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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/14/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 11/09/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0243

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: RE: Council File 22-0897 & Taxpayer Funded Northeast Valley Animal Shelter RFP to Operate as a Private Rescue Organization Facility The Northeast Valley Animal Shelter is a City of Los Angeles facility built with Proposition F taxpayer funds to be a municipal animal shelter, open to the public. The Board of Animal Services Commissioners has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to lease the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter to rescue organizations to operate without input from the affected Stakeholders and Neighborhood Councils. The City Council (Council File 22-0897, Koretz and Blumenfield) introduced a resolution to amend the City Charter to require that a commission associated with any department contemplating the issuance of an RFP hold a public hearing. Alternatively, the department can have public meetings to provide members of the public an opportunity to offer relevant ideas for consideration by the department before the drafting of the RFP. Violating good governance and snubbing the taxpayers who have invested in and must pay for the facility for decades to come, DAS and its oversight commission are not bothering to get input from the public before the issuance of the RFP; this is wrong! The pending RFP should be withdrawn and canceled. The WHWCNC believes the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter should be a full-service municipal animal shelter, as was the will of Proposition F voters. Inclusive, transparent, diligent, and documented efforts must be undertaken to evaluate the short and long-term needs and feasibility of operating the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter as a full-service and equipped public animal shelter. This study must include the impacts on other city animal shelters of having or not having the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter operating as a municipal shelter. Only after public input and no documented municipal need for the animal shelter should an RFP for sublease be considered. Please see our full-length CIS statement attached.

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Board Vote Details:

Passed on 09/14/2022

Members Present: 15

Quorum: 12

Members voting Aye: 11

Members voting Nay: 0

Members Abstaining: 2

Members Ineligible: 1

Board Authorized

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RE: Council File [22-0897](#) & Taxpayer Funded Northeast Valley Animal Shelter RFP to Operate as a Private Rescue Organization Facility

WHEREAS, The Northeast Valley Animal Shelter is a City facility built with [Proposition F](#) funds to be a municipal animal shelter, open to the public. It was not meant to be a private facility to house rescue organizations. Nevertheless, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners has issued a Request for Proposal [RFP] to do just that, lease the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter to rescue organizations to operate; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Animal Services Commissioners and Animal Services Department did not provide an opportunity for the affected Stakeholders and Neighborhood Councils [NCs] to provide input into this decision, the Department of Animal Services and City Council should receive input from the affected Stakeholders and NCs before releasing the RFP for rescue organizations to operate the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter; and,

WHEREAS, The Request for Proposal RFP was released without input from the affected Stakeholders and NCs; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council introduced a resolution ([Council File 22-0897](#), Koretz and Blumenfield) to amend the City Charter to require that the commission associated with any department contemplating the issuance of an RFP hold a public hearing or the department hold a public meeting, to provide members of the public an opportunity to offer relevant ideas for consideration by the department **prior** to the drafting of the RFP; and,

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Commission doesn't appear to be doing anything to stop the RFP for the Northeast Valley Shelter;

THEREFORE, the WHWCNC believes the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter should be a full-service municipal animal shelter as contemplated by [Proposition F](#) and that no action should be taken on the RFP until it is determined if this can be done.

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