

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 06:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** ??Open west valley caiman shelter!! LA Animal Services seized a horse for humane investigation and he was taken to West Valley Shelter. Then Brenda Barnette arranged to have the horse transferred to LAPD horse barn. Of course, LAPD cannot take on the responsibility to care for the horse nor the liability (the horse still belongs to the owner). And honestly, who could blame them! They are NOT an animal shelter. So, the horse is now in the dog play yard at East Valley. He doesn't have shelter. This poor horse went from humane investigation of owner to no shelter at the "shelter". Now management authorized staff to go and buy materials to build a shelter. Yes, you read this correctly; Ms Barnette thinks it's best to leave a state of the art shelter with air conditioning and horse stalls empty, while dogs swelter in heat and we spend more money at Home Depot or Lowe's buying wood panels and nails and hammers! Her management style is a comedy of errors at this point. Just when you think she can't possibly get worst as a manager, she does! In her universe, the public should act as animal control officers, and shelter staff should act like builder contractors. Feels surreal, doesn't it? Did we mention she makes \$325k in salary per year? Anyway you slice and dice it, West Valley needs to get reopened as a full municipal animal shelter. This is the logic and management of Brenda Barnette. Sorry horsey. We spend \$48 million per year so you can have a safety net, but she won't allow it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy G

**Date Submitted:** 09/23/2020 07:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need the West Valley animal shelter reopened. I don't understand why the East valley shelter has to build a horse stall when one already exists at west valley. I've also learned west valley has air conditioning for the animals, which as you know, our summer has been hotter than most or ever. Whoever is in charge of this terrible decision should be fired. Too many animals that need shelter in the valley to close one down. Seems pretty cruel and careless. Please reopen the west valley shelter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/24/2020 06:38 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep West Valley Shelter open. It is so important for the people and the animals. It is so necessary.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elenee Zarkadas  
**Date Submitted:** 09/24/2020 07:09 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a tax payer and a citizen of the East Valley area I IMPLORE that you get the West valley shelter re-opened and do NOT give away a tax payer funded and built city shelter to private rescues. If Ms Barnette can not figure out how to get West Valley open and operating during Covid and with budget cuts then please find another GM who can figure it out. The public is now doing the work of the city shelters by taking in, caring for, paying for medical and adopting out animals, this is NOT RIGHT. Your GM needs to be creative, we all do, if funding is cut why is she not reaching out to celebrities to fundraise/donate to cover the deficit. The pressure put on East Valley shelter since West has been closed is dangerous, I understand everyone is concerned with safety during this pandemic but we all have to live with it and keep going while being safe. I am tired of private citizens reaching out to me as rescue volunteer to either take in dogs that they have found or me having to call Ms Barnette on her cell to get ANYONE at any city shelters to actually answer the phone so they can turn in a found pet. WHY please tell me why animals are in un airconditioned kennels at EV when WV has AC during a deadly heatwave! Don't even get me started on the fires. And the horse in the dogs play yard at EV when there are empty stalls at WV it's embarassing to be a citizen of Los Angeles the way our city shelters are being run. Despicable. really. I have lived in EV and WV areas for over 20 years, what a disgrace, this is not what I want my tax dollars to go to. Get a younger GM and hire at a lower salary, this is done in businesses all of the time. The excuse of Covid needs to stop-figure it out and Make It Work. Thank you