

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: ITEM NUMBER 77-- 76. [APPLAUSE]

CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO: ITEM 76 IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 10, ANIMALS, TO REQUIRE THAT ALL DOGS BE IMPLANTED WITH AN IDENTIFYING MICROCHIP, TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM FOR ALL DOGS, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR UNALTERED AND ALTERED DOGS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE GET ON TO THIS ITEM, THERE WAS AN ITEM THAT WAS APPROVED, I BELIEVE ON CONSENT AND THERE ARE I THINK FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE WHO WERE STUCK IN THE LINE. IT WAS ON THE...

(NOTE FROM TAC: A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ADDRESSED ITEM 63)

CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO: ITEM 63.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PAY ANY MONEY FOR AN UNCERTIFIED PIECE OF EQUIPMENT?

CONNY MCCORMACK: ABSOLUTELY. WE CAN'T DO THAT BY LAW, THANK YOU, SIR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY, SO MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. MARCIA MAYEDA.

MARCIA MAYEDA: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY HAS ACTUALLY TWO PURPOSES. FIRST

WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS REDUCE THE EUTHANASIA OF UNWANTED DOGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHELTERS AND, SECONDARILY, WE WANT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY BY REDUCING THE NUMBERS OF STRAY DOGS ON THE STREETS. TO GIVE YOU SOME BACKGROUND ABOUT THE OVERPOPULATION ISSUE OF THE DOGS IN OUR COMMUNITY, LAST YEAR, LAST FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY TOOK IN OVER 40,000 STRAY AND UNWANTED DOGS AND NEARLY 19,000 OF THESE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PUT TO DEATH. OUR DEPARTMENT IS OVERWHELMED WITH UNWANTED DOGS THAT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE HOMES. THIS ORDINANCE WILL REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF UNWANTED ANIMALS THAT FLOOD OUR SHELTERS AND MOVE OUR DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE NO-KILL MODEL THAT WE STRIVE FOR. AN EXAMPLE OF WHERE THIS TYPE OF ORDINANCE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IS IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, WHO HAS HAD AN ORDINANCE SIMILAR TO THIS FOR OVER 10 YEARS AND, DURING THIS PERIOD, THEY HAVE SEEN ANIMAL IMPOUNDS DROP BY 57%. THAT IS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AND ONE THAT WE WISH TO SEE REPEATED HERE. THE OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS PUBLIC SAFETY. STRAY ANIMALS ARE ROAMING OUR STREETS. LAST YEAR, WE TOOK IN 24,000 STRAY DOGS. UNALTERED ANIMALS ARE MORE LIKELY TO ROAM AND THEY'RE MORE LIKELY TO ROAM FURTHER IN PURSUIT OF MATES AND TO DEFEND THEIR TERRITORY. THEY'RE ARE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARDS THAT COME ALONG WITH THIS, SUCH AS DOG BITES AND ATTACKS, DOGS TURNING OVER TRASH, CAUSING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, SPREADING ILLNESS AND DISEASE. ALTERING REDUCES AGGRESSION IN DOGS, IT MAY NOT ELIMINATE IT, BUT IT DOES REDUCE IT AND THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY

CONCERN AND ALTERING DOGS IS ONE OF THE FIRST RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ANIMAL BEHAVIORISTS WHEN THEY'RE DEALING WITH AGGRESSIVE DOGS. IN SUMMARY, THIS ORDINANCE WILL REQUIRE THAT ALL DOGS THAT ARE FOUR MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED UNLESS A VETERINARIAN PROVIDES WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE SURGERY SHOULD NOT BE PERFORMED. THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT BREED SPECIFIC. IT APPLIES TO ANY DOG IN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ORDINANCE. ONE IS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS, ONE IS FOR SERVICE DOGS THAT ASSIST THE DISABLED AND ONE IS FOR COMPETITION DOGS, AND THESE ARE SHOW DOGS OR COMPETITION DOGS THAT PEOPLE USE FOR DOG SPORT SUCH AS OBEDIENCE, CONFIRMATION, HERDING, TRACKING AND OTHER COMPETITIONS THAT DOGS ARE ENGAGED IN. TO BE A COMPETITION DOG, THE DOG MUST BE PUREBRED AND REGISTERED WITH AN APPROPRIATE REGISTRY AND THEY MUST DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DO ALL THREE. THEY MUST EITHER COMPETE IN AT LEAST ONE DOG COMPETITION EVENT PER YEAR OR HAVE ALREADY EARNED A TITLE IN THEIR AREA OF COMPETITION OR, IF THE OWNER DOES NOT PREFER TO SHOW, THEN THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF A PUREBRED DOG BREED CLUB THAT HAS A BREEDING CODE OF ETHICS. THIS DOES NOT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BREEDING TWO PUREBREDS TOGETHER. THERE'S BEEN A CONCERN ABOUT SOME OF THE NEW, QUOTE, DESIGNER DOGS LIKE LABRADOODLES AND PUGGLES AND WHAT THOSE ARE, ARE CREATED FROM THE BREEDING OF, IN THE LABRADOODLE CASE, A LABRADOR AND A POODLE. AS LONG AS THOSE DOGS ARE

PUREBRED AND REGISTERED AND MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMPETITION DOGS, THEY WOULD ACTUALLY BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT. IT'S JUST THAT THE OFFSPRING THEN WOULD HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED. THIS ORDINANCE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY SPAYED AND NEUTERED THEIR DOGS HAVE DONE SO. 30 YEARS AGO, THIS DEPARTMENT TOOK IN 90,000 DOGS PER YEAR. LAST YEAR, WE TOOK IN 40,000. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A VERY STRONG EFFORT ON BEHALF OF OUR DEPARTMENT, OTHER DEPARTMENTS, ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, COMPASSIONATE ANIMAL OWNERS TO ENCOURAGE SPAYING AND NEUTERING AND, OVER THE YEARS, WE'VE SEEN MANY PEOPLE DO THAT AND THE NUMBERS EVER INCOMING ANIMALS DECREASED. HOWEVER, THIS TREND IS LEVELING OFF AND WE MUST HAVE A STRONGER INCENTIVE TO KEEP THIS TREND MOVING TO MANAGEABLE NUMBERS. WE CONTINUE TO HEAR WEEKLY REPORTS OF ATTACKS FROM DOGS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THIS CONTINUES TO BE A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. AGAIN, WE HAD 24,000 STRAY DOGS COME INTO OUR DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR. THERE'S ALSO AN ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION AND REUNIFICATION PART OF THIS ORDINANCE AND IT WILL REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS. MICROCHIPPING IS A VERY SIMPLE, NONSURGICAL PROCEDURE WHERE A MICROCHIP, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A GRAIN OF RICE, IS INJECTED UNDERNEATH THE SKIN BETWEEN THE SHOULDER BLADES AND THEY ARE A PERMANENT MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION THAT CANNOT BE ALTERED, LIKE TATTOOS CAN BE ALTERED, THEY CAN FADE. DOG TAGS CAN FALL OFF. MICROCHIPS ARE PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION AND THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

ONE IS FOR REUNIFICATION OF PETS. IN FACT, JUST A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, WE HAD A PHONE CALL FROM HUMBLE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL. THEY HAD FOUND A DOG WITH ONE OF OUR MICROCHIPS. THE OWNERS LIVED IN DIAMOND BAR. THEY LOST THE DOG THREE YEARS AGO AND WE WERE ABLE TO REUNITE THE DOG WITH THEIR OWNERS. THEY DROVE ALL THE WAY UP TO HUMBLE COUNTY THE NEXT DAY TO GET THEIR PET. WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT GOT TO HUMBLE COUNTY BUT IT'S AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW WE'RE ABLE TO REUNITE PETS WITH THEIR OWNERS. IT'S ALSO A WAY TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY ANIMALS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO COMPORT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS COST NEUTRAL. WE WILL REQUIRE SIX ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND TWO CLERICAL WORKERS TO ENFORCE THIS BUT THAT COST IS RECOVERED IN THE INCREASED COSTS IN THE DOG LICENSE FEES FOR UNALTERED DOGS. WE ARE ALSO REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE DOLLARS PER LICENSE FOR ALTERED AND UNALTERED DOGS AND THOSE \$5 WOULD BE SET ASIDE IN A LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS GET SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR ANIMALS. WE'VE ALSO RECEIVED A VERY GENEROUS OFFER FROM THE FOUND ANIMAL FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE UP TO ONE MILLION FREE MICROCHIPS TO DOG OWNERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND DAVE LOFTUS, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THAT FOUNDATION, WILL SPEAK TO THAT UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENFORCEMENT AND THEY'RE CONCERNED THAT WE WILL ONLY GO AFTER-- OR BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THIS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY LICENSED THEIR ANIMALS AND THEY FEEL THAT THAT

WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE. IN FACT, WE HAVE ONE OF THE STRONGEST ANIMAL LICENSING PROGRAMS IN THE NATION. APPROXIMATELY 60% OF THE DOGS IN OUR SERVICE AREA ARE LICENSED, COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, WHICH IS LESS THAN 10%. THE REASON OURS IS SO SUCCESSFUL IS BECAUSE WE HAVE LICENSE CANVASSERS, 41 PEOPLE ON STAFF, FULL-TIME, THAT, YEAR-ROUND, COLLECT DELINQUENT PET LICENSES AND ALSO DISCOVER UNLICENSED DOGS IN THE COMMUNITY. 38% OF THE LICENSES THAT THESE CANVASSERS BRING IN ARE NEW DOGS WHOSE OWNERS DID NOT VOLUNTARILY LICENSE THEM. SO WE HAVE A VERY EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. ALSO, ANY DOG THAT GETS LOOSE, A STRAY ANIMAL THAT COMES INTO THE SHELTER, WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE, SO THEY'LL BE REQUIRED TO EITHER OBTAIN AN UNALTERED DOG LICENSE IF THEY'VE MET THE CRITERIA OR HAVE THEIR DOG STERILIZED AND THAT WILL GREATLY REDUCE, OVER TIME, THE NUMBER OF INCOMING ANIMALS INTO OUR SHELTERS. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE AGE OF THE ANIMALS THAT WE HAVE SET, WHICH WOULD BE FOUR MONTHS OF AGE WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE STERILIZED. WE FEEL THAT'S REASONABLE, FOR SEVERAL REASONS. ONE, THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS SPAY AND NEUTER DOWN TO EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE. IT'S BEEN DONE FOR THOUSANDS AND PROBABLY MILLIONS OF ANIMALS ROUND THE COUNTRY. ALL ANIMALS SHELTERS WILL DO THIS DOWN TO SIX OR EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE. OUR OWN DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN STERILIZING ANIMALS AT THAT AGE FOR MANY YEARS. IT'S AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE THE OVERPOPULATION OF ANIMALS OUT IN THE

COMMUNITY. FOUR MONTHS IS REASONABLE. HOWEVER, IF A PET OWNER HAS A CONCERN AND THEIR VETERINARIAN HAS A CONCERN ABOUT THE AGE OR THE CONDITION OF THE ANIMAL, THE VETERINARIAN CAN GIVE A WAIVER TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY DON'T FEEL THE ANIMAL COULD BE STERILIZED YET AND THAT IT COULD COME BACK AT A LATER TIME WHEN IT'S OLDER AND WE, OF COURSE, WOULD RESPECT THE VETERINARIAN'S POSITION IN THAT CASE. WE'VE LOOKED AT DOING OTHER OPTIONS BUT THE REASON FOUR MONTHS IS IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE THAT'S THE AGE, UNDER STATE LAW, THAT DOGS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT AGE. SOME PEOPLE IN THE SHOW WORLD HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE AGE BECAUSE THEY DON'T START SHOWING THEIR PUPPIES UNTIL PERHAPS SIX MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER. THOSE PEOPLE WOULD STILL HAVE AN EXCEPTION UNDER THE JOINING A BREED CLUB WITH A BREEDING CODE OF EXCEPTION, SO THEY WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE SHOWING THEIR ANIMALS AT THAT AGE. SOME PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WE MAY RUN OUT OF DOGS. [LAUGHTER]

MARCIA MAYEDA: AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE A VERY DIFFICULT SCENARIO TO SEE AND NOT VERY REASONABLE. IF IT EVER GETS TO THE POINT WHERE WE'VE RUN OUT OF DOGS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK TO THE SUPERVISORS AND RECOMMEND A CHANGE IN THE ORDINANCE BUT, FOR RIGHT NOW, WE'RE OVERWHELMED WITH ANIMALS. 40,000 DOGS A YEAR COMING INTO OUR SHELTERS. WE'RE THE LARGEST ANIMAL SHELTERING AGENCY IN THE NATION AND THERE'S A VERY, VERY STRONG PUBLIC DEMAND TO REDUCE THE

NUMBERS OF ANIMALS EUTHANIZED IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE'S A STRONG PUBLIC DEMAND TO REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF STRAY ANIMALS THAT ARE CAUSING PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS AND UNSTERILIZED ANIMALS ARE VERY LIKELY TO STRAY AND ROAM AND CAUSE THESE PROBLEMS. SO WE FEEL THAT THIS IS A REASONABLE APPROACH, IT'S ONE THAT'S BEEN TESTED AND PROVEN SUCCESSFUL IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION AND WE RECOMMEND THIS TO BE ADOPTED BY YOUR SUPERVISORS. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. [APPLAUSE] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE BOARD RULES DON'T APPROVE OF APPLAUSE. IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, YOU CAN JUST WAVE YOUR HANDS AND THAT ACCOMPLISHES YOUR GOAL AND EVERYBODY RETAINS ORDER. THANK YOU, MARCIA. ANY QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

SUP. MOLINA: WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION, THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE, IF WE WERE TO APPROVE IT TODAY, IT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN?

MARCIA MAYEDA: IT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED JUNE 2ND-- WELL, IT WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 2ND.

SUP. MOLINA: THE REASON I'M SAYING IS THAT YOU NEED TO CREATE AN AWFUL LOT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THIS. I KNOW THAT, IN MY AREA OF UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A., THERE ARE MANY, MANY DOGS AND PARTICULARLY A LOT OF STRAY DOGS AND WE

HAVE A LOT OF ONGOING PROBLEMS, AS YOU KNOW, AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE VERY GOOD PUBLIC INFORMATION. HOW PEOPLE-- I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'RE GOING TO KNOW. I MEAN, I KNOW YOU CAN PUBLISH A STORY, BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY-- I THINK THERE HAS TO BE A FULL CAMPAIGN SO THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE CARRIED OUT AND IMPLEMENTED, BECAUSE, INITIALLY, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY INTIMIDATING TO PEOPLE. IT SOUNDS SO NEGATIVE BUT, IN THE LONG RUN, IT'S A VERY PROTECTIVE, FOR THE MOST PART, PROTECTIVE ORDINANCE BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT. SO DO YOU HAVE A PLAN AS TO WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WE DO HAVE A PLAN FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH. WE DON'T PLAN TO PLAY GOTCHA WITH PEOPLE THE DAY THIS ORDINANCE COMES INTO EFFECT. OUR GOAL IS TO GET COMPLIANCE, NOT TO HAVE PEOPLE RELINQUISH ANIMALS OR TRY TO AVOID US. WE FEEL THAT IT'S A PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE IT SAFER AND HEALTHIER FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS. WE WILL BE DOING PUBLIC OUTREACH MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, WE'LL HAVE MATERIALS TO DISTRIBUTE TO PEOPLE WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND CONTACTS FOR LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES, EXPLAINING WHAT THE ORDINANCE ENTAILS, WE'LL HAVE IT IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH. WE'VE HAD THE OFFER FROM THE RESCUE AND HUMANE ALLIANCE, WHICH IS MADE UP OF OVER 53 ANIMAL PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTY TO ASSIST US WITH THAT OUTREACH EFFORT. SO WE WILL, BY ALL MEANS, MAKE EVERY

EFFORT TO MAKE IT VERY WELL KNOWN AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE COMMUNITIES.

SUP. MOLINA: AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HANDLE THE ISSUE? WE HAVE SO MANY UNLICENSED ANIMALS AND PETS. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HANDLE THAT? BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS, AGAIN, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO COMPLY.

MARCIA MAYEDA: RIGHT. WELL, AS I SAID, WE HAVE A 60% MARKET PENETRATION IN THE LICENSING. 60% OF THE DOGS IN OUR SERVICE AREAS ARE LICENSED, COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF ONLY 10%, SO WE'VE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL LICENSING PROGRAM BECAUSE OF OUR LICENSED CANVASSERS, SO WE'LL USE OUR CANVASSERS TO CONTINUE TO GET THE WORD OUT AND TO INFORM AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT THIS ENTAILS. THE ONLY ANALOGY I CAN THINK OF IS, IS WE HAVE LOTS OF LAWS ON THE BOOKS. NOT EVERYBODY FOLLOWS THE LAWS, BUT MOST PEOPLE DO, MOST PEOPLE ARE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND THEY DO DO THAT. THE POLICE DON'T CATCH EVERY CRIMINAL AND, YOU KNOW, HONESTLY, IF SOMEBODY HAS A DOG THAT'S UNSTERILIZED THAT LIVES INSIDE THAT NEVER COMES INTO OUR SHELTERS SO WE DON'T ENFORCE IT, THE DOG IS ALSO NOT CAUSING US A PROBLEM, SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S PROBABLY NOT THAT MUCH OF AN ISSUE BUT WE DO HAVE A VERY STRONG PENETRATION INTO THE DOG LICENSING FIELD AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO THAT, AND ALSO, EVERY DOG THAT COMES INTO OUR SHELTER WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THIS PRIOR TO BEING RELEASED. SO

THEY'D EITHER HAVE TO QUALIFY FOR AND OBTAIN AN UNALTERED LICENSE OR HAVE THEIR ANIMAL STERILIZED BEFORE THEY LEAVE. WE HAVE VETERINARY CLINICS AT EVERY ONE OF OUR SHELTERS, SO WE COULD CERTAINLY DO THAT FOR THEM.

SUP. KNABE: MR. MAYOR, COULD I JUST FOLLOW UP? AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN RAISED TO ME AND PARTICULARLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MY DISTRICT, IS THE ISSUE OF SENIORS AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, ONE FORM OF EDUCATION OR OUTREACH WOULD BE OUR SENIOR CENTERS AND DEALING WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAINLY, AT LEAST FROM THE LETTERS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED, SOME SENSE OF FEAR THERE ABOUT ABSCONDING WITH THEIR ANIMALS AND, YOU KNOW, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. SO I THINK WE NEED, ONE, IS AN EXTENSIVE OUTREACH OVERALL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION, BUT ALSO THERE MAY BE SOME UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE SENIOR CENTERS TO DO SO.

MARCIA MAYEDA: CERTAINLY. WE'LL LOOK AT THAT AND OUR GOAL IS NOT TO SEPARATE SENIORS FROM THEIR PETS. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE TO THEM AS THEIR COMPANIONS AND THEY MAKE WONDERFUL PET OWNERS.

SUP. KNABE: RIGHT, THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT SO THERE IS SOME FEAR OUT THERE.

MARCIA MAYEDA: AND WE HAVE THE LOW COST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SO IF THEY'RE ON FIXED INCOMES, WE CAN HELP THEM OBTAIN SERVICES OR, IF THEIR ANIMAL IS TOO OLD, THE ANIMAL CAN GET A DEFERMENT FROM THE VETERINARIAN ALSO.

SUP. KNABE: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD YOU EACH TO ONE MINUTE. FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO CALL CAESAR MILAN, MADELINE BERNSTEIN, SUE TAYLOR AND JOANNE WORLEY. CESAR HAD TO LEAVE? OKAY. THEN MARIA GUTZEIT. JUST BEFORE YOU SPEAK, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AND THANK YOU. WELCOME. GOOD AFTERNOON.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAVE CESAR MILAN'S NOTES. CESAR MILAN IS THE DOG WHISPERER AND HE HAS A NATIONALLY TELEVISED SHOW AND IS AN EXPERT IN HIS FIELD AND VERY WELL KNOWN FOR HANDLING ESPECIALLY AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS AND WHAT CAESAR WANTED TO TELL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT, IN HIS OPINION, IN ORDER TO STOP EUTHANASIA, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING-- WITHIN THE SHELTERS, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE CAN DO IS TO SPAY AND NEUTER OUR PETS. IN HIS PROFESSIONAL OPINION, THE ALTERED PET DOESN'T ROAM TO LOOK FOR A MATE, IT REDUCES AGGRESSION, REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF TIMES THAT A ANIMAL WOULD WANT TO ATTACK, IT REDUCES FRUSTRATION AND DEPRESSION AND INSECURITY IN ANIMALS WHEN

THEY ARE SPAYED AND NEUTERED AND MAKES THEM BETTER COMMUNITY PETS. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT ONE DOG IN HEAT CAN MAKE AN ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD UNSTABLE BECAUSE AN INTACT DOG CAN SMELL A FEMALE IN HEAT FOR MILES AROUND AND IT CAN CAUSE THAT DOG'S BEHAVIOR TO BECOME AGGRESSIVE. DOGS LEAVE THEIR SCENT FOR OTHER DOGS TO FIND. PEOPLE HAVE EMAIL AND DOGS HAVE PEE-MAIL AND THAT'S HOW IT WORKS. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]

MADELEINE BERNSTEIN: HI. I'M MADELEINE BERNSTEIN. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS REALLY A GREAT DAY WHOSE TIME HAS COME TO SPAY AND NEUTER THE PETS AND I COMMEND MARCIA MAYEDA AND THE SUPERVISORS FOR EVEN CONSIDERING THAT WHICH THE STATE WAS NOT QUITE YET READY TO CONSIDER. THERE ARE VARIOUS LAWS ON THE BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE STATES MANDATING THAT SHELTERS SPAY AND NEUTER BEFORE RELEASE, MANDATING RESCUE GROUPS SPAY AND NEUTER BEFORE RELEASE AND YET THERE ARE STILL MORE ANIMALS EUTHANIZED AND MORE ANIMALS BEING BORN ONLY TO DIE IN A SHELTER AND IT'S NOT FAIR. BEING BREED SPECIFIC IS EVEN WORSE. IT VICTIMIZED ALREADY VICTIM BREEDS WHO, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, END UP BECOMING EXTINCT BECAUSE OF THE POOR CARE AND POOR COMPASSION. THIS BILL IS ALSO-- THIS ORDINANCE IS ALSO INTELLIGENT IN THAT, INSTEAD OF USING RESOURCES TO ARGUE, IS MY DOG COVERED UNDER THIS NEW ORDINANCE, IT MAKES IT VERY CLEAR. YOU SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR DOG AND YOU DON'T WASTE A LOT OF TAXPAYER MONEY ON HEARINGS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. WHO WOULD OPPOSE

THIS BILL? WELL, MARCIA GAVE YOU SOME BUT TYPICALLY OPPONENTS OF THIS BILL ARE THE BACKYARD BREEDERS, THE PEOPLE WHO SEEK FINANCIAL GAIN WHO AREN'T PAYING THEIR TAXES-- IS MY TIME UP?

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: YOUR TIME IS UP. THE LIGHTS ARE ON. THIS IS HOLLYWOOD.

MADELEINE BERNSTEIN: I'M SORRY. PLEASE APPROVE IT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES.

JOANNE WORLEY: GOOD MORNING. I MEAN GOOD AFTERNOON.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: TO THE PEOPLE AT HOME, GOOD EVENING.

JOANNE WORLEY: I'M JOANN WORLEY, AND I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMAL, AN ORGANIZATION THAT, OVER THE LAST 35 YEARS, HAS SPENT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO SPAY AND NEUTER THE COMPANION ANIMALS OF SOME OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS. ARE YOU GIRLS GOING? BYE. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND YOUR VOTE IS GOING TO MAKE HISTORY TODAY. DOGS ARE NOT-- ARE MORE THAN OUR COMPANIONS. MANY OF THEM, AS YOU KNOW, WORK VERY HARD TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS AND OUR COUNTRY. I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR STANDING UP AND RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS SHAMEFUL

TO KILL DOGS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE HOMES. WELL, WE KNOW THAT LEGISLATURE... [APPLAUSE]

JOANNE WORLEY: WHILE WE KNOW THAT LEGISLATION ALONE WILL NOT SOLVE THE PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM, IT IS VITAL AND A MOTIVATING FACTOR AND THAT'S YOU GUYS. ON BEHALF OF OVER 8,500 MEMBERS OF MY ORGANIZATION, I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE TODAY AND I THANK YOU FOR GIVING IT YOUR ATTENTION AND FINANCIAL BACKING. ONE MINUTE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. GOOD. [LAUGHTER]
DUARTE DAVID LOFTUS, ALISON STANLEY AND JUDY CRUMPTON.

MARIA GUTZEIT: MY NAME IS MARIA GUTZEIT. I'M ELECTED DIRECTOR OF NEW HALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BUT I'M HERE ON MY OWN BEHALF TODAY ONLY. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THESE CHANGES. WHO WILL OPPOSE THIS MEASURE? ILLEGAL BACKYARD BREEDERS WHO KEEP DOGS CRAMMED IN CAGES STACKED IN THEIR GARAGE CRANKING OUT PUPPIES FOR PROFIT, PEOPLE SMUGGLING SICK, UNDERAGE PUPS FROM MEXICO AS REPORTED BY THE "L.A. TIMES" THIS WEEK. WHO WILL SUPPORT IT? DOG OWNERS WHO KNOW THAT SPAY AND NEUTER IS A SMALL PART OF THE LIFELONG CARE COSTS FOR THEIR PETS. RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS WHO TOIL UNDERSTAFFED AND UNPAID, DEALING WITH THE UNRELENTING TIDE OF SICK, INJURED AND ABANDONED ANIMALS. THIS IS A WELL WRITTEN, COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE. THERE ARE EXISTING WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO GET SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES FOR AS LITTLE AS

\$10 SO IT WILL NOT AFFECT LOW INCOME PEOPLE. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS AND FOR THE TWO HOMELESS PUPS THAT WERE UP FOR ADOPTION THIS MORNING, I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN, A NICE ARTICLE YOU'VE WRITTEN FOR THE SIGNAL.

MARIA GUTZEIT: I HAVE COPIES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. YOU'RE GOING TO PASS IT OUT?

MARIA GUTZEIT: YES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. THE SERGEANT WILL PASS IT OUT. OKAY.

SUSAN TAYLOR: HI. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS ORDINANCE. MY NAME IS SUSAN TAYLOR. THOSE IN OPPOSITION WILL TELL YOU THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS WHO BREED FOR ENJOYMENT OF THE SPORT OR AS A HOBBY. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME, MOST ARE LOOKING TO MAKE MONEY. I ADDED UP THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE MADE ON DOG SALES FOR ALL OF THE ADS IN THE SUNDAY "LOS ANGELES TIMES" BASED ON JUST ONE PUPPY. \$121,218. THE AVERAGE PRICE WAS \$600 AND THE HIGHEST \$3,300. BY THE WAY, WHY DON'T YOU ASK ALL OF THE BREEDERS HERE TO STAND UP IF THEY PAID SALES TAX. FOR JUST THESE

ADS, IT WOULD BE OVER \$10,000. ONE DAY YOU WILL ALL
RECOGNIZE HOW MUCH REVENUE IS SLIPPING THROUGH YOUR
FINGERS. AND THIS IS ONLY ONE NEWSPAPER FOR ONE DAY BASED
ON ONE PUPPY. I AM HERE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACTORS
AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS TODAY TO OFFER YOU MONEY. IN SUPPORT
OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE, ACTORS AND OTHERS PLEDGES
\$25,000 TO ASSIST COUNTY RESIDENTS IN STERILIZING THEIR
PETS TO MEET THE NEW REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO OUR
REGULAR PROGRAMS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

SUSAN TAYLOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. [CHEERS AND
APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LET ME CALL UP LILA BROOKS. OKAY.
WHOEVER.

DAVE LOFTUS: MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DAVE LOFTUS
AND I'M HERE TODAY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUND ANIMALS
FOUNDATION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE AND TO
SHOW OUR SUPPORT AND, IN PART, FOR OUR PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAMS, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM, I WOULD LIKE TO
ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 1
MILLION MICROCHIPS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION FREE OF CHARGE
TO PERMANENTLY IDENTIFY DOGS AND CATS IN THE GREATER L.A.
REGION OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. I URGE YOU TO PASS

THIS ORDINANCE TODAY AS IT WILL SAVE LIVES AND TAXPAYER MONEY FROM DAY ONE. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LILA BROOKS.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHAT IS YOUR COMPANY, SIR? WHAT IS YOUR COMPANY?

DAVE LOFTUS: IT IS THE FOUND ANIMALS FOUNDATION, WE'RE A PRIVATE FOUNDATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE COMMITMENT WE'RE MAKING TODAY IS FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE MILLION CHIPS, THAT WOULD BE A WHOLESALE VALUE OF \$10 MILLION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: THAT'S VERY GENEROUS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. LET ME CALL UP LILA BROOKS.

PHYLLIS DAUGHERTY: PHYLLIS DAUGHERTY. I AM DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL ISSUES MOVEMENT AND I ALSO HAVE THE HONOR OF SERVING ON THE ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION BOARD AND WORKING WITH MARCIA MAYEDA AND HER STAFF. MAYOR ANTONOVICH-- MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THERE ARE MANY, MANY PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME OFF WORK AND FROM THEIR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE AND WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. COULD WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION FOR THEM TO STAND?

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAND, MEMBERS THERE? THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

PHYLLIS DAUGHERTY: THANK YOU SO MUCH. OF COURSE, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WILL TELL YOU THAT WE DON'T NEED LAWS, THAT THEIR ANIMALS ARE ALL WELL CARED FOR AND THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE OWNERS AND, OF COURSE, THEY ARE. THIS IS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE'S ANIMAL AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY AND THAT WE MUST ALL COMPLY WITH LAWS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH. IT IS THOSE ANIMALS THAT ARE OUT THERE ATTEMPTING TO BREED THAT ARE THE MOST LIKELY TO ATTACK AND ALSO THE MOST LIKELY TO SPREAD DISEASE AND PROBLEMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AND THE FUNDING FOR IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. OKAY.

JUDY CRUMPTON: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JUDY CRUMPTON AND I RESIDE IN LONG BEACH. YOU'VE HEARD MANY GOOD REASONS WHY WE DEFINITELY DO NEED TO SUPPORT WHAT I THINK IS A WONDERFUL PROPOSAL TO THE AMENDMENT THAT WE-- TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE THAT WE ALREADY HAVE. I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID. I THINK MARCIA DID A BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION, COVERED A LOT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE BACKYARD BREEDING PROBLEMS. I AM OPPOSED TO ALL BREEDING, BUT I WILL SAY THE BACKYARD BREEDING NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED,

AND I, FOR ONE, AM A LITTLE CONFUSED WHY REGISTERED BREEDERS AREN'T SUPPORTING US AND IN FAVOR OF THIS BECAUSE IT HELPS THEM. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE OVERPOPULATION AND, BY ADDRESSING BACKYARD BREEDERS, WE WILL BE ELIMINATING A LOT OF THE KILLING IN OUR SHELTERS, AND WE COULD GO ON AND ON. THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY WE NEED TO ADDRESS PET OVERPOPULATION BUT I BEG YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FOR ALL THE REASONS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM ALL OF THESE MARVELOUS PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TERI AUSTIN AND WENDY ARAGON.

DR. ALLISON STANLEY: MY NAME IS DR. ALLISON STANLEY, I'M A CO-DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA LOBBY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE AND THIS LITTLE GIRL WAS PULLED FROM A SHELTER AT THE AGE OF TWO DAYS OLD, JUST A FEW HOURS AWAY FROM GETTING THE NEEDLE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY BEING KILLED BECAUSE THERE ARE TOO MANY. THERE ARE TOO MANY BEING PRODUCED. AND EVERYONE WHO ISN'T TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM. FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE TRYING TO HELP, IT FEELS LIKE TRYING TO CLEAN UP A TIDAL WAVE WITH A PAPER TOWEL. WE MUST HAVE THE HELP OF LEGISLATION, OF THIS ORDINANCE, SO THAT THE TIDAL WAVE WILL BEGIN TO DIMINISH AND SO THAT THERE WILL BE FEWER ANIMALS TO BE KILLED. I WENT THROUGH THE "L.A. TIMES" ON SUNDAY AND

JUST PICKED OUT FOR YOU THE ADS OF DOGS AND CATS FOR SALE. THERE WERE 127 ADS, A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS OF ANIMALS REPRESENTED IN THOSE ADS WOULD BE ABOUT 508 AND I'M HAPPY TO LEAVE THIS HERE FOR YOU. WE KNOW THAT ONE FEMALE CAT AND HER OFFSPRING CAN PRODUCE 420,000 KITTENS IN SEVEN YEARS. ONE FEMALE DOG AND HER OFFSPRING CAN PRODUCE 67,000 PUPPIES IN SIX YEARS. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LILA?

LILA BROOKS: MY NAME IS LILA BROOKS, CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE DEFENDERS. TWO MONTHS AGO, I CAME BEFORE YOU AND REQUESTED THAT THE OWNERSHIP OF PIT BULLS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE LETHAL WEAPONS BE RESTRICTED. NOW WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE SPAY AND NEUTER SYSTEM BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS FOR SPAYING AND/OR NEUTER, NO CHARGE FOR SENIORS AND LOW INCOME RESIDENTS AND A DISCOUNT VOUCHER COUPON OF \$30 FOR ALL OTHERS. BREEDERS WILL DISAGREE BECAUSE THEY ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN MAKING MONEY BUT IT MAKES NO SENSE TO BREED MORE AND MORE ANIMALS, MOST OF WHICH EVENTUALLY ARE BEING EUTHANIZED. OVER BREEDING HAS TO STOP AND THERE'S NO WAY TO DECREASE THE ANIMAL POPULATION UNLESS A VOUCHER SYSTEM IS BEING ESTABLISHED, MAINLY FOR PIT BULLS AND ROTTWEILERS BUT FOR ALL OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS AS WELL. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PAMELYN FERDIN AND JAN WEBER. YES.

TERI AUSTIN: I'M TERI AUSTIN, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE AMANDA FOUNDATION. THE AMANDA FOUNDATION IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST DOG AND CAT RESCUE IN LOS ANGELES. WE TAKE OUR ANIMALS FROM COUNTY AND CITY SHELTERS. WE ALSO RUN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MOBILE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM IN THE STATE. OVER 20% OF THE DOGS THAT WE NEUTER ARE OVER 50 POUNDS, SO WE SEE THIS ON BOTH ENDS. WE SEE IT FROM THE SPAY/NEUTER ASPECT AND WE SEE IT FROM THE ADOPTION ASPECT AND WE'RE IN THE SHELTERS TO SEE THE ANIMALS THERE. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE WILL TELL YOU THAT PUREBRED ANIMALS FROM RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS DO NOT END UP IN THE SHELTERS. YOUR OWN STAFF WILL TELL YOU DIFFERENTLY. THIS IS ALL ABOUT MONEY. THE REASON THE BREEDERS DON'T WANT A PERMIT IS NOT BECAUSE OF THE MONEY YOU'VE ASKED THEM FOR, BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FLYING UNDER THE RADAR AND NOT BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE TAX THIS THEY GET AWAY WITH NOT PAYING. THE AMERICAN KENNEL SOCIETY OR KENNEL CLUB, RATHER, MAKES THREE-QUARTERS OF THEIR INCOME FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW PUPPIES. IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY. I PERSONALLY THINK THAT THE UNALTERED ORDINANCE SHOULD BE A HIGHER AMOUNT AND I THINK THAT THE ANIMALS ENTERED IN SHOWS SHOULD BE AT LEAST THREE SHOWS A YEAR AND I THINK YOU HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHICH CLUBS BECOME ACCREDITED AND NOT ACCREDITED BECAUSE THERE'S A FREEDOM OF SPEECH ISSUE THAT

COMES UP ABOUT CLUBS. THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB IS NOT A ACCREDITED ORGANIZATION OR A GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY CLUB IN THE STATE AND YOU MAY FIND THAT, ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU HAVE THE ROLLING 36 STREET PIT BULL CLUB WHO ALSO SHOWS AND THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU. THE PUBLIC OUTREACH, THE COALITION FOR PETS AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS OUR PARTNER WITH THE SPAY/NEUTER VAN AND WE HAVE OFFERED A PROGRAM FOR COUNTY DOGS TO BE OFFERED STARTING IN JUNE IN LANCASTER/PALMDALE AREA AND IN SUPPORT OF YOUR ORDINANCE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KOBE SIEGENTHALER AND MARINA LOPEZ. YES.

WENDY ARAGON: WENDY ARAGON. I'M PRESIDENT OF PET ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION. WE WERE FOUNDED 50 YEARS AGO TO COMBAT PET OVERPOPULATION AND WE'RE STILL AT IT. WE COMBAT PET OVERPOPULATION THROUGH LOW COST STERILIZATION REFERRAL, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SUBSIDY OF PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD IT. WE SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR HELPING PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR PETS AND I WANT TO MENTION THAT, IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S AREA, WE HELP MANY, MANY PEOPLE IN THAT AREA IN THE EAST L.A. AREA. WE WANT TO APPLAUD THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, ESPECIALLY DIRECTOR MAYEDA AND YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, FOR DRAFTING AND SPEARHEADING THIS ORDINANCE. IT IS INDEED A HISTORIC OCCASION. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL ATTEMPTS...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. WITH ALL THOSE NICE WORDS, I HAVE TO SAY YOUR TIME'S UP.

WENDY ARAGON: CAN I JUST SAY THIS? WE BELIEVE THAT ALL ATTEMPTS TO CURTAIL PET OVERPOPULATION REQUIRE A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH OF LEGISLATION, EDUCATION AND LOW COST STERILIZATION PROGRAMS AND THIS IS INDEED A WELCOME CORNERSTONE, THE LEGISLATIVE COMPONENT. WE URGE YOU TO PASS IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: I AGREE WITH YOU. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

PAMELYN FERDIN: PAMELYN FERDIN. THERE ARE THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF HEALTHY, TREATABLE, CATS, DOGS, PUPPIES AND KITTENS THAT ARE SLAUGHTERED IN OUR CITY SHELTERS. THEY'RE NOT SHELTERS, THEY'RE ACTUAL DEATH CAMPS. THEY BECOME DEATH CAMPS FOR LOST, HOMELESS AND FERAL ANIMALS. THIS IS NOT EUTHANASIA. EUTHANASIA IS WHEN A BEING IS DYING OF A DISEASE THAT IS INCURABLE AND THAT ARE SUFFERING SO MUCH THAT THEY MUST BE PUT OUT OF THEIR PAIN. THESE ANIMALS ARE BEING KILLED, SO LET'S NOT FORGET. AND THE NUMBERS ARE SO STAGGERING BUT I WANT TO SHOW YOU A PICTURE OF JUST ONE IN THE THROES OF DEATH. REMEMBER, THESE ANIMALS ARE WALKED, DRAGGED TO THE KILL ROOM. THEY'RE CALLED BUMP ROOMS, ONE BY ONE. THEY URINATE, DEFECATE AND VOMIT IN SHEER TERROR

BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING SLAUGHTERED. [INTERJECTIONS] [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MARY BALIAN AND BARBARA MAGNUSSON. YES, MA'AM.

COBY SIEGENTHALER: MY NAME IS COBY SIEGENTHALER AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HUMANE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS WORKING IN THE WEST VALLEY SHELTER AS A VOLUNTEER. THE KILLING NEVER CEASES. AND OF ALL BREEDS. THIS ORDINANCE IS THE ONE THING THAT CAN STOP THIS HORRIFIC KILLING. THESE BACKYARD BREEDERS ARE LOOKING IN THE POUNDS FOR THEIR BITCHES TO-- NOT FOR THE LOVE OF IT, BUT FOR THE GREENS THEY ARE SEEING TO MISS. WELL, WE NEED TO STOP THIS AND I'M THANKING YOU FOR GETTING THIS INVOLVED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. WAS JAN WEBBER HERE? JAN WEBBER? OKAY. PERIEL STANFIELD. STANFIELD. AND JAN EVERETT-- ON JANET EVERETT GUTIER. OKAY. YOU'RE ON.

MARINA LOPEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARINA LOPEZ. I RESIDE IN HOLLYWOOD. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES, BOTH IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND THE CITY OF L.A., I WAS RAISED. THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, I HAVE SEEN THE POSTERS, LITERATURE, T.V. SPOTS, BUMPER STICKERS AND, YES, ATTENDED COUNTLESS MEETINGS ON THIS VERY SUBJECT, LIKE TODAY, SPAYING AND NEUTERING. AND, GUESS WHAT? IT'S NOT WORKING.

IT HAS ONLY GOTTEN WORSE AND NOW IT HAS REACHED A CRISIS POINT. I'M ASKING YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW. TOMORROW IS TODAY. VOTE "YES" ON THIS ORDINANCE. MAKE PEACE WITH THE ANIMALS AND MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR CONSCIENCE. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES.

MARY BALIAN: HI. MY NAME IS MARY BALIAN AND I'LL MAKE IT BRIEF. I VOLUNTEER AT A NO-KILL PET ADOPTION FUND RESCUE. WE HAVE OVER-- AT ANY GIVEN TIME, ABOUT 175 DOGS AND CATS AS WELL AND MOST OF THE DOGS THAT WE HOUSE ARE PUREBRED AND WE DO GET SOME WITH PAPERS AND WE ALSO GET COUNTLESS NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT ARE TIED UP OUTSIDE TO THE POLES OVERNIGHT AND WE END UP WITH THESE ANIMALS AND I JUST-- I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE SHELTER ANIMALS, DEAD OR ALIVE, ABUSED, NEGLECTED, CHAINED UP PIT BULLS IN THE BACKYARD, WE NEED THIS TO PASS, WE NEED TO PUT AN END TO THE SUFFERING AND WE NEED TO PUT AN END TO THE BACKYARD BREEDERS. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME CALL YAEL TROCK AND JENNIFER WARNER.

PERIEL STANFIELD: OKAY. MY NAME IS PERIEL STANFIELD. BREEDERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OPERATING ILLEGITIMATELY WITHOUT A BREEDERS OR BUSINESS LICENSE AND NOT REPORTING THEIR INCOME TO THE I.R.S. ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE BY FLOODING AN

ALREADY OVERSATURATED MARKET WITH MORE ANIMALS. TO THOSE OF US IN ANIMAL RESCUE, ANIMALS ARE A PASSION. TO BREEDERS, THEY ARE A PRODUCT. BREEDING IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER BUSINESS IN THAT THE SO-CALLED PRODUCTS ARE LIVING BEINGS. IN OTHER BUSINESSES, WHEN THERE'S A GLUT IN THE MARKET, PRODUCT SITS ON THE SHELVES AND END UP AT THE 99 CENT STORES. BUT THE PRODUCTS OF BREEDERS ARE DIFFERENT. FOR EVERY ANIMAL SOLD BY A BREEDER, HUNDREDS OF ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER ARE PUT TO DEATH. BREEDER'S ANIMALS THAT DON'T GET SOLD OFTEN GET DUMPED IN THE SHELTER AND THOSE THAT ARE SOLD OFTEN END UP IN THE SHELTER AFTER HAVING OUTGROWN THEIR PUPPY HOOD. IT'S TIME TO STOP THE ENDLESS FLOOD OF ANIMALS INTO OUR SHELTERS BY CONTROLLING PET OVERPOPULATION WITH MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER ORDINANCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

JAN YVETTE BOUDREAUX: I'VE DONE INDEPENDENT RESCUE WORK-- MY NAME IS JAN YVETTE BOUDREAUX AND I'VE ALSO VOLUNTEERED AT THE POUNDS. I'VE SEEN DOGS DRUG TO THE KILL ROOM. I'VE SEEN ATROCITIES THAT ARE UNMENTIONABLE. I LIVE NEXT DOOR TO A BACKYARD BREEDER. I'VE SEEN DEAD BODIES THROWN IN GARBAGE CANS, I'VE SEEN SKELETONS DUG UP. I DON'T NEED TO GO ON AND ON. THIS IS SO OVERDUE, YOU GUYS, THIS IS SO PASSIONATE TO MY HEART BECAUSE THESE ANIMALS DID NOTHING BUT GET BORN AND THEY NEED TO BE PROTECTED. THE UNBORN NEED TO BE PROTECTED. WE DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW THIS. THE RED

SYMBOLIZES THE BLOOD ON US, AS HUMAN BEINGS, IF WE DO NOT STAND UP AND UNITE AND SAY THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE. MY NEIGHBOR, I WILL TELL YOU IN ONE QUOTE, SHE SAID TO ME, "WHATEVER DOESN'T SELL GOES TO EAST VALLEY, J.J." OKAY? THAT'S THE POUND I FOCUS ON, IS EAST VALLEY SHELTER, SO I URGE YOU, PLEASE PASS THIS. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHARON HABO AND RACHEL PAAP.

Yael Trock: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS Yael Trock. I'M A PRACTICING ATTORNEY HERE IN LOS ANGELES, EVEN THOUGH I'M RUNNING MY PRACTICE OUT OF NECESSITY, I STARTED PRODUCING A T.V. SHOW FOR PET ADOPTION BECAUSE THERE'S SIMPLY A NEED FOR THAT. THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS SAYING THAT, FOR EVERY PERSON BORN IN THE UNITED STATES, 15 DOGS AND 45 CATS WILL PROBABLY BE BORN. THAT'S A LOT OF COMPANION ANIMALS THAT DO NOT HAVE HOMES AND WE CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THAT. WE ABSOLUTELY MUST PASS AN ORDINANCE SUCH AS THIS. WE ALSO END UP KILLING BETWEEN THREE TO FOUR MILLION ANIMALS IN OUR SHELTERS. THIS IS THREE TO FOUR GOOD REASONS TO PASS THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE LOS ANGELES, WHERE I LIVE, LEAD THE NATION IN THIS UNIQUE ORDINANCE AND TEACH OUR COUNTRY THAT THERE IS A WAY TO BE COMPASSIONATE TOWARD OUR ANIMALS, THAT THERE IS A WAY TO BE KIND. AND, FINALLY, LET ME END MY PLEA BY SAYING SPAY FOR L.A. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

JENNIFER WARNER: HI. MY NAME IS JENNIFER WARNER AND I'M A 10-YEAR RESIDENT OF L.A. AND I'VE BEEN WORKING IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER FOR NINE YEARS. I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES WHEN I SAW THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE PROPOSED AND I URGE YOU TO PASS IT. I SEE, DAY TO DAY, THE AMOUNT OF ANIMALS, HEALTHY, ADOPTABLE, SWEET DOGS AND CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS THAT ARE KILLED SIMPLY FOR THE LACK OF HOMES AND THIS IS ONE REALLY IMPORTANT STEP THAT COULD HELP END THAT KILLING. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. THERESA MACELLARO AND IRENE PONCE AND MARYSIA WOJCKI.

ANGELA PAAP: HI. MY NAME IS ANGELA PAAP, DIRECTOR OF THE SAM SIMON FOUNDATION AND WE OPERATE THE CITY OF L.A. CONTRACTED MOBILE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC THAT PROVIDES FREE SPRAY AND NEUTER AND OTHER SERVICES TO ALL LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF L.A. WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS GROUND-BREAKING ORDINANCE AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION IN FAVOR OF THIS ORDINANCE THAT WILL SURELY DECREASE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT ARE EUTHANIZED IN THE SHELTERS AND THE NUMBER OF STRAY ANIMALS ON THE STREETS. YOU'VE HEARD THE STATISTICS FROM OTHER WELFARE COMRADES IN THIS ROOM. THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD IN INCREASING THE SAFETY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IF WE DO NOT ACT ON THIS. IT IS TRUE THAT AN UNNEUTERED DOG IS MOST LIKELY TO WANDER

AND MOST LIKELY TO BITE AND THESE THINGS CAN DEFINITELY BE IMPACTED BY THIS ORDINANCE. LET'S SET A PRECEDENT HERE IN ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE AREAS OF THIS COUNTRY AND PROVIDE A TEMPLATE FOR OTHER COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY HERE. I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES.

THERESA MACELLARO: HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS THERESA MACELLARO. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE RESCUE AND HUMANE ALLIANCE. WE HAVE OVER 50 MEMBER GROUPS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND HUMANE ASSOCIATIONS AND WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. I WOULD NOTE THAT IT'S VERY UNUSUAL IN THE HUMANE COMMUNITY TO HAVE SUCH UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR SOMETHING AND THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES OF WHAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS OUT THERE WANT YOU TO DO. THE ONE THING WE WOULD URGE, IN ADDITION TO EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HAS BEEN STATED, IS FOR YOU TO ELIMINATE THE MEMBER OF THE CLUB LOOPHOLE BECAUSE WE FEAR THAT THAT MAY ALLOW THE BACKYARD BREEDING TO CONTINUE, AND THAT IS THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM. WE ALSO URGE YOU TO INCREASE THE PRICE DIFFERENTIAL, PERHAPS LOOK TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' ORDINANCE, WHICH HAS A \$100 CHARGE FOR AN UNALTERED ANIMAL. WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS, WE URGE YOU TO DO THIS AND WE FEEL THAT, IN THE FUTURE, YOU WILL SAVE MONEY BECAUSE YOU'RE SPENDING THE MAJORITY OF YOUR BUDGET KILLING THE ANIMALS IN YOUR SHELTERS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME ASK IS SHARON HABO HERE OR BARBARA MAGNUSSON? DID SHE LEAVE? OKAY. THEN LET ME CALL UP DIANA LANNES AND GRETCHEN RYAN.

IRENE PONCE: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS IRENE PONCE. I'M A LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER WITH L.A. ANIMAL SERVICES, APPROXIMATELY 11 YEARS. AND TODAY IS A HISTORICAL MOMENT FOR ALL OF YOU HERE AND FOR ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY. I WITH GREAT URGENCY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. IT IS A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR ALL INVOLVED. I'D LIKE TO ECHO WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS BEEN SAYING OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY, REALLY NEED FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO ACTUALLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR THE UNALTERED DOGS. I FEEL IT IS ACTUALLY TOO LOW. I THINK THAT MAYBE A MODEL THAT YOU SHOULD GO AFTER WOULD BE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS \$100 OR PERHAPS EVEN MORE SO THAN THAT. SO TODAY I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS AND FOR THIS-- AND TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

MARIE CHAVOICHICK: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIE CHAVOICHICK AND I AM AN ANIMAL TRAINER FOR PETSMART IN ALHAMBRA AND AN ANIMAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA. BECAUSE WE HAVE THE WORD PETS IN OUR NAME AT

PETSMART, WE ARE CONSTANTLY FIELDING ABANDONED ANIMALS AT THE STORE AND PEOPLE DROP OFF LOADS AND LITTERS OF KITTIES AND PUPPIES AND THEN WE ARE LEFT TO DEAL WITH THEM. THESE ANIMALS ARE TREATED LIKE REFUSE AND TOSSED AWAY. A RESPONSIBLE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD ENDING THE NIGHTMARE OF OVER BREEDING. IN AUSTRIA, GERMANY AND DENMARK, THESE PROGRAMS ARE ALREADY IN EFFECT. MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT THE-- AFTER WORLD WAR II, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SUGGESTED, WHEN FARMERS' CROPS WERE FAILING, THAT THEY GROW PUPPIES AS A CASH CROP AND, IN FACT, THAT'S WHERE PUPPY MILLS IN THE SOUTH GOT THEIR START. THAT WAS-- I'M SURE EVERYONE IS VERY SORRY THAT HAPPENED, BUT THE FACT IS, IT MUSHROOMED INTO SOME HORRIBLE THING THAT, TO THIS DAY, HAS NOT STOPPED AND MANY OF THE PRACTICES IN THE SOUTH AND THE PUPPY MILLS GO ON UNABATED, JUST AS THEY STARTED IN 1940.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. RORY FREEMAN, ELIZABETH CAVA, TINA CLARK. YES.

GRETCHEN RYAN: HI. MY NAME IS GRETCHEN RYAN. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: GET CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE.

GRETCHEN RYAN: OH, SORRY. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, MY DOG, A BELOVED COMPANION ANIMAL, WAS ATTACKED AND KILLED BY AN

UNALTERED MALE AND I REALLY THINK IT'S A BIG PROBLEM THAT DOGS AREN'T FIXED AND I ALSO AGREE THAT IT'S A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYBODY. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. THANK YOU. IS DIANA LANNES HERE? IF NOT, LET ME CALL UP BETTY DENNIS SMITH AND LARRY MOSS. OKAY. YES. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

ELIZABETH CAVA: MY NAME IS ELIZABETH CAVA, I'M A CITIZEN OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE AND THANK EVERYONE FOR CONSIDERING IT. I'M ALSO HERE FOR MY DOG, LILY, WHO WAS ATTACKED ABOUT FIVE YEARS BY AN UNALTERED GERMAN SHEPHERD WHILE WE WERE ON OUR WALK. IT WAS THE DOG'S THIRD ATTACK. I SUED THE OWNER CIVILLY AND IT WAS THE HIGHEST AWARD EVER GIVEN FOR A DOG ATTACK ON ANOTHER DOG. THAT DIDN'T HELP LILY VERY MUCH. SHE DIED ABOUT A YEAR LATER AS AN INDIRECT RESULT OF THIS ATTACK. I'M ALSO A SIX YEAR VOLUNTEER WITH BEST FRIENDS CAT NIPPERS. AND IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK TO TEACH PEOPLE TO HUMANELY TRAP THE FERAL CATS WHO ARE WILD THAT YOU CAN'T PICK UP AND TAKE TO THE VET EASILY. YOU HAVE TO USE A TRAP. IT'S AMAZING AND IRONIC TO ME THAT PET OWNERS, WHO JUST CLIP A LEASH ONTO THEIR DOG'S COLLAR AND TAKE IT TO A VET WHERE THERE ARE SO MANY FREE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS SIMPLY WON'T DO IT, SO I THINK THAT SHOWS THAT A MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER ORDINANCE IS DEFINITELY NEEDED AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR WHOEVER PUT THIS TOGETHER, PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE ON IT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. IS RORY FRIEDMAN HERE?

RORY FREEDMAN: THAT'S ME.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY, RORY AND THEN TINA CLARK.
TINA CLARK. LARRY MOSS. CHRISTY MEANS. CHRISTY. BRUCE
DARIAN. AND CAROLE PEARSON. OKAY.

RORY FREEDMAN: MY NAME IS RORY FREEDMAN AND I AM IN SUPPORT
OF THE ORDINANCE. AS A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS
AND A PET LOVER, IT IS A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYONE
INVOLVED: THE ANIMALS, FOR RESPONSIBLE PET GUARDIANS AND
ALSO FOR RESPONSIBLE PROFESSIONAL BREEDERS. THE ONLY PEOPLE
WHO ARE NOT GOING TO WIN FROM THIS ORDINANCE ARE THE
IRRESPONSIBLE BACKYARD BREEDERS. EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING TO
COME OUT OF THIS A WINNER AND, AS A DOG WALKER, I SEE TIME
AND TIME AGAIN THE DOGS THAT ARE EITHER ATTACKING OR ARE
ATTACKED BY OTHER DOGS ARE ALWAYS THE DOGS THAT HAVEN'T
BEEN FIXED. FOR WHATEVER REASON, THEY ATTRACT TROUBLE TO
THEM AND THIS WILL RESOLVE THAT COMPLETELY AND I
CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET A PRECEDENT
FOR THE COUNTRY AND PROVE ONCE AGAIN THAT L.A. IS A VERY
PROGRESSIVE CITY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. WELCOME BACK, FORMER
DIRECTOR BETTY SMITH. MANY YEARS AGO.

BETTY SMITH: FROM MANY YEARS AGO, THAT'S RIGHT. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS. THE YEAR BEFORE I CAME TO THE COUNTY, THERE WERE 120,000 DOGS AND CATS KILLED IN THE COUNTY SHELTERS. AND, IN MY FIRST FIVE YEARS, THROUGH MANY, MANY PROGRAMS, I WAS ABLE TO REDUCE THAT BY 60,000 AND, AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S BEEN FURTHER REDUCED. I KNEW, WHEN I WAS WITH THE COUNTY, THAT THERE WAS SUCH AN ORDINANCE LIKE THIS THAT WAS NEEDED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAD NOT YET COME, BUT THIS IS THE TIME AND THIS IS THE TIME AND THE IDEA THAT IT'S PROPER NOW TO DO THIS AND IT'S RIGHT AND I COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT FOR HAVING WRITTEN THIS. THIS IS A VERY WELL WRITTEN CHANGE TO THE CODE. I THINK IT WILL BE-- CAN BE EASILY EXECUTED AND, AS I SAID, I COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT FOR HAVING DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB AND URGE YOUR "YES" VOTE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU, BETTY. OKAY.

BRUCE DARIAN: YES. MY NAME IS BRUCE DARIAN. I'M HERE TO REJECT OR OPPOSE THIS INTENDED STERILIZATION OF ANIMALS. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE. JUST GIVE-- JUST WAVE YOUR HANDS. [GAVEL]

BRUCE DARIAN: I FOUND MY DOG, ACTION, AROUND THE CORNER FROM UNION STATION ON BEAUJAY STREET ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO. HE GOES WITH ME WHEREVER I GO. I'M A CONTRACTOR, GENERAL CONTRACTOR. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ANOTHER ISSUE LATER ON. I HOPE I CAN DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF ANIMALS. I KNOW, IN WORLD WAR II, GERMANY HAD A SPECIAL PLAN FOR PEOPLE THROUGH STERILIZATION AND OTHER MEANS TO CHANGE THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE. WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, I DON'T THINK WE'RE TAKING ENOUGH CONSIDERATION AS TO WHY IS IT THAT PUREBRED ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED TO NOT BE ALTERED AND YET ANY OTHER ANIMAL WILL HAVE TO BE ALTERED AND STERILIZED? WE'RE GOING TO BE THROWING OFF THE WHOLE DYNAMICS OF ANIMALS BY STERILIZING EVERY ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR PUREBREDS AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S CATERING TO THE TRADE OF BREEDING. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE THOUGHT OUT MORE. THERE ARE CERTAINLY ISSUES. I'M CERTAINLY NOT FOR KILLING ANIMALS, I LOVE ANIMALS BUT IT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED MORE AS TO WHAT THE RAMIFICATIONS ARE GOING TO BE WITH THIS THAN MERELY SAYING, LET'S STERILIZE ALL ANIMALS OF PEOPLE WHO OWN THEM. AND WE NEED TO GET MORE ANIMALS IN CERTAINLY IN SENIORS' HOMES AND EVERYWHERE ELSE WHERE THEY CAN BE LOVED AND ENJOYED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. JUST WAVE YOUR HANDS. [GAVEL]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: ARE YOU CHRISTIE AND YOU'RE CAROL. LARRY MOSS. HE'S NOT HERE. OKAY. AFTER YOU TWO, LET ME CALL UP EVELYN STEINBERG AND JUDITH BRECKA. OKAY. YES.

CHRISTY MEANS: THANK YOU. HI. MY NAME IS CHRISTY MEANS. CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD HAVE THE MOST PROGRESSIVE ANIMAL SHELTER IN THE COUNTRY. WE ARE CONSIDERED, AS WESTERNERS, TO BE VERY PROGRESSIVE AND WE HAVE TRAILBLAZING IDEAS THAT AREN'T SET FORTH IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY BEFORE OTHER TIMES, BEFORE OTHER AREAS. IT'S DRACONIAN, IN THIS DAY AND AGE, TO EUTHANIZE ANIMALS AS A WAY OF BIRTH CONTROL. IT'S NOT RIGHT. OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTRY ARE DOING THE SAME THING WITH SPAYING AND NEUTERING AND HAVING ANIMAL-- THE GOOD BREEDERS BE ABLE TO STILL CONTINUE TO BREED. IF 70% OF THE PEOPLE WOULD SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR ANIMALS, I AM TOLD THAT THE PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM WOULD BE OVER. THE PUBLIC WANTS NO KILL AND THE MAIN REASON THAT PEOPLE DON'T SPAY AND NEUTER IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

CAROLE PEARSON: CAROLE PEARSON, PRESIDENT OF THE POD SQUAD ANIMAL RESCUE. WE CONCENTRATE ON THE PIT BULLS AND ROTTWEILERS RUNNING LOOSE IN LOS ANGELES. WE TAKE LITTERS IN FROM BACKYARD BREEDERS WHO HAVE AN OOPS LITTER BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR ANIMALS

SPAYED AND NEUTERED. PLEASE PASS THIS ORDINANCE. HELP WITH THEIR HELP. GET THESE ANIMALS SPAYED AND NEUTERED SO I CAN QUIT, SO I CAN GO OUT OF BUSINESS, SO I CAN SLEEP. I'M TIRED. I CAN'T DO THIS ANY MORE. I'VE BEEN DOING IT SIX YEARS. I'M TIRED. THIS HAS TO STOP. CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE, THOUGH, OR YOU'RE GOING TO GET CLUBS LIKE THIS ONE AND I WANT TO PUT THIS INTO EVIDENCE OR WHATEVER YOU PEOPLE CALL IT, WHERE THEY SAY THE AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER IS CREATED FOR THE SPORT OF DOG FIGHTING. CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE. I STILL HAVE 15 SECONDS. PLEASE PASS THE ORDINANCE. GET THE ANIMALS SPAYED AND NEUTERED AND LET THE RESCUE GROUPS QUIT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VOICE: WHOO!

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE. [GAVEL]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LET ME CALL UP DAN WELLE, ANTONIA ROCCA AND-- OKAY.

JUDITH BRECKA: HI. MY NAME IS JUDITH BRECKA. I'M AN ATTORNEY. I'VE BEEN AN ATTORNEY IN CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND I AM AN OWNER OF PUREBRED DOGS AND I'VE NEVER BRED A LITTER IN MY LIFE AND I OPPOSE THIS ORDINANCE! IT'S ILL CONCEIVED! [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE. GIVE HER THE COURTEOUS...

JUDITH BRECKA: YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STOP THIS-- STOP-- WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO IS REALLY STOP THE GOOD QUALITY DOGS FROM BEING BRED. THE UNIVERSITY OF DAVIS IN DAVIS DID A STUDY WHICH SHOWED THAT THE DOGS THAT WERE LEAST LIKELY TO END UP IN SHELTERS AND EUTHANIZED WERE THOSE THAT CAME FROM A GOOD QUALITY HOBBY BREEDER. THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT WILL BE PENALIZED BY THIS ORDINANCE. NOW, IN ADDITION TO THE HEALTH ISSUES OF EARLY SPAY AND NEUTER, MAYBE YOU DON'T CARE THAT DOGS CAN GET BONE CANCER AND OTHER TYPES OF DISEASES BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH PLATE AND THE HORMONES THAT THEY'RE MISSING. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

EVELYN STEINBERG: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M EVELYN STEINBERG WITH DELTA RESCUE. ITS PRESIDENT, LEO GRILLO, IS FOUNDER OF THE NO KILL MOVEMENT. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 10.20.1.185, REQUIRES THAT ALL DOGS OVER FOUR MONTHS OLD BE IMPLANTED WITH AN IDENTIFYING MICROCHIP. WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THIS PROPOSAL. THERE ARE ONLY TWO COMPANIES THAT MANUFACTURE THE MAJORITY OF THESE MICROCHIPS. ONE OF COMPANIES MAKES A UNIVERSAL SCANNER. THE OTHER COMPANY MAKES CHIPS WHOSE NUMBERS ARE ENCODED SO THAT THE UNIVERSAL SCANNER CAN'T EVEN READ THEM. A SUPERIOR COURT IN CALIFORNIA HAS ORDERED A MICROCHIP MANUFACTURER TO

NOTIFY ALL OF ITS CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING VETERINARIANS, THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE UNITED STATES SHELTERS PRESENTLY USE A SCANNER THAT WILL NOT DETECT OR READ ITS MICROCHIPS. IN THE SAME CASE, THE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTED THAT THE MICROCHIPS CREATED AND I QUOTE, "A RISK OF GREAT IRREPARABLE HARM, SPECIFICALLY THE INCREASED POTENTIAL FOR PETS TO BE EUTHANIZED WHILE THEIR OWNERS BELIEVE THEM TO BE SAFE." ALSO, THE LARGEST MICROCHIP MANUFACTURER IN THE NATION IS CURRENTLY BEING SUED FOR MONOPOLISTIC MARKETING AND CONSPIRACY. THIS MICROCHIPPING MONOPOLY WILL FORCE EACH AND EVERY OWNER TO PAY AROUND \$80 PER ANIMAL AND WILL GUARANTEE THEM ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BUT A HIGHER BILL AT THE VETERINARIAN AND ALLOWING THE MICROCHIP COMPANY TO GET RICHER. WHO IS TRULY BENEFITING FROM THIS PLAN? WE, AT DELTA RESCUE, PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS. WE ARE ALL ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING AND TO STOP ANIMALS FROM SUFFERING AND CARING FOR THE SICK AND INJURED ANIMALS. THIS LAW MAKES ANIMALS SUFFER. PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR THIS LAW THAT FORCES OWNERS TO MICROCHIP THEIR ANIMALS. THEIR ALREADY OVERFLOWING ANIMAL SHELTERS WILL BE HEMORRHAGING WITH EVEN MORE UNWANTED PETS. WE BELIEVE IT'S TIME FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WRAP IT UP.

EVELYN STEINBERG: ...CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON FREE SPAY AND NEUTERING. THIS ALONE WILL TAKE YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH IF

WE START NOW. THE SAD TRUTH IS, HOWEVER, BEFORE ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, THE REASON THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CANNOT PAY FOR LOW COST SPAY OR NEUTER IS BECAUSE...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP.

EVERLYN STEINBERG: ...THEY ALREADY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH VETERINARIANS TO CARE FOR THE SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS UNFORTUNATELY. THANK YOU, MAYOR, APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU, BOARD. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: CAROL ESTERKIN. YES.

DIANE WELLE: MY NAME IS DIANE WELLE AND, FIRST OF ALL, I FEEL A LITTLE LIKE A CHRISTIAN TO THE LIONS. SITTING AMONGST THE ANIMAL RIGHTS INDIVIDUALS BACK HERE, WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS STANDING UP HERE IN THE SUPERVISORS AREA WHO COMES DOWN AND SAYS, "I DON'T KNOW WHY THE BREEDERS ARE HERE, THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE." WE DO HAVE A BUSINESS HERE. [INTERJECTIONS]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE. GIVE HER COURTEOUS ATTENTION.

DIANE WELLE: WE DO HAVE BUSINESS HERE AND I AM NOT HERE BECAUSE I CARE ABOUT MONEY. I AM NOT AN IRRESPONSIBLE BREEDER, ALTHOUGH THOSE PEOPLE WILL TELL YOU THE ONLY

REASON I'M HERE IS BECAUSE I'M A BACKYARD BREEDER. I AM NOT. THE LAWS THAT ARE ALREADY IN EFFECT ARE NOT BEING UPHELD. WHEN THEY WERE PROPOSED, THE PROPOSALS THEN STATED THAT THE INCREASED INCOME FOR UNALTERED DOGS, DOG LICENSES INCREASE WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE PERSONNEL. I'M SORRY. I'M NERVOUS. HOWEVER, WE'RE AGAIN TOLD THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OFFICERS TO DO THE JOB. I KNOW THIS IS TRUE. I HAVE A LICENSED KENNEL. I PAID MY KENNEL LICENSE IN DECEMBER. THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN OUT TO INSPECT MY KENNELS. THEY DON'T CARE ENOUGH TO INSPECT THE KENNELS. WITH THIS LAW, BACKYARD BREEDERS ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR BREEDING MORE IN SECRET, THEY'RE GOING TO GO UNDERGROUND. THEY'LL CONTINUE TO SELL THEIR PUPPIES. THEY'LL CONTINUE TO EVADE YOUR OFFICERS. THEIR DOGS WILL GO ON TO BE BRED AND THEY'LL BECOME THE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE. RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS HAVE ALWAYS TAUGHT RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP. I BROUGHT WITH ME TODAY TWO CONTRACTS THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVING OUT FOR MY PUPPIES SINCE 1997...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WRAP IT UP.

DIANE WELLE: ...AND CURRENT AND I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THAT TO YOU SO THAT YOU CAN AT LEAST SEE WHAT A REPUTABLE BREEDER ASKS OF THEIR OWNERS. I REQUIRE THAT NO PUPPY OUT OF MY BREEDINGS GO TO ANY ANIMAL REGULATION AGENCY OR ANY RESCUE, THEY COME BACK TO ME.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

DIANE WELLE: RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS DO THIS. WE'RE WELL INFORMED, WE'RE WELL EDUCATED ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF SPAY AND NEUTER, WE ENCOURAGE IT. PUREBRED FANCIERS HAVE RISEN TO THE OCCASION WITH THE FORMATION OF RESCUE ORGANIZATION FOR ALMOST EVERY BREED IN THE STATE. WE ARE NOT THE ENEMY, WE ARE THE SOLUTION.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROBIN MATA AND JUDY FRISBEE. YES, MA'AM.

TOINETTE ROCCA: I'M TOINETTE ROCCA.

MALE VOICE: OW! OW! YES, YOU ARE! LET GO OF ME!

TOINETTE ROCCA: DON'T START MY TIME YET.

MALE VOICE: GET BACK! [YELLING]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THIS IS NOT RELATED TO THAT ISSUE.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: WHY CAN'T WE BAR HIM FROM SPEAKING?

TOINETTE ROCCA: I HAVE GIVEN EACH ONE OF YOU A PACKET AND I'M URGING EACH ONE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: HE'S NOT SCHEDULE TO SPEAK ON THIS.

TOINETTE ROCCA: ARE WE LISTENING?

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. OKAY. WE'LL LET YOU START OVER AGAIN. LET'S START YOUR TESTIMONY ALL OVER AGAIN.

TOINETTE ROCCA: OKAY. I'VE GIVEN EACH ONE OF YOU A PACKET BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ISN'T A LOT OF TIME. I WOULD URGE YOU TO READ THIS PACKET AND VOTE "NO" AT THIS TIME ON THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT. YOU ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH ON THE BOOKS. I'M GOING TO BRIEFLY READ SOMETHING FOR YOU HERE OF WHY THIS SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE MEDICALLY UNSOUND. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS VIOLATE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. I WANT YOU TO READ THIS. IT'S IN YOUR PACKET. IT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE LENGTHY. MISGUIDED REGULATORY CONTROL. NOW, WE'RE NOT AGAINST SPAYING AND NEUTERING BUT I AM A VERY REPUTABLE BREEDER, I'M ALSO A LICENSED KENNEL, I ALSO RESCUE DOGS. I DO EVERYTHING. AND WE DO OBEDIENCE. WHAT I WANT TO TELL YOU IS WE HAVE OUR DOGS SPAYED AND NEUTERED EXCEPT FOR THE ONES THAT WE USE FOR COMPETITION, AND I WILL NOT HAVE ANY OF MY DOGS SPAYED OR NEUTERED AT FOUR MONTHS OF AGE. MAKE YOURSELF AWARE, IT'S NOT CORRECT TO HAVE THAT DONE. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

TOINETTE ROCCA: PLEASE READ WHAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU IN YOUR PACKET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE'S A FEDERAL LAW THAT'S PENDING. I URGE YOU TO...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LET ME ALSO CALL UP FLORENCE BELCHER. YES, MA'AM.

CAROL ESTERKIN: YES, MY NAME IS CAROL ESTERKIN AND I WOULD LIKE TO RELINQUISH MY TIME TO JUDY DANIELS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: JEREMY SCHUSTER. YES, MA'AM. OKAY. YOU'RE NEXT. MOVE THE MICROPHONE OVER.

ROBIN MATA: OKAY. MY NAME IS ROBIN MATA. AS A BOARD MEMBER OF A LOCAL BREED CLUB, I ASK YOU, WHAT CRITERIA IS A BREED CLUB APPROVED? WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CLUB? WHERE ARE THE GUIDELINES TODAY FOR THOSE CLUBS? WILL THEY BE MADE UP AS WE GO ALONG OR AFTER THE LAW IS PASSED, THEREBY MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR INTACT DOG OWNERS TO PROVE THEY ARE MEMBERS OF SUCH A CLUB? SINCE NONE WILL BE APPROVED AS OF THAT DATE, WE AGAIN WANT TO KNOW WHEN THAT INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE. I CAN ALSO STATE THAT NO REPUTABLE BREEDER THAT I KNOW ADVERTISES IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OR ANY OTHER TYPES OF ADS, THEY ARE BY WORD OF MOUTH. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE WAVE YOUR HAND BUT DON'T APPLAUD.

ROBIN MATA: ALL REPUTABLE BREEDERS THAT I KNOW, UNLESS THEY ARE SELLING A DOG FOR CONFORMATION TO A RESPONSIBLE PERSON, ONLY SELLS ON LIMITED REGISTRATIONS, WHICH ENTITLES THEM NOT TO BE BRED. THEY ALSO SELL ONLY ON SPAY AND NEUTER CONTRACTS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

JUDY FRISBEE: HI. MY NAME IS JUDY FRISBEE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE SHELTER POPULATION DECREASED. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE STRAYS ON THE STREET REDUCED AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE VICIOUS DOG ATTACKS ELIMINATED. WHAT I OPPOSE IS LEGISLATION THAT'S IN EFFECTIVE. I DON'T SEE IN ANY WAY HOW THIS LEGISLATION IS GOING TO CHANGE THESE FACTS. IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS, CAT OWNERS, PET OWNERS OF ALL SORTS WILL CONTINUE, IF WE HAVE WHAT WAS SPOKEN EARLIER, 40% OF THE ANIMALS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE NOT LICENSED. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT FIGURE CAME FROM. WE NEED TO GO AFTER THOSE PEOPLE. THE MONEY THAT IS BEING SPENT NEEDS TO BE SPENT ON ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION. THIS LEGISLATION ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE THE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU.

FLORENCE BLECHER: I'M FLORENCE BLECHER.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: HOLD ON ONE MINUTE, FLORENCE. JEREMY. IS TOINETTE ROCCA HERE? TOINETTE? SHE ALREADY SPOKE? KYM DELISI, K-Y-M AND BRIAN TRUITT.

SPEAKER: MAYOR, MR. TRUITT IS GOING TO YIELD HIS TIME TO ME.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. JUDY DANIELS. JUDY DANIELS.

FLORENCE BLECHER: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M ONE OF MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S CONSTITUENTS. HI, ZEV. <LAUGHS> I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS, WHICH REPRESENTS ALL OF THE AKC CLUBS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WHEN DID MAN'S BEST FRIEND BECOME THE ENEMY? HE BECAME THE ENEMY DUE TO IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE. IT IS NOT THE DOGS THEMSELVES WHO ARE AT FAULT. TO BASE THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ OR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ IS ABSOLUTELY INAPPROPRIATE. THERE IS-- THAT IS A RURAL COUNTY, WE ARE AN URBAN COUNTY. IT IS AN INAPPROPRIATE MODEL TO USE FOR THIS TYPE OF LEGISLATION. THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD NOT HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT AS THE OFFICERS WON'T GO INTO THE ROUGHER AREAS, WHICH IS WHERE THE PROBLEM EXISTS. I HAVE HERE, WHICH I HOPE THE BAILIFF WILL DISTRIBUTE, A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE

ADVERSE AFFECTS OF EARLY SPAY AND NEUTER. WOULD YOU DO A HYSTERECTOMY ON A THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD? IT WOULD HAVE THE SAME EFFECT ULTIMATELY. THE DOGS WILL NOT DEVELOP APPROPRIATELY OR PROPERLY. AS FOR MICROCHIPPING, AGAIN, TO USE A HUMAN MODEL, WE DON'T MICROCHIP PEOPLE. WE DON'T DO THE SAME. THERE ARE ADVERSE EFFECTS AND, AS OTHERS HAVE SAID EARLIER, THERE ARE CONFLICTING COMPANIES WHO DO NOT HAVE CONSISTENT READERS. ALL A.K.C. CLUBS FALL UNDER A.K.C.'S CODE OF ETHICS, SO THAT IS A PRIORITY IN EFFECT, THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR ANY A.K.C. CLUB APPLIES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

FLORENCE BLECHER: I URGE YOU TO NOT PASS THIS ORDINANCE. IT IS POORLY DRAFTED, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE AND IT WILL NOT HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. IS HERMINE STOVER-- MISS STOVER? [INTERJECTIONS]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: IS STOVER HERE? OKAY. STOVER. JAKE SCHAEFFER. JAKE SCHAEFFER. DO YOU WANT TO COME UP, JAKE? OKAY. YES.

JEREMY SCHUSTER: HI, BOARD. MY NAME IS JEREMY SCHUSTER, I'M A MEMBER OF GOLDEN STATE ROTTWEILER CLUB. I'M ALSO THE INCORPORATING AND GENERAL COUNSEL FOR ROTTWEILER RESCUE OF

LOS ANGELES. FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS, I'VE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH DIRECTOR MAYEDA AND I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD HER FOR BEING SO RECEPTIVE AND TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION MANY OF THE CONSIDERATIONS AND INPUT THAT BOTH BREED GROUPS AND CODE OF ETHICS CLUBS LIKE MINE WERE ABLE TO PUT FORTH. I THINK THAT THE STATUTE, IF NECESSARY, BASED ON OUR OVERPOPULATION, IS CERTAINLY DUE TO BE APPROVED. HOWEVER, I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE JUST A FEW CONCERNS FOR THE STATUTE AS IT'S PRESENTLY WORDED. AS IT IS PRESENTLY WORDED, THE STATUTE ALLOWS FOR AN UNALTERED DOG LICENSE TO BE DENIED ON THE BASIS OF A NEIGHBOR COMPLAINT. WE HAVE SOME CONCERN WITH OUR BREED AND SEVERAL OTHERS THAT NEIGHBORS WHO JUST WANT TO RID THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD OF A PARTICULAR BREED OF DOG OR HAVE A NEIGHBOR COMPLAINT MAY ISSUE SOME COMPLAINT TO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WE WOULD ASK THAT THE WORD "SUBSTANTIATED" BE ADDED INTO THE STATUTE BEFORE THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT. WE THINK IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SUBSTANTIATE THE COMPLAINT OF A NEIGHBOR BEFORE DENYING A LICENSE. I'LL BE TAKING MR. TRUITT'S TIME, MADAM TIMEKEEPER. ADDITIONALLY, GOLDEN STATE ROTTWEILER CLUB AND OTHERS DO AGREE WITH EARLY SPAY AND NEUTER BUT NOT AT FOUR MONTHS. WE THINK THAT SIX MONTHS IS THE EARLIEST TIME THAT THAT SHOULD OCCUR. WE UNDERSTAND THE CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW BUT SUBMIT THAT THE STATUTE IS WORDED WHICH REQUIRES THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUFFERING GRAVE BODILY HARM OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM MAY JUST BE A LITTLE TOO STRINGENT. MR. MAYOR,

WHEN WE ENDED THE FEBRUARY MEETING, YOU ASKED THE DIRECTOR TO MAKE SURE THAT, IN DRAFTING THIS ORDINANCE, WE DIDN'T PUNISH THOSE WHO WERE ALREADY LAW-ABIDING AND WE HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE SHOW COMMUNITY. I NOTE THAT THE FEE INCREASES GO ONLY FIVE DOLLAR OR 25% INCREASE FOR THE SPAYED DOG AND IT'S A DOUBLING OR A HUNDRED PERCENT INCREASE FOR THOSE GETTING AN UNALTERED DOG LICENSE. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT NOT ANYONE CAN GET AN UNALTERED DOG LICENSE. WE ALREADY HAVE TO BE SHOWING OUR DOGS, MICROCHIPPING, REGISTERING, DOING A WHOLE LITANY OF THINGS, WHICH WE'RE HAPPY TO DO BUT IT SEEMS THAT WE'RE BEING TREATED DISPARATELY, EVEN GIVEN ALL OF THESE, YOU KNOW, OUTSTANDING EFFORTS THAT WE DO, IN MY SUBMISSION AND THE REVENUE CALCULATION IS THAT THIS WOULD, BASED ON 90,000 APPLICANTS, RAISE OVER A MILLION-FIVE, \$450,000 OF WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR THE SPAY FUND AND I THINK THAT SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE CAN BE EASILY OBTAINED BY SHARING THE FEES EQUALLY AMONG THE PARTIES. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE INCREASE BY "X" PERCENT FOR SPAYED DOGS, WE DO THE SAME FOR UNALTERED. IF WE KNOW THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN GET THE UNALTERED LICENSE ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY COMPORTING WITH THE LAW, THEN I DON'T SEE THAT WE SHOULD BE PUNISHED DISPARATELY. AND LASTLY, ONE COMMENT ABOUT JUST THE FEE SCHEDULE, 10.90.010 REFERS TO SERVICE DOGS. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE SERVICE DOG COMMUNITY AND THE DEFINITION IN THAT SECTION DOESN'T REALLY COMPORT WITH THE STATE LAW, SO WE WOULD JUST ASK THAT THAT AREA BE CHANGED TO JUST

REFER TO THE STATE CODE FOR SERVICE DOGS RATHER THAN GO ON AND EXPAND THAT. I'VE SUBMITTED MANY OF THESE COMMENTS TO DIRECTOR MAYEDA. I DON'T TAKE ISSUE WITH HER. I'M SURE SHE'S TAKEN THEM INTO CONSIDERATION. I REALLY DO APPLAUD HER OFFICE FOR A FANTASTIC EFFORT THUS FAR AND OVER THE PAST COUPLE MONTHS BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT MAYBE SOME OF THESE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PUT IN, GIVEN THE TIME CONSTRAINTS AND PUBLIC NOTICE CONSTRAINTS THAT WE'VE HAD THUS FAR. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND I APPLAUD YOU. I HOPE WE END UP WITH A BALANCED AND FAIR PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL BE A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MICHAEL PATTON. MICHAEL PATTON.
MA'AM?

KIM DELISI: I HAVE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE HANDED OUT, AND I HOPE THAT PEOPLE ARE LISTENING. WHEN ALL THIS STARTED...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

KIM DELISI: OH, I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS KIM DELISI. I LIVE IN LAKE LOS ANGELES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MARCIA FOR HER TIME AND MILLIE JONES ALSO BUT, AT THIS TIME, I DON'T REALLY SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION AND THIS IS WHY. WHEN ALL THIS STARTED IN JANUARY, I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT MY OWN

DOG. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, I HAVE SOMEHOW COME TO BE WORRIED MORE ABOUT MY COMMUNITY. A LOT OF EFFORT WENT INTO MAKING THIS A DOG FANCIER FRIENDLY ORDINANCE AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I CAN STILL SHOW MY DOG UNDER THIS ORDINANCE BUT, WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, A GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE MAKING LAWS JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN. A LAW SHOULD ONLY BE MADE BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ATTAIN A NECESSARY GOAL. THE GOAL HERE WAS TO CUT THE SHELTER POPULATION OF DOGS THAT HAD BEEN SURRENDERED BY THEIR OWNERS OR FOUND RUNNING LOOSE IN THE COMMUNITY. WILL A MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER LAW LOWER THE SHELTER POPULATION? IT WAS ASSUMED, EVEN BY ME, THAT IF SO MANY DOGS ARE BEING KILLED IN SHELTERS, IT IS BECAUSE THERE ARE TOO MANY. THIS IS AN ERRONEOUS CONCLUSION. NEARLY ALL DOGS IN THE SHELTER ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX MONTHS AND THREE YEARS. THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD HOMES BUT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN UP. WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WRAP IT UP.

KIM DELISI: IRRESPONSIBLE AND/OR UNEDUCATED OWNERS ARE WHAT HAPPENED. PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO BE GOOD OWNERS, THEY DO NOT KNOW OR CARE WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE. SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AND YOU WILL NOT ONLY SOLVE THE OVERPOPULATION BUT ALSO THE DANGEROUS DOG PROBLEM. I WANT EDUCATION IN ANIMAL CONTROL. NEGLIGENT OWNERS NEED TO ATTEND DOGGY SCHOOL TO LEARN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. NEW

PROSPECTIVE OWNERS NEED TO BE EDUCATED AS TO WHAT TYPE OF DOG WOULD BE BEST FOR THEM. CHILDREN AND ADULTS NEED TO BE TRAINED HOW TO APPROACH A DOG THEY DON'T KNOW AND HOW TO AVOID DOG BITES. AND ANIMAL CONTROL NEEDS TO ENFORCE THE LEASH LAW. EVERY INSTANCE WE HEARD OF IS BECAUSE THE DOG IS OFF LEASH. AND YET, IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, I NEVER EVER, EVER SEE TRUCKS GOING UP AND DOWN THE STREETS. NOT EVER.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WE HAD SWEEPS THERE.

KIM DELISI: SWEEPS IS NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED PEOPLE TO BE THERE, AND THAT IS HOW YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WELL, THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS WE'RE TRYING TO PUT INTO-- I AM PERSONALLY TRYING TO PUT IN THIS NEW BUDGET THAT'S COMING UP BECAUSE THAT'S A VERY BIG ISSUE THAT DEALS WITH PUBLIC SAFETY.

KIM DELISI: YES, IT IS AND I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT IT TAKES TOO MUCH MONEY TO DO IT PROPERLY, AND, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC SAFETY IS VERY MUCH TIED TO THIS BUT SPAY/NEUTER IS NOT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE 80% OF THE DOGS THAT ARE BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND THREE YEARS. THAT'S BAD OWNERSHIP. AND ANIMAL CONTROL CAN LEAD THE WAY BY EDUCATING AND ENFORCING THE RULES AND THAT WE DO NOT HAVE AND, IF WE HAD THAT, WE WOULD NOT HAVE DOGS UNALTERED RUNNING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

JUDY DANIELS: MADAM TIME KEEPER, I BELIEVE I HAVE TWO MINUTES WITH CAROL ESTERKIN'S TIME. CAROL ESTERKIN. YES, SHE GAVE HER TIME TO ME. THANK YOU, HONORABLE MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JUDY DANIELS. I AM A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND CURRENTLY LEGISLATIVE LIAISON FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB. WE ASK YOU TO POSTPONE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL IN ITS CURRENT FORM AND FORM A TASK FORCE TO HELP CLARIFY QUESTIONABLE ISSUES IN THIS PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY AS THEY REFER TO COMPETITION DOGS. AND I DID SPEAK WITH MARCIA ABOUT THIS AND I APPRECIATE HER INPUT AND HER CONCERN. ONE, WHAT DEFINES AN APPROPRIATE REGISTRY? THERE ARE 20 MULTIPLE BREED REGISTRIES IN EXISTENCE TODAY. WHAT CRITERIA DETERMINE WHETHER A REGISTRY IS VALID? WHAT ABOUT DOGS FROM FOREIGN REGISTRIES? TWO, HOW MANY DOG CLUBS EXIST IN L.A. IN WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL DOG OWNERS? MANY ARE NOT. HOW MANY OF THESE CLUBS HAVE CODES OF ETHICS? YES, THEY ARE UNDER AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S RULES BUT MANY DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC CODES OF ETHICS IN ADDITION THEMSELVES. AS A POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCE, WHAT MIGHT BE THE STREET PRICE FOR A CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD? AND HOW WILL THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINE WHETHER IT'S VALID OR FRAUDULENT? WHAT FINANCIAL IMPACT WILL L.A. COUNTY INCUR TO AUDIT AND UPDATE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THE DATA REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST TWO QUESTIONS? THE PROPOSED TWO CLERICAL WORKERS

CANNOT PROBABLY HANDLE THE NECESSARY DATA. REGARDING THE NARRATIVE PRESENTED TO YOU FOR FUNDING EIGHT NEW POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHAT AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN HIS OR HER RIGHT MIND WOULD EVER PROJECT A HUNDRED PERCENT COMPLIANCE RATE WITH A 200% INCREASE IN FEES? I'M AN ACCOUNTANT, ALSO. IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. NUMBER SIX, WHAT OR WHO IS THE FOUND ANIMAL FOUNDATION? I REALIZE WE HEARD FROM THE PRESIDENT EARLIER BUT A GOOGLE SEARCH ON THE INTERNET PROVIDES ZERO INFORMATION. WHAT CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WILL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BE REQUIRED TO MEET BY ACCEPTING THIS DONATION? THE HEAD OF ANIMAL-- A.K.C.'S ANIMAL RECOVERY PROGRAM ALSO VALUES THIS DONATION AT A MINIMUM OF \$10 MILLION. THERE ARE TOO MANY NAIVE ASSUMPTIONS IN THIS PROPOSAL FOR IT TO BE ADOPTED. IN MANY U.S. CITIES TODAY, CAMPAIGNS TO END PET OVERPOPULATION HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL THAT THE DEMAND FOR DOGS FAR OUTSTRIPS SUPPLY. IN FACT, IN MANY OF THESE CITIES, THEY FILL THEIR EMPTY RUNS BY MOVING DOGS AROUND FROM ONE REGION TO ANOTHER OR FROM ONE SHELTER TO ANOTHER WITHIN REGIONS. IT'S CALLED HUMANE RELOCATION. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL SHELTERS DO IT THIS WAY. THEY INSTEAD IMPORT DOGS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. SEVERAL SHELTERS AND RESCUE GROUPS IN NORTHWEST KNOWINGLY ACCEPT DOGS FROM TAIWAN, PUERTO RICA AND MEXICO. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY OF OUR EXCESS PUPPIES ARE BEING SMUGGLED ACROSS THE BORDER RIGHT NOW FROM MEXICO? AGAIN, WE RECOMMEND A FORMATION OF THE TASK FORCE. LET'S WORK TOGETHER. I WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH MARCIA MAYEDA TO HELP MAKE SURE THESE

CONDITIONS ARE NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUREBRED DOG FANCY AND THAT IT DOESN'T WIPE US OFF THE MAP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: YOUR NAME.

HERMINE STOVER: FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS HERMINE STOVER. I'M THE SECRETARY OF RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS OF THE WESTERN STATES AND, AS OF TODAY, I REALIZE THAT I'M A MONSTER FOR MY ENTIRE ADULT LIFE. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SPORT OF BREEDING AND SHOWING PUREBRED DOGS. I HAVE NEVER NEUTERED A DOG, NEITHER A MALE NOR A FEMALE. I HAVE NEVER HAD AN ACCIDENTAL LITTER AND NOT ONE OF MY PUPPIES HAS EVER WOUND UP IN A SHELTER. ALL OF MY DOGS, BY CONTRACT, IF THEY'RE EVER UNWANTED OR UNKEEPABLE BY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THEM, REVERT TO MY OWNERSHIP. I GET RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL. I PURCHASE THEM BACK VERY OFTEN, IF THAT HAPPENS. IT'S HAPPENED TWICE, BOTH OF THOSE TIMES IN THE CASE OF DIVORCE. I THINK THAT THE INCURSION INTO PERSONAL LIFE, TO MANDATE SOMETHING LIKE SPAYING AND NEUTERING, WHICH CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED AS BEING EXTRAORDINARILY HARMFUL TO A YOUNG PUPPY'S LIFE IN THAT IT INCREASES THE CHANCE OF BONE CANCER, PROSTATE BLADDER CANCER AND URINARY INCONTINENCE, WHICH IS A MAJOR REASON FOR DOG SURRENDER TO A SHELTER. THIS IS UNSPEAKABLE. IT ALSO PRODUCES A DEPRESSED IMMUNE

SYSTEM. AND, YOU KNOW, NO DOG GETS OUT OF A LOCKED GATE USING THEIR GENITALS TO ESCAPE. IT'S NOT BECAUSE THE DOG IS UNNEUTERED THAT AN UNNEUTERED DOG IS RUNNING LOOSE. SO, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST REMINDED OF SOMETHING THAT SOMEONE SAID, IF I MAY HAVE ONE MORE SECOND, GLOBAL SAID, "TELL A BIG LIE OFTEN ENOUGH AND IT BECOMES THE TRUTH". WELL, THAT'S THE MONSTER THAT I AM.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MARCO CARDENAS. MARCO CARDENAS.
YES, SIR.

JAKE SCHAEFFER: MY NAME IS JAKE SCHAEFFER. I HAVE OWNED, SHOWN AND BRED PIT BULL TERRIERS FOR 25 YEARS, ALONG WITH MY WIFE, AND WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HERE IS NOT THAT THOSE FOLKS WHO HAVE DRAWN UP THIS ORDINANCE ARE NECESSARILY HAVE BAD INTENTIONS BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY TO HELL BEING PAVED OFTEN WITH GOOD INTENTIONS AND THE FACT THAT I'VE GOT MISGIVINGS ABOUT WHO IS GOING TO ENFORCE THIS LAW AND WHO IS GOING TO MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT WHO COMES UNDER THIS ORDINANCE. IF IT'S SOME OF THE SO-CALLED ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET RID OF SOME BREEDS THAT THEY DON'T APPROVE OF, INCLUDING PIT BULL TERRIERS AND ROTTWEILERS, AMONGST OTHERS, AND I THINK THAT THIS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS A POSSIBLE PROBLEM OF IMPLEMENTATION. AND I ALSO HEARD WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A

LITTLE BIT OF SOCIAL ECONOMIC STRIFE AND PREJUDICE HERE BY SOME LADY WHO SPOKE FOR THE ORDINANCE WHO SAID, "WHAT ABOUT THIS 36 STREET PIT BULL CLUB? WE CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT." I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT PERHAPS THEY OUGHT TO DECIDE AHEAD OF TIME BUT YOU OUGHT TO FIND OUT, WELL, JUST WHO IS IT THAT WANTS TO HAVE A CLUB TO DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE WITH AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIERS AND OTHER TERRIER BREEDS THAT ARE INDEED RAMBUNCTIOUS, SOMEWHAT AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS THAT EVERYBODY SHOULDN'T HAVE. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS ORDINANCE ADDRESSES THE DIFFERENCES AMONGST BREEDS VERY WELL HERE OR THE CONCERNS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST THEM IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ANIMALS THAT THEY DO TAKE DECENT CARE OF.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. ARE YOU MICHAEL?

MICHAEL PATTON: YES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. IS SHAWN DALY, SHAWN DALY. YES, MICHAEL.

MICHAEL PATTON: MY NAME IS MICHAEL PATTON, I REPRESENT DOGTV.COM. I'M A DOG EXPERT. I HAVE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY AND I WOULD LIKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE MAYBE TWO MINUTES TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT GENETICS AND AS WELL AS THE HEALTH OF DOGS. I'M A RECENT IMMIGRANT TO CALIFORNIA. I CAME HERE FROM-- ACROSS THIS GREAT SUPPOSEDLY

FREE LAND AND ONLY TO REALIZE THAT, ONCE I GOT HERE WITH MY TWO FRIENDS IN TOW, THE ONLY TWO THINGS THAT I REALLY BROUGHT WITH ME ARE THESE TWO DOGS. TO REALIZED THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE CRIMINALIZED AND I CAN'T HAVE THEM HAVE THEIR WHOLE BODY PARTS. THEY'RE GOING TO BE CRIMINALIZED FOR HAVING ALL THE PARTS THAT THEY ARE BORN WITH. THIS IS WHAT THESE PEOPLE WANT. THIS IS A VICIOUS ATTACK ON DOGS, ON DOG OWNERSHIP, ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF PEOPLE AND THEIR OWN RIGHTS. THIS IS NOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH-- THIS DOES NOT BENEFIT DOG OWNERS. WHAT IT BENEFITS IS THIS ORGANIZATION AND THEIR FUNDING. THEY'VE MANUFACTURED THIS CRISIS. THIS IS WHAT DOG CONTROL-- THIS IS WHAT THESE TYPE OF AGENCIES DO. THEY MANUFACTURER A CRISIS SO THAT THEY CAN GET FUNDING. THIS IS WHY WE ARE IN IRAQ, BECAUSE WE HAD A CRISIS THAT WAS MANUFACTURED, IT WAS SHOVED DOWN OUR THROATS AND THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE SHOVED DOWN OUR THROATS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU, MICHAEL.

MICHAEL PATTON: I LEFT ALL MY POSSESSIONS-- LET ME SAY ONE MORE THING. THE GREATEST THREAT TO DEMOCRACY IS NOT COMMUNISM, IT'S NOT TERRORISTS, IT'S NOT MUSLIMS. IT'S SITUATIONS LIKE THIS WHERE WE ALLOW THIS TYPE OF LEGISLATION TO GO THROUGH. ALSO, YOU'RE RESTRICTING THE BREEDING TO PUREBRED DOGS. WHAT THAT DOES IS RESTRICT BREEDING TO INBREEDING. THAT IS NOT GOOD. IN ANY OTHER TYPE

OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL, THEY USE CROSS BREEDING, WHICH PRODUCES HYBRID VIGOR. INBREEDING DEPRESSING-- YOU'RE RESTRICTING THE BREEDING TO INFERIOR DOGS. PUREBREDS ARE INFERIOR. AND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS DOGS LIKE THIS CAN NO LONGER EXIST BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT PUREBRED AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL THE PARTS THAT THEY WERE BORN WITH. ONE MORE QUESTION AND I'LL BE DONE. MISS MAYEDA, HOW MANY ANIMALS HAVE YOU OVERSEEN THE EXTERMINATION OF OR UNDER YOUR WATCH WHILE YOU'VE BEEN AT THE SHELTER? NO, THIS IS A VALID QUESTION.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THOSE QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED WHEN WE CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION. IF YOU SIT DOWN AFTERWARDS, THAT QUESTION...

MICHAEL PATTON: I HAVE NEVER KILLED A DOG, ALL RIGHT? I'M A REGULAR DOG OWNER WHO CARES ABOUT DOGS AND WHO CARES ABOUT FREEDOM AND I'M NOT SOMEBODY, A SPAY AND NEUTER NAZI WHO WANTS TO MAKE THIS INTO A CRISIS...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MICHAEL.

MICHAEL PATTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. JAY FAHEY AND MICHELLE BLACKOWL, MICHELLE BLACKOWL.

MICHAEL PATTON: YOU WORK IN A SHELTER, YOU'RE A DOG MURDERER!

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AND CLAYTON GOO, CLAYTON GOO. [GAVEL] PLEASE. IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SIT DOWN, WE'LL HAVE TO ORDER YOU OUT. IS CLAYTON GOO HERE? IS JAY FAHEY-- FAYLY-- IS MICHELLE BLACKOWL? OKAY. MICHELLE IS COMING UP. AND CLAYTON GOO. COMING UP. OKAY. YES, MA'AM.

SHAWN DALEY: THANK YOU. I HAVE PROVIDED...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

SHAWN DALEY: MY NAME IS SHAWN DALY. I HAVE PROVIDED WRITTEN TALKING POINTS TO EVERY POINT I'M GOING TO BRING UP RIGHT NOW. I CAN PROVIDE YOU A COPY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SHE'LL PASS THEM OUT.

SHAWN DALEY: THIS ORDINANCE SHOWS A TOTAL LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROPOSED REGULATORY COMMUNITY. PURE BREED REGISTERED DOGS CANNOT COMPLY WITH SECTION 10.08.095. IF I OWN A BLUE WEIMARANER, WHICH IS REGISTERED, THAT DOG CANNOT BE SHOWN. BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE SHOWN, IT CANNOT BE FINISHED. BECAUSE IT IS BLUE, THE BREED CLUBS WILL CONSIDER ME UNETHICAL. PLEASE DO NOT LET BREED CLUB POLITICS SET THE LAW OF THE LAND AND THAT IS WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS DOING.

ALSO, IT IS ARBITRARY. THERE IS NO REASON TO ASSUME THAT A PUREBRED OR A BREED CLUB SHOULD BE HELD TO A DIFFERENT STANDARD THAN A NONREGISTERED DOG. AND A NONREGISTERED DOG CAN BE A PURE BREED. IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THIS ORDINANCE, AS MS. MAYEDA POINTED OUT, IT CAN PRODUCE MUTTS. I CAN BREED A TOSA TO A FILA AND PRODUCE SOME VERY, VERY DANGEROUS MUTTS. THIS REQUIRES A UNFAIR PENALIZATION OF LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES, WHICH INCLUDE OUR MINORITY COMMUNITIES. IT IS CHEAPER TO BUY AN UNREGISTERED THAN A REGISTERED DOG. THOSE PEOPLE WHO WENT OUT IN GOOD FAITH AND BOUGHT A PERFECTLY LEGAL DOG, WHICH AS OF RIGHT NOW HAS FULL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND WHICH CAN BE BRED WILL BE NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO DO UNDER THIS LAW. I BELIEVE THAT COULD BE A VIOLATION, DEPENDING HOW THE SITUATION SETS UP OF THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. WE DID BRIAN TRUITT AND SHAY TUTTLE AND CLAYTON IS HERE. OKAY. YOU'RE ON.

MARCO CARDENAS: MY NAME IS MARCO CARDENAS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF PIT BULLS AND ALL DOGS. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M AGAINST KILLING OF THE ANIMALS. I'M ALSO AGAINST ON INFLICTING EXTRA PAIN ON THE ANIMALS. THERE'S NO REASON FOR IT, FOR WHICH I BELIEVE IN FOR WHICH PEOPLE THAT KNOW ME BELIEVE THAT, TOO. I HOPE THAT YOU DO NOT PASS THIS LAW. I HOPE THAT YOU LISTEN TO THE WORDS THAT I'M TELLING YOU. THIS IS GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE, THE SAFETY OF ANIMALS. IF YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY, THEN I FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO THIS. WE SHOULD LOOK MORE INTO IT BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION ON EXACTLY WHAT IT IS WE ARE DOING, AS US BEING UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND OWNERS OF PIT BULLS OR ANY OTHER BREED OF ANIMAL, NOT JUST DOGS AND CATS. SO I BEG YOU NOT TO ALLOW THIS TO PASS UNTIL IT'S LOOKED MORE INTO. BECAUSE IF IT DOES, IT'S GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS AS FAR AS SAFETY GOES THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WANT AND I'M PRETTY SURE THAT YOU DON'T WANT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

JOHN FAHEY: HI. I'M JOHN FAHEY, I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND COMING INTO THIS ROOM-- EXCUSE ME. COMING INTO THIS-- COMING INTO THIS ROOM, I NOTICED ON A PLAQUE IN THE HALL THAT SAID "CHURCHILL, CHAMPION OF FREEDOM." I REALLY FEEL-- I'M SORRY, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I'M ONE OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS. I FEEL THAT OUR FREEDOM IS REALLY BEING TAKEN FROM US. FOR ME TO HAVE A DOG THAT I CAN'T CHOOSE IF I WANT TO SPAY OR NEUTER, EVEN THOUGH I'M A CONCERNED DOG OWNER AND A GOOD DOG OWNER, TO ME, IT'S LIKE LIVING IN A GESTAPO. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE STATE DID NOT ACCEPT THIS ORDINANCE THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING. AND ALSO, I'M AN ANIMAL LOVER, BUT I'M NOT A ANIMAL ACTIVIST. I'M A VEGETARIAN BY CHOICE BUT I DON'T TELL PEOPLE NOT TO EAT MEAT. AND I REALLY JUST CAN'T

BELIEVE IN THIS DAY AND AGE THAT WE'RE BEING FORCED TO SPAY OR NEUTER A DOG AGAINST OUR WILL. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

MICHELLE BLACKOWL: HI. MY NAME IS MICHELLE BLACKOWL CHAVEZ AND I DIDN'T PLAN ON SPEAKING TODAY, SO I REALLY HAVE NOTHING PREPARED. I AM AN OWNER OF AN AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER AND I ALSO HAVE AM STAFFS. AFTER HEARING MARCIA, YOU KNOW, I CAN BASICALLY AGREE WITH MOST OF THE BILL BUT, THEN AGAIN, I'M THINKING THAT THINGS THAT I'VE HEARD FROM PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT THIS BILL IS IT'S BASICALLY PIT BULL THIS, PIT BULL THAT, YOU KNOW, DANGEROUS DOGS, PIT BULLS. AND THE EXAMPLE THAT I WAS GOING TO LET YOU KNOW IS I WAS IN THE BATHROOM EARLIER AND THREE OF THE PEOPLE OVER HERE WERE IN THE BATHROOM AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT "I DON'T KNOW WHY THOSE PEOPLE SHOWED UP. THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS BEING HERE." AND THE ONE LADY LOOKED OVER, I THINK HER NAME IS BETTY SMITH, SHE LOOKED OVER AND SAID, "WHAT? WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?" "OH, THOSE PIT BULL BREEDERS, THOSE PIT BULL PEOPLE. THIS DOESN'T EVEN MATTER TO THEM, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS BEING HERE, THOSE BREEDERS." AND I'M JUST WORRIED THAT THIS BILL SAYS "ALL" BUT HOW EASY IS IT GOING TO BE FOR A PIT BULL OWNER OR AN AM STAFF PERSON TO GET THESE EXEMPTIONS? I SHOW DOGS. I'LL GET THE EXEMPTION BUT HOW EASY IS IT GOING TO BE FOR ME TO GET THAT? A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT UP PIT BULLS, ROTTWEILERS, GERMAN

SHEPHERDS, YOU KNOW, ALL THE BILL THAT ORIGINALLY COVERED ALL THOSE BREEDS. YOU KNOW, IT JUST-- IT NEEDS TO BE FAIR ACROSS THE BOARD AND I HEAR PLENTY OF PIT BULL TODAY AND WE'RE RESPONSIBLE OWNERS, ALSO, AND WE SHOULDN'T BE PENALIZED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: YES, SIR.

CLAYTON GOO: HELLO. MY NAME IS CLAYTON GOO, I'M HERE ON BEHALF-- AS A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER. THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THIS ORDINANCE THAT I FEEL IS GREAT FOR ALL PET OWNERS BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE ADDRESSED HERE. PUBLIC SAFETY, OVERPOPULATION OF THESE DOGS, A LOT OF THESE DOGS IN THE SHELTER AND I DON'T THINK THE SPAY AND NEUTER IS ACTUALLY GOING TO GO AHEAD AND HELP TO ALLEVIATE THAT PROBLEM. I THINK WHAT IS GOING TO HELP IS ACTUALLY BY ENFORCEMENT THROUGH ANIMAL CONTROL AND ENFORCING THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE IRRESPONSIBLE, THAT'S HOW YOU HAVE THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, THAT'S HOW YOU HAVE OVERPOPULATION OF DOGS, THAT'S HOW YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH DOGS GETTING LOOSE AND BEING OVER BRED AND IT'S THROUGH IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS. AND I THINK, BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE, YOU WILL BE ACTUALLY PUNISHING THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE RATHER THAN IRRESPONSIBLE. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: YES, SIR. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

SHAY TUTTLE: MY NAME IS SHAY TUTTLE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: DO YOU WANT TO SIT DOWN?

SHAY TUTTLE: NO. I'M GOING TO GIVE MY TIME TO NILES HERE.

NILE YUMANI: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. NILE YUMANI, RESIDENT OF GLENDALE COMMUNITY. I'M AN ATTORNEY LOCALLY. I'VE GOT A BACKGROUND WHERE MY FAMILY HAS PUREBRED SHOW DOGS FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND I'VE GOT MANY FRIENDS IN THE RESCUE BUSINESS, SO I SEE BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, AS AN ATTORNEY, I NEED TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION SOME LEGAL CONCERNS THAT I HAVE WHICH I'M SURE WILL ARISE IN THE FUTURE. NUMBER ONE, THE SPAY AND NEUTERING CLAUSE WILL CREATE SEVERE FIFTH AMENDMENT TAKING ISSUES AS WELL AS EQUAL PROTECTION ISSUES. YOU WILL SEE PEOPLE FILING ACTIONS IN THE COURT THAT WILL RAISE THE QUESTION, WHY ISN'T THIS APPLIED TO OTHER ANIMALS, CAT, FISH, BIRDS, PETS, HORSES, GOATS, ET CETERA? IT MAY SOUND FUNNY BUT THAT'S THE LEGAL REALITY. SECOND, THE REQUIREMENT TO JOIN AN ASSOCIATION OR AN ORGANIZATION WILL RISE CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION PROBLEMS. IT'S ILLEGAL AND IMPERMISSIBLE TO REQUIRE A CITIZEN TO JOIN ANY ORGANIZATION AS A PART OF ANY LEGAL ACTIVITY. THIRD, THE REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF CUSTOMERS WILL RAISE RIGHT OF PRIVACY AND RIGHT TO

CONTRACT CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES THAT WILL CREATE REAL PROBLEMS WITH THE VALIDITY OF THIS LAW. FINALLY, AS A CITIZEN, I THINK THE BOARD OUGHT TO BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY SERIOUS FINANCIAL LEGAL LIABILITY ISSUES THE COUNTY WILL BE EXPOSED TO IF THEY PASS THIS LAW AND FOUND TO BE WRONG. CURRENTLY, THERE'S A FEDERAL COURT CASE ALREADY FILED DEALING WITH THESE PRECISE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND THAT WAS FILED JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. THAT REMAINS TO BE LITIGATED. I HEARD ONE LADY SAY THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 GROSS SALES EVERY WEEK JUST IN THE NEWSPAPER ALONE. THAT COMES OUT TO BE ABOUT \$5.2 MILLION A YEAR, ABOUT 10 MILLION EVERY TWO YEARS, 15 MILLION EVERY THREE YEARS. IF THIS LAW IS PASSED WITHOUT CONSTITUTIONAL MUSTER AND THE COUNTY'S PROVEN TO BE WRONG, THE COUNTY FACES SEVERE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL EXPOSURE, ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO 10 TO 15 MILLION DOLLARS. SO MY SUGGESTION TO THE BOARD WOULD BE TO DEFER TO THE FEDERAL COURT ACTION, LET THE FEDERAL COURT DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES ARE SATISFIED OR NOT AND THEN FOLLOW WHATEVER GUIDANCE THE FEDERAL COURT ISSUES RATHER THAN TRYING TO GO IT ON ITS OWN. THERE ARE VERY VALID CONCERNS ON BOTH SIDES, YOUR HONOR, AND I THINK, BECAUSE THEY'RE SO VALID AND SO IMPORTANT, WHATEVER DECISION IS MADE MUST BE SURE TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF BOTH SIDES, SO THAT'S MY SUGGESTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. OKAY. MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON THE LAST POINT, ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL THE ISSUE OF THIS OUGHT TO BE DEFERRED TO THE FEDERAL COURT, COULD YOU RESPOND TO THAT?

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.: MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'VE ASKED MY STAFF. WE'RE UNAWARE OF THE CASE THAT'S BEING REFERRED TO AND WE'LL LOOK INTO IT BUT, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE ORDINANCE IS BASED ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL EXERCISE OF THE COUNTY'S POLICE POWER.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AND COULD YOU RESPOND TO THE ISSUE OF THE LICENSE FEE BEING PROPOSED.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.: I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE QUESTION WAS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LET ME ASK MARCIA. RELATIVE TO THE LICENSE FEE BEING SUGGESTED IN THE PROPOSAL.

MARCIA MAYEDA: I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR THE FULL QUESTION?

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE LICENSE FEE BEING PROPOSED.

MARCIA MAYEDA: MY COMMENTS ON THAT? HOW WE ARRIVED AT THAT FIGURE WAS WE ESTIMATED THE COST OF ENFORCING THIS PROGRAM

AND SPREAD THAT OUT AMONG THE UNALTERED DOG LICENSES. THIS FORMULA WAS REVIEWED BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND FOUND TO BE REASONABLE. THE \$60-- YOU'VE HEARD COMMENTARY THAT IT'S NOT HIGH ENOUGH AND OTHERS THAT IT'S TOO HIGH. WE FEEL IT'S REASONABLE BECAUSE, IN AREAS WHERE IT'S HIGHER, IT'S BECAUSE THE SPAY/NEUTER IS VOLUNTARY THERE AND THEY USE A HIGHER LICENSE FEE IN ORDER TO TRY TO GAIN PEOPLE TO VOLUNTARILY COMPLY. IT'S NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL. OFTENTIMES PEOPLE WILL JUST PAY THE HIGHER DOLLAR AND YOU CONTINUE WITH THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER. \$60 WE FEEL IS REASONABLE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SHOWING ANIMALS. IT'S NOT AS HIGH AS WHAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED WHEN THIS WAS BREED SPECIFIC AND THAT FEE, AS YOU RECALL, THAT WAS \$150. SO IT'S DROPPED BY MORE THAN HALF AND SHOWING DOGS IS A HOBBY, JUST LIKE FISHING AND BOATING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WE CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND OFTENTIMES THERE'S COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AND PEOPLE CAN CHOOSE WHETHER THEY ENGAGE IN THOSE BEHAVIORS AND HOBBIES AND MAKE THAT DECISION FOR THEMSELVES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THERE'S A QUESTION RELATIVE TO HOW MANY ANIMALS ARE PUT TO SLEEP IN THIS PAST YEAR.

MARCIA MAYEDA: LAST YEAR, 18,800 DOGS WERE KILLED IN OUR SHELTERS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: HOW MANY?

MARCIA MAYEDA: 18,800 IN ONE YEAR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: 18,800. AND IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

MARCIA MAYEDA: IT'S GONE DOWN A LITTLE BIT EACH YEAR, SO YOU COULD FIGURE APPROXIMATELY 20,000 A YEAR.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AND THE ISSUE OF... [INTERJECTIONS]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE. ON THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING REDUCED FEES FOR SPAYING, NEUTERING FOR SENIORS AND LOWER ECONOMIC QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, WHAT PROGRAMS WOULD YOU BE INSTITUTING?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WELL, WHAT WE PLAN TO DO AT THE BEGINNING, IT WOULD BE A TWO PRONGED APPROACH. ONE WOULD BE TO ADD THREE ADDITIONAL VETERINARIANS TO OUR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE LOW COST SPAY/NEUTERS TO PEOPLE WHO COME TO US FOR ASSISTANCE. THAT WILL STILL BE THE LEAST EXPENSIVE PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN OBTAIN THE SERVICE BUT WHAT WE WILL ALSO DO IS OFFER VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE TO THEIR PRIVATE VETERINARIANS IF THEY CHOOSE TO-- OR IF THEY PREFER TO HAVE THE SURGERY PERFORMED THERE. WE ALSO ARE LOOKING AT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER HUMANE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REALLY WANT TO ASSIST US

WITH THIS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND, AS DONATIONS AND FUNDING COME IN, WE'LL PROVIDE THOSE AS WELL.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE ISSUE OF EDUCATION, HAVE WE-- ARE WE ABLE TO UTILIZE OR, LET'S SAY, OUR FACILITIES AND OUR PARKS AND RECREATION AND OTHER COMMUNITY SUCH CENTERS WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON THIS ISSUE?

MARCIA MAYEDA: I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT MIGHT HAVE FACILITIES FOR US AND FIND WAYS THAT WE CAN PARTNER TOGETHER ON THAT.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: HAVE WE EVER CONSIDERED PROVIDING CLASSES ON ANIMAL LAWS AND CARE AT-- FOR THOSE WHO ADOPT THE ANIMALS?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WE'VE CONSIDERED IT. THE PROBLEM IS, IS THAT WE DO A LOT OF EDUCATION ALREADY. WE GO INTO THE SCHOOLS, WE GO TO COMMUNITY EVENTS, WHEREVER WE'RE INVITED, WE GO AND WE SPEAK. THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF OUTREACH DONE BY ALL THE ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REALLY CARE ABOUT ANIMALS. THE PROBLEM IS IS THAT PEOPLE DON'T HEAR THE MESSAGE. I WAS JUST TALKING TO A VETERINARIAN THE OTHER DAY AND HE SAID HE TRIES TO CONVINCHE HIS CLIENTS TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR DOGS. HE SEES THE CURTAIN GO UP OVER THEIR EYES. THEY DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT. SO, MANY TIMES, NO MATTER

WHAT YOU TELL PEOPLE, THEY WON'T ENGAGE IN THAT BEHAVIOR THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO. THAT'S WHY THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY, BECAUSE I THINK WE'VE DONE A LOT OF EDUCATION, WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. IT'S IMPORTANT AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO IT BUT WE NEED ANOTHER APPROACH, WE NEED SOMETHING TO HELP US KEEP THIS TREND MOVING WHERE WE CAN REDUCE THE THREATS TO PUBLIC SAFETY OF THESE STRAY ANIMALS ON THE STREET AND THE OVERPOPULATION IN THE SHELTERS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: DO WE PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION TO THOSE WHO ADOPT THE ANIMALS THAT ARE IN SHELTERS?

MARCIA MAYEDA: YES, WE DO.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THAT GOES WITH THE-- WHAT DO YOU GIVE AN INDIVIDUAL THAT COMES IN AND ADOPTS AN ANIMAL?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FLIERS AND ALSO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION MADE A \$15,000 GIFT TO THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR AND PURCHASED D.V.D.S ABOUT TRAINING YOUR ADOPTED DOG, SO EACH ADOPTER GETS A FREE D.V.D. THAT GOES HOME WITH THEM AND TRAINS THEM IN ALL ASPECTS OF MAKING AN ANIMAL A VALUED AND RELIABLE PART OF THEIR FAMILY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: COULD WE ALSO IMPLEMENT A MANDATORY ANIMAL TRAINING COURSE SIMILAR TO OUR TRAFFIC SCHOOL FOR THOSE ANIMAL LAW VIOLATORS? [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. [GAVEL]

MARCIA MAYEDA: WE'VE CONSIDERED THAT. WE HAVEN'T FOUND A MODEL THAT WORKS. OTHER AREAS HAVE TRIED THAT. THEY'RE VERY COST PROHIBITIVE AND WE DON'T GET A LOT OF COMPLIANCE. WE'D CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO LOOK AT IT AGAIN AND TRY TO DEVELOP A MODEL AND COME BACK WITH YOU. MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOME AREAS TO MAKE IT WORK...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: I WOULD SUGGEST YOU DO ANOTHER REVIEW AND MAKE A REPORT BACK FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION.

MARCIA MAYEDA: OKAY.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE CRITICS SAY THE ORDINANCE UNFAIRLY TARGETS RESPONSIBLE LICENSED OWNERS. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR GOING AFTER THE IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS, SUCH AS THE BACKYARD BREEDERS AND THE OWNERS OF UNLICENSED DOGS?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WELL, OUR ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY IS VERY STRONG IN THAT AREA. FOR IDENTIFYING THE UNLICENSED DOGS, OUR LICENSE CANVASSERS COLLECT 38% OF THEIR LICENSES ARE FOR DOGS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN UNIDENTIFIED TO US, SO

THAT'S A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT OUR CANVASSING EFFORTS WILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE AND GAINING COMPLIANCE. IN ADDITION, ANY DOG THAT HAS STRAYED THAT COMES INTO THE SHELTER, THAT'S OBVIOUSLY A VIOLATION, WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE BEFORE THEY'RE RELEASED.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE INTENT, IF APPROVED TODAY, IT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THE MAY 2ND MEETING AND THEN WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER THAT, WHICH WOULD BE IN TIME FOR YOUR ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL TIME FRAME?

MARCIA MAYEDA: OUR LICENSE RENEWALS ARE GOING OUT NOW OR WILL BE GOING OUT AT THAT TIME BUT THERE'S A NEW RENEWAL THAT WILL GO OUT IN JULY. SO, YES, THOSE WILL BE-- IF PASSED, THOSE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE NEW ORDINANCE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL THE FEASIBILITY OF PREPARING AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES AND FINES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OF THE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOG ORDINANCE. COULD YOU BRIEF US ON THAT?

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.: YES, MR. MAYOR, THERE ARE THREE OR FOUR PLACES IN THE DOG ORDINANCE WHERE THE PENALTIES CAN BE INCREASED. THERE IS ONE AREA, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE VIOLATION

OF THE LEASH LAW THAT CAN BE INCREASED. RIGHT NOW, IT IS AN INFRACTION SET AT 250. WE CAN INCREASE THAT. IT WOULD REMAIN AN INFRACTION, BUT THERE IS A THREE STEP PROCESS WE CAN DO AND THERE ARE TWO OR THREE OTHER AREAS THAT WE CAN TIGHTEN UP A LITTLE BIT, AREAS THAT A MISDEMEANOR OR INFRACTION COULD BE TREATED AS MISDEMEANOR. WE CAN RETURN WITH AN ORDINANCE AT A SUBSEQUENT DATE IF THE BOARD WERE TO ORDER US TO DO SO.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: OKAY. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY MANY MUNICIPALITIES, CITIES AND COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS AN ANIMAL OVER POPULATION PROBLEM AND, AS WAS STATED, WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF SWEEPS THAT I HAD MENTIONED. AND LET ME JUST ASK THE-- YOU HAD REQUESTED 20 ADDITIONAL FIELD STAFF FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THE '06/'07 BUDGET, THAT WAS FOR THE SWEEPS?

MARCIA MAYEDA: FOR GENERAL ENFORCEMENT, YES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: FOR GENERAL ENFORCEMENT AND YOU'RE BEING-- MAKING RECOMMENDATION TO GIVE YOU SIX BUT YOU HAD REQUESTED 20?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WHAT'S IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS SIX ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. THERE AREN'T FIELD POSITIONS IN THERE, SO WE'VE SUPPLIED YOUR DEPUTY, WHO

REQUESTED THE INFORMATION FROM US, OUR ADDITIONAL CRITICAL NEEDS.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: I'LL BE MAKING A RECOMMENDATION AT THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS THAT WE MAKE THE ADDITIONAL 14 POSITIONS THAT YOU HAD REQUESTED. MANY OF US HAVE HAD SEVERE PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITIES RELATIVE TO THE DOGS RUNNING AROUND, UNLICENSED DOGS AND WE'VE HAD, IN PARTS OF OUR AREAS, SOME SEVERE ATTACKS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE AND SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU GREATER WITH THOSE REQUESTS. BUT ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM ANY OF THE MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IN THE ORDINANCE, YOU'VE REDEFINED THE TERM-- THE DEFINITION OF HOBBY BREEDER. HOW ARE HOBBY BREEDERS TREATED IN THE ORDINANCE ITSELF?

MARCIA MAYEDA: WE CHANGED THE DEFINITION OF HOBBY BREEDER FROM IT BEING LIMITED TO A PERSON WHO OWNS A FEMALE DOG TO A PERSON WHO OWNS A DOG, SO IT WOULD APPLY TO WHETHER THEY HAD A FEMALE OR A MALE DOG THAT THEY INTEND TO BREED. HOW THIS ORDINANCE WOULD APPLY, THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE LARGE SCALE KENNELS BECAUSE THEY'RE REGULATED UNDER A DIFFERENT SCHEME IN THE ORDINANCE. THE WAY THE ORDINANCE READS THAT, IF YOU HAVE FOUR DOGS OR MORE, YOU'RE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ANIMAL FACILITY PERMIT AND, AS YOU RECALL, WE STARTED OUR ANIMAL FACILITY GRADING SYSTEM APPROXIMATELY A

YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF AGO AND THOSE KENNELS ARE REGULATED UNDER THAT CRITERIA. THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE-- AND MAY I SAY THAT THOSE DOGS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANIMAL OVERPOPULATION. THEY USUALLY DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRAY ANIMAL POPULATION DIRECTLY FROM THOSE KENNELS BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THEIR KENNEL RUNS BUT, HOWEVER, THIS ORDINANCE DOES APPLY TO PEOPLE WHO OWN THREE DOGS OR FEWER AND THOSE ARE-- CAN BE CALLED HOBBY BREEDERS OR BACKYARD BREEDERS, DEPENDING ON KIND OF THE QUALITY OF BREEDING THAT THEY'RE ENGAGING IN. HOBBY BREEDERS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE REPUTABLE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE THE BREED. BACKYARD BREEDERS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PEOPLE WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF DOGS BUT AREN'T CARING ABOUT THAT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO ARE HOBBY BREEDERS TREATED-- OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOW ADDRESSING IT AS MALE AND FEMALE DOGS, ARE THEY TREATED-- HOBBY BREEDERS ARE THOSE WHO BREED THREE OR FEWER DOGS, IS THAT...?

MARCIA MAYEDA: YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SO THAT, OTHER THAN THE CHANGE IN THE ADDITION OF BOTH SEXES, THEY ARE NOW GOING TO BE-- NOW BOTH SEXES WILL BE TREATED THE SAME WAY AS THE LAW HAS PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED JUST FEMALE DOGS? IS THAT...

MARCIA MAYEDA: YES, THAT'S HOW IT PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED FEMALE DOGS. HOWEVER, IF A PERSON HAS THREE DOGS OR FEWER, THEY HAVE TO GET INDIVIDUAL DOG LICENSES FOR EACH OF THOSE DOGS, WHICH MEANS THIS ORDINANCE WOULD APPLY TO THEM.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: OKAY. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE FOUND FOUNDATION?

MARCIA MAYEDA: YES.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: IS THAT WHAT IT'S CALLED?

MARCIA MAYEDA: YEAH, THE FOUND ANIMAL FOUNDATION.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: FOUND ANIMAL FOUNDATION.

MARCIA MAYEDA: IT'S A NEW FOUNDATION. THERE'S PROBABLY NOT VERY MUCH ON THE WEBSITE. IT'S FOUNDED BY LOS ANGELES BILLIONAIRE, DR. GARY MICHELSON, AND HE HAS GRACIOUSLY APPROACHED US TO OFFER THEIR PARTNERSHIP TO HELP ELIMINATE PET OVERPOPULATION. THERE HAVE BEEN NEWS REPORTS ON HIS PARTNERSHIP AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM. HE'S APPROACHED A NUMBER OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL AND ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND I COULD TELL YOU THEY'RE LEGITIMATE. IT'S NEW BUT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AND WE HAVE FAITH IN THEIR OFFER.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IT'S NEW ENOUGH THAT THEY'RE NOT-- THAT A GOOGLE SEARCH DID NOT PRODUCE THEM, YOU REALIZE THAT?

MARCIA MAYEDA: THAT'S RIGHT. RIGHT.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: BUT YOU'RE VOUCHING FOR THEIR LEGITIMACY?

MARCIA MAYEDA: YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AND THEIR EXISTENCE.

MARCIA MAYEDA: YES.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SUPERVISOR KNABE.

SUP. KNABE: WHEN THIS COMES BACK, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF WE COULD HAVE SOME IDEA, YOU KNOW, WE DISCUSSED EARLY ON ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION, SOME IDEA OF THAT FORMAT AND HOW THE OUTREACH THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, IF YOU COULD BRING THAT BACK AS PART OF IT JUST SO THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA, BECAUSE I THINK...

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THIS IS THE FIRST READING.

SUP. KNABE: YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BUT I MEAN-- YEAH. JUST SO THAT WE HAVE SOME IDEA, BECAUSE I ASSUME WE'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OF CALLS ON THIS.

MARCIA MAYEDA: IF YOU DECIDE TO VOTE ON IT TODAY, I CAN STILL COME BACK WITH A REPORT TO YOU AND A IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT YOU GUYS WILL HAVE FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND WE CAN PUT IT ON OUR WEBSITE.

SUP. KNABE: THAT'S WHAT I MEANT. YEAH, I'M NOT ADVOCATING NOT VOTING ON IT TODAY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HOW ABOUT IF WE JUST GIVE EVERYBODY YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER. [LAUGHTER]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: LET ME FIRST THANK THE DEPARTMENT AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF, MILLIE JONES, WHO IS MY DEPUTY INVOLVED WITH ANIMAL ISSUES. THERE ARE-- AND WE APPRECIATE THE INPUT THAT THE ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DOG OWNERS AND THOSE INVOLVED PUT INTO THIS PROPOSAL. IT IS A HUMANE ORDINANCE. I KNOW THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BUT THERE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH OVERPOPULATION AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT ARE EUTHANIZED EVERY YEAR. IT'S A CRIME. WE'VE HAD SOME SEVERE DOG ATTACKS IN OUR COUNTY AND ACROSS THE WORLD. WE HAD ONE OF OUR EXECUTIVES WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHO WAS HERE EARLIER WHO HAD, YOU KNOW, OVER HALF HIS MOUTH BITTEN OFF. THROUGH

MIRACULOUS PLASTIC SURGEON, A SURGEON FROM TORRANCE, ABLE TO RESTORE HIM TO WHERE YOU WOULD NOT KNOW THAT HE HAD THAT SEVERE ATTACK, AMONG OTHERS. BUT PUBLIC EDUCATION IS VITAL TO PREVENT THESE ATTACKS AND WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP AND WE NEED TO ALSO GO AFTER THE IRRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS BUT THIS IS-- MANY OF US FEEL IT'S A STEP FORWARD AND, WHILE THERE MAY BE IMPERFECTIONS, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CORRECT THOSE IMPERFECTIONS AS WE GO ALONG, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF A GREATER DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT THOSE ANIMALS THAT ARE BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN THE LOVE AND CARE AND ATTENTION THAT THEY SO RIGHTLY DESERVE AND THAT'S THE INTENT. WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, I WAS PROUD TO AUTHOR THE LAW TO MAKE DOG FIGHTING A FELONY IN OUR STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THAT WAS MANY YEARS AGO. [APPLAUSE]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: PLEASE. [GAVEL]

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: BUT IT'S A ONGOING ISSUE IN THIS AREA AND AGAIN DEALING WITH HUMAN BEINGS, THE LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUR FOSTER CARE WHO NEED ADOPTIONS, NEED LOVEABLE FAMILIES SO THEY CAN BE NURTURED AND GROW UP IN A RESPONSIBLE WORLD AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. SO ANYWAY, I'D MAKE A MOTION THAT WE APPROVE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY GLORIA MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ITEM

NUMBER 76 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY-- OR, EXCUSE ME, 64 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE PUT THIS OVER FOR TWO WEEKS. THE SHERIFF'S STAFF LEFT AND SO PUT IT OVER FOR TWO WEEKS-- UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO PROBLEM. 64 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND I WILL SECOND THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 79 WAS A REPORT JUST TO BE GIVEN BY THE-- EXCUSE ME. ITEM 79-- IS IT 79?

SUP. MOLINA: GOING TO HAVE TO ASK THEM TO LEAVE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: ITEM 78, 78, ITEM 78.

CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO: THAT'S A HEARING TO VACATE WITH RESERVATIONS PORTIONS OF 204TH STREET, BERENDO AVENUE, CATALINA STREET AND ALLEYS SOUTH OF 204TH STREET BETWEEN BUDLONG AND BERENDO AVENUES IN THE VICINITY OF CARSON. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE.

SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WE NEED A TRANSLATOR. WE HAVE CYNTHIA BABICH AND JORGE MORAN AND MARIA MORAN. OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD? FIRST, LET'S HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT.