

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR, PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE relative to acceptance of a bequest of \$68,000 from the Leda G. Geller Trust on behalf of the Department of Animal Services (DAS).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ACCEPT a bequest from the Estate of Kenneth G. Anderson as a gift in the name of his wife, Rosemary Long Anderson to the South Los Angeles Animal Shelter located at 1850 West 60th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90047 in an amount estimated at this time to exceed \$3,000,000, conditioned upon the probate court's approval.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to file a petition on behalf of the DAS and its Animal Welfare Trust Fund in support of the probate petition filed by the Estate of Kenneth G. Anderson.
3. AUTHORIZE the creation of a new appropriation account within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund- Fund No. 859 entitled Rosemary Long Anderson Gift.
4. APPROVE the deposits of the initial liquidated funds and all residual liquidated funds into the Rosemary Long Anderson Gift appropriation account within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund- Fund No. 859 and restrict said funds for the humane treatment of animals, including providing for their protection, health, safety, and welfare.
5. INSTRUCT the DAS to:
  - a. Provide a report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) upon receipt of the bequest's final disbursement of liquidated funds.
  - b. Prepare an annual report to the Board containing an account balance for the Rosemary Long Anderson Gift and include an itemized listing of all prior year expenditures and proposed future expenditures.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that there will be no impact to the General Fund. This bequest will be deposited into the DAS' Animal Welfare Trust Fund- Fund No. 859's newly established Rosemary Long Anderson Gift appropriation account, to be used to support the South L.A. Animal Shelter in accordance with the bequest from the Estate of Kenneth G. Anderson.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On March 4, 2018, the Committee Chair considered a February 26, 2020 DAS report relative to the acceptance of a bequest of \$3,000,000 from the Estate of Kenneth G. Anderson as a gift in the name of his wife, Rosemary Long Anderson to the South Los Angeles Animal Shelter. According to the DAS, on August 24, 2018, Kenneth G. Anderson died in the County of Los Angeles. He was a longtime resident of the City. His will, which was admitted to probate on November 19, 2018, directed the residue of his estate to be donated to an animal shelter (without

naming a specific entity). At the time of his death, Mr. Anderson had prepared an unexecuted Living Trust designating the South L.A. Animal Shelter as the specific charitable entity with respect to the disposition of the residue of his trust estate whereas his Will. The Estate's Executor believes the Animal Welfare Trust Fund, Fund No. 859 is the appropriate charitable organization based upon its stated purpose to enhance the quality of life for shelter and other animals by funding animal supplies, medical equipment, improvements to Animal Shelters and other animal welfare-related projects undertaken by the DAS.

In January 2020, the DAS was contacted by Attorney James H. Sipple, on behalf of the Executor for the Estate of Kenneth G. Anderson notifying the DAS that its South Los Angeles Shelter had been identified by the Estate's Executor to receive the residue of the descendant's substantial estate which is expected at this time to exceed \$3,000,000, should the court grant the Executor's petition scheduled for hearing on April 20, 2020, in the Central-Stanley Mosk Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Executor believes that the probate court would welcome a supporting petition, to be filed by the City Attorney, evidencing both the Board's and Council's approval to accept the bequest as a gift to the City. Subsequently, on February 25, 2020, the Board authorized to accept a Bequest from the Estate of Kenneth G. Anderson as a gift in the name of Rosemary Long Anderson subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of accepting the bequest as described in the DAS report and above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, CHAIR  
PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

**MEMBER VOTE**

KORETZ: YES

LEE: ABSENT

PRICE: ABSENT

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