


REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: August 28, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
Chief Legislative Analyst

Council File No: 15-0002-S80
Assignment No: 15-08-0605

SUBJECT: Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell) to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 56 (Linder).

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell) to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for ACR 56 (Linder) to declare a shelter pet as the Official State Pet for the State of California.

SUMMARY

On July 28, 2015, a Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell) was introduced in support of ACR 56. The Council Resolution notes that the City of Los Angeles has been one of California's leaders in pursuing progressive animal welfare policies and practices in an effort to reduce the number of animals that are euthanized and to maximize the number of animals adopted. As noted in a Senate analysis of ACR 56, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) estimates that approximately 7.6 million animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year, while 2.7 million animals are euthanized annually. Approximately 2.7 million shelter animals are adopted each year from shelters.

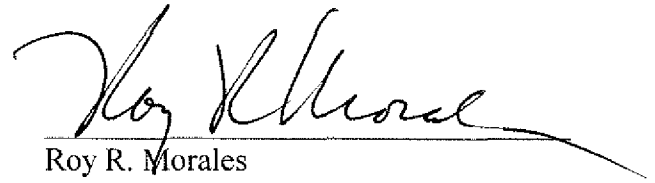
In an effort to raise public awareness of shelter animals, ACR 56 was introduced by Assemblymember Eric Linder to declare a shelter pet as the State of California's Official State Pet. This designation is intended to heighten the level of interest in policies and laws that benefit animals throughout the state, as noted in Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell). This legislation is consistent with the City's efforts on behalf of shelter animals.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

Animal Services Department

BILL STATUS

Apr. 20 Introduced. To print.
July 9 Passed Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization (Ayes 20. Noes 0.)
July 16 Adopted by the Assembly (Ayes 79. Noes 0.). To Senate.
Aug. 17 From Senate Rules Committee: Ordered to third reading.
August 31 Schedule for Senate Floor -Third Reading (Item 303).

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Roy R. Morales
Analyst

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Attachment: Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Los Angeles has been one of California's leaders in pursuing progressive animal welfare policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, one of the City's goals is to substantially reduce the number of animals euthanized in our animal shelters while simultaneously helping as many animals find forever homes and be safe from animal cruelty as possible; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that more than one million companion animals enter animal shelters every year in California, with more than half of them being euthanized; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has taken note of this in recent years by stepping up its level of interest in policies and laws that benefit animals throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, one method of drawing attention to shelter animals and encouraging the public to adopt them is to keep these animals more prominently in the minds of Californians; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 56 (Linder) has been introduced to help accomplish that by declaring "a shelter pet as the official State Pet."

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for ACR 56 and the effort to expand awareness of shelter animals in California.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Kretz
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: Mark Donnelly

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