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Janine Hicks  
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August 10, 2012

City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4801

Re: I vote and I urge you to support a retail pet sales ordinance

Dear City of Los Angeles:

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Pet stores that sell animals from puppy, kitten and rabbit mills are not an asset to our community. However, they could be part of the solution, by converting to a business model that offers profitable products, services, and space for rescue organizations to adopt out animals from their stores. A ban on the retail sale of milled dogs, cats and rabbits would not preclude pet stores from staying in business, and could in fact alleviate a significant burden on the city by increasing pet adoptions. It also would not prohibit anyone from owning a pet, adopting a pet, or purchasing a pet directly from a breeder.

The Los Angeles City Council has shown that it cares about the welfare of our community's animals. Let's continue on this compassionate path and set a positive and humane example for the rest of the country to follow. Please vote YES on the ordinance to ban the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in L.A. pet stores.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Janine Hicks  
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Jaclyn Wells Anton  
2116 Veteran Ave.  
LA, CA 90025-5724

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Re: I agree with the L.A. Times: YES on a pet sales ordinance

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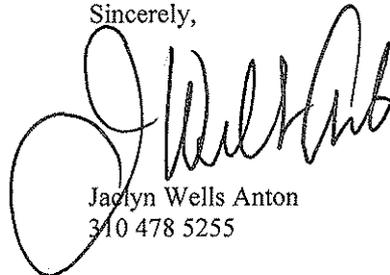
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaclyn Wells Anton', written in a cursive style.

Jaclyn Wells Anton  
310 478 5255

Joe Fisch  
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Adriana Sanchez  
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Los Angeles, CA 90032-1035

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Re: It's time for L.A. to take a stand against puppy mills!

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Julie Hassett  
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Los Angeles, CA 90004-3107

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Re: Registered Voter and Concerned Citizen Urges You to Support a Retail Pet Sales Ordinance

Dear City of Los Angeles:

It is time to reform the pet store industry in Los Angeles for the sake of the animals involved and the people who are adopting them. I urge you to support an ordinance in LA to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in L.A. pet stores unless they come from a shelter or 501(c)(3) rescue group.

By transforming the way that pet stores do business, we can put the welfare of animals first instead of just commoditizing them as puppy mills currently do. Puppy mills should be a thing of the past - starting now. Simultaneously, pet store businesses will benefit by improving their reputation among the community and selling healthier animals who have been cared for and rehabilitated (if needed) by shelters and rescue groups.

LA is a community whose citizens and government have tremendous compassion for animals and recognize their right to a fair shot at a happy, healthy life. By voting YES on the ordinance to ban the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in L.A. pet stores, we are taking actionable steps to honor those beliefs and support the local businesses who provide pets and services to their customers.

Sincerely,



Julie Hassett