

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, the high cost of housing in California affects people in a wide variety of negative ways, one of which is the growing impact of having to choose between keeping their household companion animals and keeping a roof over their head; and

WHEREAS, the rise in foreclosures and evictions since 2008 has placed additional stress on the rental housing market; and

WHEREAS, local animal agencies sometimes undertake programs in conjunction with local and national animal welfare organizations to help families try to avoid relinquishing their animals and the lack of so-called "pet friendly" housing options is regularly given by 15-20% of people as a reason they must surrender their animals to local shelters; and

WHEREAS, companion animals are widely recognized as having positive impacts on humans at nearly every stage and for every condition of life; and

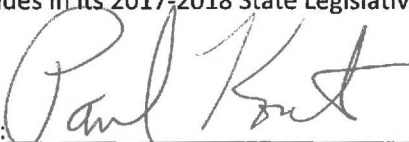
WHEREAS, such benefits could be realized by more residents of California by expanding the number of housing options for personas and families with companion animals; and


WHEREAS, the City Council previously has recognized this by commissioning the Animal Services and Housing and Community Investment departments to explore ways to expand the inventory of pet-friendly rental housing (CF 15-0843); and

WHEREAS, AB 1137 (Maienschein) proposes to align the state of California's Housing and Community Development Department affordable housing finance mechanisms with those of the federal Housing and Urban Development policies mandating that housing units incorporating public funding in their financing packages must allow companion animals to live in them; and

WHEREAS, this could generate up to 6,000 pet-friendly units per year in the state.

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 1137.

PRESENTED BY: 
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY: 


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