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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 53.73 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH PROHIBITS THE SALE OF COMMERCIAL BRED DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS IN PET STORES, RETAIL BUSINESSES OR OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY DELETING THE SUNSET CLAUSE**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 11-0754-S3

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The ordinance would amend Section 53.73 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), which prohibits the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores, retail businesses or other commercial establishment in the City of Los Angeles, by deleting the sunset clause.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

In October, 2012, Council adopted an ordinance to make it unlawful for any person to sell any live dog, cat or rabbit in any pet store, retail business or other commercial establishment located in the City of Los Angeles, unless the dog, cat or rabbit was obtained from an animal shelter or a humane society located in the City of

Los Angeles, or a non-profit rescue organization registered with the Department of Animal Services.

The ordinance took effect on January 1, 2013, and by its terms will expire on June 30, 2016, unless the regulations are made permanent prior to that date.

This proposed ordinance amends Section 53.73 of the LAMC, by deleting the sunset clause thereby making permanent the regulations therein.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Department of Animal Services pursuant to Council Rule 38, requesting that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Dov S. Lesel at (213) 978-8154. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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