) reports that there is no cost to the City for the use of the facility.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 1, 2018, the Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee considered February 1, 2018 and July 6, 2018 DAS reports relative to an MOU with the LACCD for the temporary use of the Pierce College facility to house large domestic non-exotic animals during an emergency. According to the DAS, on June 12, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners considered and an MOU for use of the Pierce College facility as a temporary emergency evacuation shelter to provide refuge for large, non-exotic animals including, but not limited to, horses, goats, pigs, cattle, and similar farm animals. The facility would be used by the DAS in the event of an emergency including wildfire, flood and earthquake requiring evacuation and temporary sheltering of multiple animals. The facility is not to be used for evacuation of human beings, small domesticated animals such as dogs and cats, or wild/exotic animals.

The MOU includes the Pierce College Equestrian Center, which is an equine teaching facility located at 6201 Winnetka Avenue in Woodland Hills and two eight foot by forty foot storage containers used for the storage of emergency shelter operations supplies (together, the "Facility"). The Equestrian Center has served as an interim emergency animal shelter for the City for many years in the past. The Facility will be used as a temporary emergency evacuation shelter for large, non-exotic animals such as horses, goats, pigs and similar farm animals, in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation and temporary sheltering of multiple animals during an emergency, which can include wildfires, floods and earthquake. It will not be used for evacuation of people, small domesticated animals such as dogs and cats or wild/exotic animals and will require prior approval from the College President or his/her designee. The Facility may also be occasionally used by the City on a day use basis for emergency training exercises, as long as the College receives 72 hours advance notice. The term of the MOU shall be five (5) years unless sooner terminated. After consideration, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the MOU as detailed in the July 6, 2018 DAS report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, CHAIR  
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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