

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT NEW POLICIES AT LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES TO BETTER SERVE BOTH THE CITIZENS AND THE LOST AND HOMELESS ANIMALS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, the current vision of Long Beach Animal Care Services is to become California's safest large city for people and animals through a proactive strategy of community engagement and enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach and its citizens have demonstrated great interest in community planning and strategies for animal welfare programs community wide; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Long Beach deserve a progressive animal shelter that succeeds at saving the lives of homeless animals at a level that is consistent with the most successful animal shelters in the country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to revise the mission of Long Beach Animal Care Services to make the attainment of positive outcomes for Long Beach's lost and homeless animals a prime mission of the agency. To achieve this goal, the City Manager is directed to oversee the implementation by **LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES** of the "City of Long Beach Lifesaving Programs Implementation Plan," attached as Exhibit A, which includes the following actions and programs:

- Revise the mission of LBACS to make obtaining positive outcomes for Long Beach's lost and homeless pets the agency's primary mission, alongside public safety;
- Implement a comprehensive LBACS adoption program to increase life-saving capacity;
- Establish a large-scale foster program to increase cage space and increase the number of animals adopted from the shelter;
- Implement a kitten fostering program with neo-natal fostering capacity;
- Increase efforts to provide high-volume low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to the residents of Long Beach;
- Implement a large-scale volunteer program to staff lifesaving programs;
- Improve outreach to and relations with private rescue organizations;
- Build the capacity of its Shelter Neuter Release (SNR) program to decrease the number of community cats euthanized at the shelter;

- Improve LBACS’s capacity for behavioral evaluation and management of animals;
- Decrease owner surrenders through pet retention programs and community outreach;
- Increase redemptions through proactive policies designed to return animals to their owners;
- End Empty-Cage Killing;
- Increase LBACS’s accountability and transparency to the public by publishing its save and euthanasia rates on its website;
- Reexamine LBACS’s relationship with SPCALA and formalize obligations to ensure LBACS adoptions are not negatively impacted;

The Director of Long Beach Animal Care Services is further directed to provide a briefing on the progress of the implementation of the plan to City Council at its October 28, 2014 meeting.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk