

September 14, 2016

Re: File No. A16-02383

Dear City Attorney Parkin and Deputy City Attorney Sanchez:

Thank you for your letter of September 14, 2016, where you informed us that your office has "determined that ACS did not violate either the Hayden Act or California Food & Agriculture Code §31108(b), respectively. Moreover, we did not find any indication that any documents were falsified or that any false statements were made by either Mr. Stevens, the Director of ACS, or any other ACS employee."

We would like to ask on what facts the City Attorney's office relied in making the determination that Long Beach Animal Care Services did not violate the Hayden Act or California Food and Agr. Code Section 31108(b).

Further, we would like to ask on what facts the City Attorney's office relied in making the determination that Mr. Stevens did not make false statements regarding this matter, particular with regard to the statements that 1) Thor had displayed "significant disturbing aggressive behavior" that warranted killing Thor and 2) "the rescue hold was placed after he (Thor) was already euthanized."

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Best regards,



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And Concerned Long Beach Residents
(Signatures provided in original complaint)