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THE COUNCIL

Date: JUN 23 2014

From:

THE MAYOR

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May 21, 2014

Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

REQUEST TO ACCEPT \$380,000 DONATION FROM THE ASPCA

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

At its meeting of May 13, 2014, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved Department recommendations to:

1. ACCEPT the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) funds in the amount of \$380,000 to pay for New Hope adoption fees;
2. AUTHORIZE the Department of Animal Services to deposit grant receipts in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (Fund 859);
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a grant receivable in Fund 859 and establish an appropriation account titled ASPCA New Hope Adoptions, account number to be determined, within Fund 859 for the receipt and disbursement of the ASPCA donation;
4. AUTHORIZE the Department of Animal Services to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions; and,
5. DIRECT staff, upon approval, to transmit the proposed action to the Office of the Mayor.

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Subject: Transmittal to the Mayor's Office
Accepting \$380,000 Donation from the ASPCA
May 21, 2014

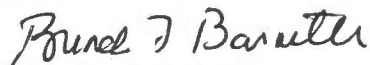
SUMMARY

The Department of Animal Services seeks approval to accept a \$380,000 grant from the ASPCA. These funds would be used to offset the cost of the \$40 spay/neuter deposit New Hope partners are required to pay when they adopt animals.

To spur adoptions from the 236 New Hope partners, the ASPCA agreed to subsidize one year's worth of New Hope adoptions. Because this amount is over \$25,000, both Board and City Council authority is required to accept the donation.

If you or your staff requires additional information, please contact Ross Pool, Management Analyst II, at (213) 482-9501 or ross.pool@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



BRENDA F. BARNETTE
General Manager

Attachment

CC:

David Zaft, President, Board of Animal Services Commissioners
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**Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners
Brenda Barnette, General Manager**

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: May 13, 2014

PREPARED BY: John Chavez

REPORT DATE: May 9, 2014

TITLE: Asst. General Manager

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS \$380,000 DONATION FOR NEW HOPE FEES**

BOARD ACTIONS RECOMMENDED:

That the Board, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council:

Authorize the General Manager of the Department of Animal Services to:

1. ACCEPT the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) funds in the amount of \$380,000 to pay for New Hope adoption fees;
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ASPCA DONATION TO PAY FOR NEW HOPE ADOPTIONS
May 13, 2014

SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND

There are 236 "New Hope" partners working with the Department of Animal Services. These 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serve as rescue groups who adopt shelter animals and put them into homes. In 2012-13, New Hope partners adopted 8,726 animals.

These partners are required to pay a \$40 spay/neuter deposit. (Los Angeles-based New Hope organizations are required to pay a \$5.50 tax, in addition to the deposit.) This deposit is used to sterilize an animal -- as required by state law -- before an animal is released from the shelter.¹

To spur adoptions from New Hope partners, the ASPCA agreed to subsidize one year's worth of New Hope adoptions. Because this amount is over \$25,000, both Board and City Council authority is required to accept the donation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will provide \$380,000 in funding to the Animal Welfare Trust Fund. Acceptance of the grant will have no impact on the General Fund.

Approved:



Brenda Barnette, General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

_____ Passed	Disapproved _____
_____ Passed with noted modifications	Continued _____
_____ Tabled	New Date _____

¹ Animal Services proposed, and the Board of Animal Services Commissioners agreed, to increase this \$40 deposit into a \$50 flat-fee that can be used for sterilization, microchips, and/or vaccinations. If approved, there would no longer be a deposit dedicated solely to spay/neuter surgery (C.F. 13-1190). This item is expected to be heard in the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee shortly.