

DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATES

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

	Question	Laurie Angel 4 PAWS	Wesley Turnbow 0 PAWS	Al Austin 0 PAWS
1	How important is the issue of increasing the number of animals saved at the Long Beach animal shelter to you?	Very It is important to spay and neuter as many pets as possible and to provide extensive adoption opportunities to reduce the influx of animals to our shelters.	No Response	No Response
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?	Yes Definitely. I find that one of the biggest issues with city services is that they do not accommodate the hours of working families.	No Response	No Response
3	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?	Yes	No Response	No Response

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</p> <p>If you have ever lost a pet you do not want it to be adopted out before you have a chance to reconnect. I had a pet that survived along the railroad tracks for weeks before someone found him and contacted us. Noting that shelters have very limited hours that do not accommodate working families I would expect they would be held long enough for a family to contact and then find them at the shelter. Perhaps if extended hours were implemented the waiting period could be shortened. The best situation for a pet is to be reunited with its loving family.</p>	No Response	No Response

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>Undecided We have adopted cats in the past and signed contracts that we would keep our pets inside for their own health and safety. I believe that provision was in the contract to protect these animals.</p>	No Response	No Response
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 Do not see any reason not to. Would also like to see the use of more pets as service / comfort animals. The human / pet bond is important for both, particularly shut ins, seniors, persons with disabilities, or other illnesses. Would like to see more visitation programs implemented at convalescent homes, senior facilities, hospitals, etc.</p>	No Response	No Response

7	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?	Yes	No Response	No Response
8	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?	Yes The public needs to be educated to about responsible pet ownership.	No Response	No Response

9	Do you have any pets of your own? If yes, please tell us about them (Dog, cat, etc.)	Yes Right now we have a dog, Punkin' a 70 mixed bred Beuceron. We took in a stray pit that followed Punkin' home and kept her for a couple of years until they started having life threatening fights. We had to give Yoda Baby to another home. We have had cats (Fred and Ethyl Merrtz) or dogs (Tuxedo, Georga) our entire married life (33 years) and as I was growing up. I prefer having at least two animals as opposed to 1 so that they can keep each other company when we are at work.	No Response	No Response
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS – These comments were made in response to an additional e-mail solicitation sent to all candidates

Laurie Angel - Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I greatly appreciate the work your organization is doing and I plan to support and promote your concerns and well thought out Implementation Plan. This is how the good work of the city is done with the involvement and dedication of volunteers and caring citizens. Thank you for your important life saving efforts.