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The Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LAAS) uses specialized commercial software in the process of managing its shelter operations and the animals in its care, along with a variety of related activities. The current software employed by LAAS for these purposes was initially installed near the beginning of the decade prior to the current one and has undergone a variety of updates and patches to maintain its functionality in an evolving technological environment.

In the years since the introduction of the software currently in use the shelter and animal management software field has changed considerably. New products have been introduced and the established products have evolved.

In order for LAAS to gauge whether its software is optimized or may be in need of replacement, the department should use a Request For Information (RFI) process to solicit presentations from all appropriate participants in the shelter and animal management software industry. Once such information is received and processed, the department should work with the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, the City Attorney and the Information Technology Agency to determine an appropriate game plan for addressing whatever software needs the department may determine to be in existence.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, working in conjunction with the Board of Animal Services Commissioners, the City Attorney and the Information Technology Agency, develop and circulate an RFI to solicit input on software to manage its animal shelters, animal inventories and all related tasks and data needed to effectively operate the department, and then determine and take appropriate next steps.

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