

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE relative to establishing a plan for reinvigorating the Animal Cruelty Task Force.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz – Blumenfield):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Department of Animal Services (DAS) and REQUEST the City Attorney to report to the Public Safety and Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare (PAAW) Committees within 30 days per the requirements of Council File No. 21-0600-S59, with the goal of establishing a plan for reinvigorating the Animal Cruelty Task Force as soon as possible.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 24, 2022, the Chair of the PAAW Committee considered a Motion (Koretz – Blumenfield) relative to establishing a plan for reinvigorating the Animal Cruelty Task Force. According to the Motion, in adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 City Budget, Council adopted Council File No. 21-0600-S59, which reads as follows:

“Instruct the Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee \*and the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee (as amended by [Motion Koretz – Blumenfield] on May 20, 2021) on the staffing needs to reactivate the Animal Cruelty Task Force, and on the enforcement work done by this task force that is not done by other LAPD personnel.”

Further, Council has set aside \$1,006,423 as a line item in the Unappropriated Balance to fund the LAPD’s participation in the decade-plus-old collaboration with the DAS, the City Attorney and the Los Angeles County District Attorney known as the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF). In keeping with the intent and desire of the Mayor and City Council to reinvigorate LAPD’s participation in the ACTF by the adoption of these Budget actions, the requested report on staffing needs and a reactivation plan is long overdue. After consideration, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair  
Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

KORETZ: YES

HARRIS-DAWSON: ABSENT

BONIN: ABSENT

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