

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, California taxpayers spend a quarter of a billion dollars annually to house and kill animals in local shelters while puppy mills throughout the country continue to mass breed animals for profit; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 485 (O'Donnell) proposes to replicate statewide the City's prohibition on the sale of mill-bred animals in pet shops; and

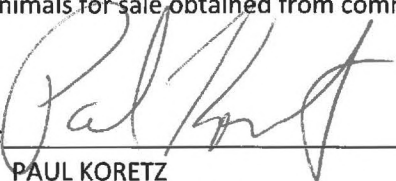
WHEREAS, the legislation follows the City's lead in requiring pet shops which offer animals for adoption to obtain them from local animal shelters and rescue groups; and

WHEREAS, the experience in Los Angeles has been that this reduces the market for mill-bred animals and provides broader opportunities for adoption for shelter and rescue animals; and

WHEREAS, AB 485 would enhance the potential for accomplishing this statewide provided that it does not pre-empt more stringent local statutes and clearly delineates between prohibiting the sale of mill-bred animals and allowing pet shops to offer animals obtained from shelters and rescuers for adoption.

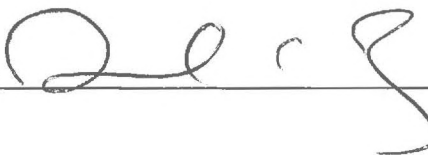
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, with the concurrence of the Mayor, by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for AB 485 provided that it is amended to allow local jurisdictions to adopt more restrictive statutes covering the same issue and to more clearly state that pet shops may offer for adoption animals obtained from shelters and rescuers in lieu of animals for sale obtained from commercial breeders.

PRESENTED BY:



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