

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Attached, please find a letter from the California Apartment Association (CAA) regarding COVID-19 pet adoption.



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Chair Nithya Raman
Los Angeles Housing and Homelessness Committee
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012
VIA Email

Re: Special Meeting: Item 2 - COVID-19 Pet Adoption (C.F. 21-0042-S6)

Dear Chair Raman and Councilmembers,

The California Apartment Association (CAA) represents local housing providers who are involved with a range of rental properties from those that offer a single unit to large apartment communities as well as businesses that provide goods, services, and support to the housing industry. Our members touch on the everyday lives of many city residents. We have a keen interest in the pursuit of fair and equitable housing policies.

CAA understands the challenges, hardships and circumstances which resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic and that some residents adopted or fostered animals into apartment units where they normally would be prohibited. CAA supports the Animal Services' report and city's goal of resolving this unique situation.

We respectfully request a provision be added requiring the resident to notify the housing provider of the animal in a timeframe and that the resident registers and adheres to all relevant LA City licensing requirements. It is important for the property owner to be aware of animals and general activity in the community and be following the City of Los Angeles' Animal Services (LAAS) regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred Sutton
California Apartment Association