

# PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the stated goal of the City of Los Angeles is to save the lives of all of the healthy and adoptable dogs and healthy cats in the possession of Los Angeles Animal Services ("Animal Services" or "LAAS") and help them find good "forever homes;" and

WHEREAS a no-kill community is generally considered as saving 90 percent or more of the cats and dogs coming through the sheltering system; and

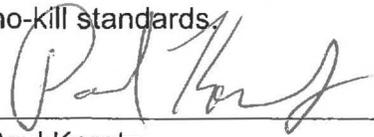
WHEREAS over the course of the last fifty-plus years, Animal Services and its predecessor, the Department of Animal Regulation, have worked in cooperation with the public, the humane community and the City's elected officials to improve its "live release" rate from well less than 50 percent to a level where it is approaching the accepted standard for no-kill; and

WHEREAS Animal Services continues to invest energy and resources in the collective and collaborative drive to improve its equipment and facilities, enhance support and training for its staff, and strengthen its relationships with rescuers, rescue groups, humane organizations and others in the community and across the country in the effort to increase adoptions, spay/neuter and protection from cruelty and abuse for animals in Los Angeles, while maintaining a strong commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, while the no-kill goal is in sight and potentially within reach, there is more to be done in order to save all of the adoptable and healthy animals in the department's care and jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles reconfirms its commitment to achieving the accepted no-kill live release for all healthy and adoptable dogs and cats at Los Angeles Animal Services by December 31, 2017, or by as soon thereafter as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles work in collaboration with the No Kill Los Angeles coalition, other rescuers and rescue organizations, humane organizations and the general public to develop a comprehensive strategy to reach and maintain a life-saving rate consistent with accepted no-kill standards.

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