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## Further evidence Phyllis Daugherty just made up research findings to support her protest of increasing pet limits

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Phyllis Daugherty submitted a second protest letter to the proposed pet limit increase, citing her "research" into pet limit laws in other municipalities and LA and Orange Counties. She stated she got her information from the municipal websites or by phone calls.

I did the same search and was unable to duplicate her findings, which led me to the conclusion she just made up some of her data. In fact, the websites for most municipalities did not address pet limits at all.

Explicitly, with respect to Santa Monica, Phyllis Daugherty wrote:

**"SANTA MONICA - Although they have no limit in their MC, their City Attorney advises them they can implement the LA County limits automatically: Three (3) dogs/three (3) cats.. (Santa Monica requires a kennel permit and city business license for anyone having above the "average" number of pets.)"**

Last week I sent you the email from Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica Councilmember, who stated:

**"I wish to correct the record, as I believe this "Animal Issues Movement" document may have been submitted pursuant to an issue before your Council, purporting to represent facts in the matter. Insofar as the document describes Santa Monica law and/or policy, it certainly does not appear to be factual.**

**"Our City Attorney's office is unaware of any limitation on the number of dogs and cats allowed for a household in Santa Monica. There has been no discussion of this issue at the City Council level. While we do have business licenses for kennels, of course, there is no stipulation that requires such a license for "anyone having above the 'average' number of pets," nor do we or would we ever write laws or make policies based on such language."**

This leads me to wonder how much of Ms. Daugherty's other research is made up or real.

However, on August 26, I received the below email from Marsha Moutrie, Santa Monica's perennial City Attorney, who said she never told Phyllis, as Phyllis alleged, that the S.M. City Attorney told her that S.M. could automatically impose County's pet limits on Santa Monica