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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/06/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 10/06/2022

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1073

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

**Summary: RE: CF 22-1073 TENANT EVICTION PROTECTIONS / PET ADOPTION / REQUEST TO LA CITY COUNCIL FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST EVICTIONS FOR PETS FOR THOSE ADOPTING PETS DURING THE COVID STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council supports the Department of Animal Services request to amend the eviction moratorium to protect pets from needless extermination and abandonment. The LHNC urges members of the city council to visit our pound on Lacy st that is already at max capacity. The ending of the eviction protections in Feb 2023 will already send families to the streets. The ordinance now states that tenants with unauthorized pets one year after the end of the moratorium will have to choose whether to be evicted because of their pet, or dump it at the shelter where it will languish and die. Pets are not accessories or the equivalent of returning a shirt to the Gap. Pets are family members. Many who have pets dont have kids; they live alone and relieve the burden on the city and environment by adopting animals from the pound or the streets and volunteer doing TNR or rehoming surplus pets the city can't manage. The City of LA doesn't impose the laws it already has to prevent backyard breeders from running craigslist puppy mills. Renters do the city a favor by adopting pets in the first place. Renters who have adopted pets from LA Animal services should get a tax break for picking up where the city failed. Spaying and neutering of pets is mandatory in the City of LA, yet the city does not enforce it and more animals die. City Council must incorporate into any new ordinance altering LAMC 49.99.2.C a provision requiring landlords and building managers to allow any companion animal residing in a unit pursuant to that section to continue residing there for the duration of the animal's natural life, or the tenant either relocates or voluntarily relocates the animal, and to refrain from evicting any tenant whose animal is in residence based on Section 49.99.2.C.



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October 6, 2022

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT  
CF 22-1073

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Year 14, Nay (x), Abstain (x) on Oct 6, 2022

Honorable City Council  
City Hall- 200 N Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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Sincerely,

Sara Clendening, President  
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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September 12, 2022

The Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Ms. Heleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

**RE: REQUEST TO LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST  
EVICTIONS FOR PETS FOR THOSE ADOPTING PETS DURING THE COVID STATE OF  
EMERGENCY**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **APPROVE** a request from the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to the Los Angeles City Council to take the appropriate action to ensure that all tenants who adopted animals during the LA City's COVID 19 State of Emergency and have been protected by the City's COVID eviction protections approved by the City Council and signed into law by the Mayor continue to be protected from eviction based on having pets after the State of Emergency expires or the COVID eviction protection are amended.
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit this recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

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## **SUMMARY**

In May 2020 the City of Los Angeles adopted Ordinance No. 186606 which set forth regulations regarding residential and commercial evictions during the COVID-19 “Safer at Home” Declaration of Emergency period (“Local Emergency Period”). The ordinance established Section 49.99.2 (Prohibition on Residential Evictions) which included clause C, which reads as follows: “No Owner shall endeavor to evict or evict a residential tenant based on the presence of unauthorized occupants or pets, or for nuisance related to COVID-19 during the Local Emergency Period.”

As the COVID pandemic slowly winds down, it is increasingly likely that the City, for a variety of serious reasons, will soon alter or repeal some elements of the eviction regulations adopted in 2020. This likelihood suggests that companion animals who have been living in rental units where they previously weren’t permitted could be placed in jeopardy of being displaced. This in turn could lead to a rash of relinquishments to the City’s crowded animal shelters.

In order to mitigate that possibility, the City Council should incorporate into any new ordinance altering LAMC 49.99.2.C a provision requiring landlords and building managers to allow any companion animal residing in a unit pursuant to that section to continue residing there for the duration of the animal’s natural life, or the tenant either relocates or voluntarily relocates the animal, and to refrain from evicting any tenant whose animal is in residence based on Section 49.99.2.C.

At its meeting on August 23, 2022, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved this item for recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez  
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Request to Los Angeles City Council for Continued Protection Against Evictions for Pets for Those Adopting Pets During the Covid State of Emergency

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, City Administrative Officer

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**Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners**

**MEETING DATE:** August 23, 2022

**PREPARED BY:** Annette Ramirez

**REPORT DATE:** August 12, 2022

**TITLE:** Interim General Manager

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST EVICTIONS FOR PETS FOR THOSE ADOPTING PETS DURING THE COVID STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The following report was requested by Board President Larry Gross.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

Approved:



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Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

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**BOARD ACTION:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Passed with noted modifications | Continued   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tabled                          | New Date    | <input type="checkbox"/> |