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CF 16-0585-S1 Wildlife-Proof Curbside Collection Receptacles / Coyote Management Plan

1 message

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Dear Ms. Landers,

I have some concerns about the motion regarding coyote conflicts that is being heard at Council tomorrow.

I am concerned that the lids on City trash cans are not the source of food for coyotes, especially lacking any evidence showing this to be the case. I don't know that City trash cans are important at all in promoting conflicts and more empirical evidence would be needed to justify the cost of switching out the City cans.

Securing trash and picking up downed fruit is of course important. But equally important is the feeding of unowned animals that goes on every night in the City (see e.g., <http://lafeeders.org/LAfeeders/Welcome.html>), including in areas with coyote conflicts. Such feeding of stray/feral cats should be recognized as feeding of nondomesticated mammalian predators under City law and steps taken to curtail these actions.

Any signage or enforcement developed under the proposed motion should be clear that feeding of stray/unowned/feral cats is prohibited under this ordinance and that food for owned animals should not be left outdoors as a matter of good practice.

Please forward this to the appropriate staff person in your office working on this issue. I have cc'd Adam Lid to add this comment to the Council File. There has been no opportunity for comment on this motion because Personnel and Animal Welfare waived consideration and it has moved quickly to Council. The file contains no evidence that supports the proposition that different lids on trash cans would make any difference at all, while it is well established that coyote conflicts are encouraged by outdoor animal (stray/feral cat) feeding.

Best regards,
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