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The Department of Animal Services (LAAS) has for several decades utilized mobile adoption events to useful effect in getting dogs, cats and rabbits adopted. Upon occasion such events have been held in various City facilities, including parks and the City Hall rotunda.

Additionally, the City Council has in recent years adopted ordinances to encourage the establishment of pet shops and adoption centers and to require them to obtain animals from City animal shelters to put up for adoption, and to allow these shops by right in commercial zones in the city.

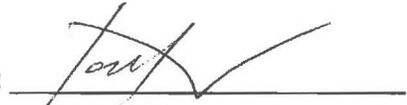
The Los Angeles Mall has been underutilized for years and is slated for possible changes as a part of the Civic Center Master Redevelopment Plan. In the meantime, there are several Mall spaces that have remained vacant for an extended period of time.

Informal discussions with LAAS, the Department of General Services (GSD) and others have determined that there may be some value in utilizing a well-located, currently vacant Mall space as an adoption center by LAAS. The details of such an operation are still to be determined but, given the relative success of previous adoption events in City Hall and the ongoing success of monthly dog adoptions in City Council meetings, the idea appears to be worth exploring as an interim use in the Los Angeles Mall that could provide a useful service to Civic Center employees and visitors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Animal Services and the Department of General Services be instructed to explore the feasibility of establishing a pet adoption center in the Los Angeles Mall, including determining costs, leasing arrangements, tenant improvement needs and any other factors that must be considered; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the departments should report their findings back to the City Council within 90 days and simultaneously that, if they find the concept to be feasible, to pursue the establishment of the adoption center as soon as possible.

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