

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Basile

Date Submitted: 09/25/2020 05:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: Please reopen the West Valley Shelter as many are looking for new pets here locally and it is a shame it is closed, i have returned found pets there as well & the owner was able to retrieve their dog so many uses & needs for the shelter

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Name: Renee L.

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do NOT give away our animal shelter!! We have adopted 2 dogs and 2 kittens from the West Valley Animal Shelter. This shelter is greatly needed in our community. Prop F was a bond measure passed in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is NOT acceptable.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking for the resignation of Brenda Barnette. She is horrifically mismanaging LAAS. She cannot account for policies under her watch and when she falters, as she did with the investigation with the horse involved with LAPD, she blames it on others and runs from her own bad decisions she made. Brenda Barnette is at fault. We demand West Valley re open. Had West Valley been open and operational, as it should be, as the public, your constituents have been demanding and asking for months....this horse would not have been shuffled around and uncared for while in LAPD's care. Dogs would also not be suffering sweltering in the heat. This incident should never have happened. Furthermore, Brenda Barnette cannot account for ice machines that she ordered and she has been asked to provide where they are and to this date, she has not. Where did the money go and where are the ice machines? While dogs suffer in the heat because she ordered West Valley closed they have to be coddled with ice? This is egregious. Your community is preparing to take legal action against the city if you do not take action within the course of the next 2 months. West Valley needs to be fully open and operational as an intake shelter and Brenda Barnette needs to resign.

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Comments for Public Posting: I've been an L.A. city animal shelter volunteer for 14 years, having volunteered at both the East and West Valley Shelters. "Closing" the West Valley shelter would be a great disservice to the residents of the area. There is no other city facility close by that the people in the area can utilize for getting help and information regarding their animals. If city services were not available, I feel that the animals in the area would suffer. West Valley is a very busy shelter with the public continually coming in to relinquish, adopt, ask questions, pay for services, etc. It's not always easy for people to drive the 20-30 minutes (or longer, if they have no car, and have to take the city bus) to East Valley to access those services. Some services they need would be unavailable if they don't drive. Many people who volunteer at West Valley would not be able continue to do so. The people of the West Valley deserve to have the same easy access to all the city services that the residents of the rest of the city have access to. That's what we pay our taxes for, and we shouldn't be short-changed because the budget has been reduced. We pay our taxes so that we can have an animal shelter that's easy for us to access when we need one. All the city shelters should share in the reduced budget cutbacks, not just West Valley.

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Name: Dorothy Reilly

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Comments for Public Posting: cannot believe that the west valley animal shelter is closed and may be given to rescue organizations. Please reopen it; we it to remain available to those of us who live in the west valley. The 3 documents posted online state the case well for keeping it open.