



recommendations to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners for consideration at its October 23, 2012 meeting. At that meeting, the Board unanimously recommended that the Mayor and City Council consider the various options presented to the Board as outlined in the November 1, 2012 DAS report.

During the discussion of this item at the November 20, 2012 PAW Committee meeting, the Committee considered the options contained in the November 1, 2012 DAS report. These options were presented by the DAS General Manager and a Commissioner representing the Board. The Committee then held an extensive public hearing comment period and considered comments made by the public and numerous members representing the animal welfare organizations who spoke, once again, in favor of the proposed ban. The Committee also considered comments by representatives of various groups representing the entertainment industry and veterinary and animal care professionals, as well as a Teamsters Union representative, who again spoke against the proposed ban and the recommendations contained in the November 1, 2012 DAS report.

After additional discussion on the pros and cons of the proposed ban and the economic effects of the options contained in the DAS report, the Committee recommended that Council approve options 1, 3 and 4 contained in said report. The Committee also directed the DAS to hold a meeting to try to reach a compromise with members representing the animal welfare community and the entertainment industry prior to scheduling this item for Council consideration. The Committee further requested that the DAS include representatives of Council Districts 3 and 5, as well as representatives of any interested Council District and appropriate City staff, at this meeting. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ	YES
ALARCON	ABSENT
ZINE	YES

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