

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES

Responses are verbatim, in the exact form provided by the candidate

	Question	Jeannine Pearce 3.5 PAWS	Joen Garnica 3 PAWS	Eric Gray 2.5 PAWS
1	How important is the issue of increasing the number of animals saved at the Long Beach animal shelter to you?	<p>Very Important I had the privilege of being raised by a compassionate mother, who worked at Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP) in Houston. I volunteered in the shelter every summer, and our home was filled with cats, dogs, birds, chinchillas, and any other critter that needed a home. We took as many as we could to save them from being put to sleep. While CAPS would have to euthanize pets daily, they worked hard to save as many as possible. I have seen the power of staffing up, a robust foster program, and a robust community spay and neuter program. I will work along side shelters to help increase adoption and save lives.</p>	<p>Very Important</p>	<p>Very Important</p>
2	Would you support changing/extending LBACS hours so that working families can get to LBACS after work/school to reclaim their lost pets or adopt new pets?	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>

3	<p>Would you support a public commitment by the City to an LBACS adoption program to help place the 72% of animals not taken in by SpcaLA, with the goal of adopting out at least 25% of all LBACS animals to homes?</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	<p>Would you support LBACS adopting out animals after 3 days as permitted by California state law, rather than waiting 6 days, given that only 14% of all animals, including 4% of cats and less than 1% of kittens, are returned to their owners?</p> <p><i>[Note: 86% of animals at LBACS are waiting for owners who never come for them. Many of them are killed. To increase their chances of leaving the shelter alive, we support making animals available for adoption after 3 days as permitted by law.]</i></p>	<p>Undecided I'd need to see more - leaning yes.</p>	<p>No If I understand this question correctly, I am in favor of a longer wait period to help unite pet owners with their loved animals.</p>	Yes

5	<p>Would you support an LBACS policy allowing cats to be adopted out to qualified homes that would allow the cat to go outdoors, given that 46% of cats and kittens were euthanized at the LBACS animal shelter in 2015?</p>	<p>No <i>[Note: In a follow-up e-mail, Ms. Pearce stated that she would support adoptions to cats to indoor homes and to indoor/outdoor homes if the alternative is death. LBACS cats and kittens have a 46% chance of being killed. Stayin' Alive Long Beach believes it is appropriate to adopt a cat to both indoor and indoor/outdoor homes because LBACS has a high kill rate for cats and kittens – outdoor is better than dead.]</i></p>	<p>Yes Some of the policies in place, although well intended, seem to exclude many loving people and homes from adopting animals that need loving homes.</p>	<p>Undecided</p>
6	<p>Would you support the establishment of a foster program at LBACS that would target placement of at least 150 animals in foster homes in the first year of implementation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
7	<p>Would you support a declared goal of a 90% save rate at the city animal shelter and monthly shelter management performance reports posted on the LBACS website demonstrating progress toward that goal?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Undecided Would like to learn more about this program.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

8	<p>Would you support a requirement for low-cost continuing education (e.g., webinars, occasional conferences) in how to implement programs designed to save lives for LBACS employees?</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	<p>Do you have any pets of your own? If yes, please tell us about them (Dog, cat, etc.)</p>	<p>Yes Isabella Marie, Izzy for short, is part of our family. I rescued Izzy from under a bush 12 years ago, she was just a few weeks old and wild as could be. We currently had another cat, Pirate who was actually slated to be euthanized due to his physical disability. We didn't want to negatively impact Pirate, so I only kept Izzy over night. The next day she rode in my lap an hour to my mothers work at CAP and it was there they said if we had not brought her in she would not of survived. She had a tumor the size of a golf ball. I of course went back and brought her home. She was a wild kitty for many years. I spent many days snuggling her and finally she calmed down. Pirate passed away years ago. Izzy's new best friend is my 3 year old daughter Jubilee. We hope to get another rescue soon.</p>	<p>Yes We have two small rescue dogs named Mac and Tosh. Mac and Tosh are siblings from the same litter that look nothing alike. They are, from what we know, a mix of poodle, chihuahua, and maltese breeds. They'll be two on May 31st. Mac and Tosh get along great with our almost one year-old twin sons. We absolutely adore Mac and Tosh in our home. We are fortunate that we found each other.</p>	<p>Yes I have two cats: Misty and Rubin.</p>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – These comments were made in response to an additional e-mail solicitation sent to all candidates

Eric Gray - *"As a pet owner and longtime community resident, I proudly stand with Stayin' Alive and the Long Beach Animal Care Services in their commitment to reach a 90% saved rate for all animals in city-ran shelters. More than ever, we need to develop a program that will reduce the number of animals surrendered and minimize the financial burdens faced by our local shelters. That is why I will work hand-in-hand with our local shelters to ensure they have the city resources they need to increase the number of low-cost spay/neuter opportunities, expand community outreach on lifesaving foster programs, and ensure that Long Beach stands as a state and national leader in animal sheltering."*