

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, onychectomy (declawing) and flexor tendonectomy can be a painful operation, preventing an animal from being able to extend its claws and leaving it unable to scratch, affecting its balance and climbing and rendering it at a great disadvantage in defending itself; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that links onychectomy (declawing) and flexor tendonectomy to a high risk of painful, adverse, and long-lasting effects on animals and that complications can include damage to nerves, lameness, and chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, declawing unnecessarily increases public health and safety risks as declawed animals become more prone to biting as a form of defense, leading to increased infection; and

WHEREAS, there are many alternatives that involve no physical harm to the animal; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the declawing of domestic cats which has been effective both in preserving the health of cats and contributing to the reduction of cat euthanasia in the City's animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, the State of California currently has a statute prohibiting additional local jurisdictions from adopting such ordinances, to the detriment of cats throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, AB 2606 (Carrillo) would in effect repeal that statute and establish a statewide prohibition on declawing except for therapeutic reasons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2606 to prohibit an individual from declawing a cat for any reason other than a therapeutic purpose.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Kretz
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, Fifth District

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