

Communication from Public

Name: Tatiana

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 06:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter just as it was prior in April 2020. If West Valley Animal shelter will be given away it leave only ONE shelter to serve under 2 million people. It seams that this proposition was created by incompetent, overpaid and carless government employees who drain out taxes and care less about anything or anyone. Maybe it is time to change you jobs and perhaps do something else? You have awful leadership in place like Brenda Barnette. They do not care about animals. Do us a favor - fire yourselves from what you do - this way we can select a better people for your positions. Overpaid and incompetent government branch. I rather spend my taxes on animals than on GREEDY salary of Brenda Barnette and her office staff. Cut payroll on these overpaid employees and you have more money to manage shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheryl Lashauer
Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 07:01 PM
Council File No: 20-1114
Comments for Public Posting: Please do everything possible to keep West Valley Animal Shelter open and a full municipal shelter. LA County cannot survive with just the EV shelter open. The animals have suffered due to Covid just like people have. Please, please, please do not let these animals down. They need you!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 08:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: The West Valley Shelter MUST remain OPEN as a full municipal shelter [NOT HYBRID], and that it is time to replace GM Brenda Barnett. Enough is enough. The Valley contains 45% of the City's population, 1.75+ million residents and growing and covers 200 square miles. The area was SERVICED BY ONLY 2 animal shelters and they have closed one (West Valley) and are trying to make this permanent!! East Valley is already the most overburdened of our shelters and cannot carry the entire load.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned Citizen

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 08:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is such an efficient way to set animal welfare back thirty years. It has a NAME: "Managed Intake". Look around the US, and you will see other large cities that have been models for No Kill sporting the same managed intake model, which forces the public to assume more of the animal control duties. The current excuse is the budget. Had LAAS continued to focus on collecting licensing fees for owned pets within the City Of LA instead of letting all of the canvassers go and closing the department, we wouldn't be having this discussion now. There would be plenty of funding for ample staffing and modern, groundbreaking programs that solve the impound problem where the source is. Perhaps the actual solution would be to privatize the ENTIRE department, which would likely result in better use of available funding and more aggressive management.

Communication from Public

Name: D.O.

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 10:07 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Sersi

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 10:08 PM

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Name: J. LONG

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 10:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I request that the West Valley (L.A.CITY) Shelter reopen and remain open. Under Prop F we were to have 3 shelters, but we only have 2, and if West Valley is closed, that is 1 shelter for over a million residents. The East Valley is overcrowded now and the facilities are not as nice as the West Valley. We must think of the poor animals who are lost or relinquished or have been displaced because of natural disasters. The manager wants it closed for her own personal agenda. Please vote to keep our shelter open.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 10:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: WE NEED THE WEST VALLEY SHELTER TO OPEN NOW!
The Bobcat Fire is taking over and there's no more room in
Pomona for the large animals like horses and sheep. WE NEED
THE SPACE NOW! THIS IS URGENT!

Communication from Public

Name: Teri
Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 10:43 PM
Council File No: 20-1114
Comments for Public Posting: Reopen our West Valley Animal Shelter. Do not sell the property!

Communication from Public

Name: Roya

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 11:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: I am a long term resident of Chatsworth. When I was a kid, I remember going with my mom to the west valley animal shelter to get our first pet. We adopted a mixed shepherd, we loved him and he loved us. We were lucky to enjoy his love and company for 13 years. He was truly part of our family and we could tell by the way he looked at us how grateful he was for rescuing him. I strongly recommend keeping this center and providing more funding to it, because this was the place we went to get him fixed for a minimal fee. And one time during the fires of nearly 30 years ago when our dogs somehow ran away, this was the first place we went looking for them. West Valley Animal Shelter has brought a ton of love and joy to thousands of families in our community. We need to show them some love and support. I want the West Valley to remain a municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 04:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: KEEP THE WEST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN!!! I adopted my cat there and it would be a shame if all the cats and dogs and other animals were put in harm's way because there would only be one shelter available for Los Angeles. THATS AWFUL! when i went, there were so many animals that need help. imagine doubling that amount of animals and putting them all in one shelter and making that shelter so inconvenient for people who live near WVAS! it's absurd and completely illogical. keep the shelter open! give the animals a chance!!

Communication from Public

Name: Nancie Stern

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 04:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: West Valley shelter must remain open (more so than ever now) as a full municipal shelter and that it is time to replace GM Brenda Barnett. Enough is enough. Animals are suffering and we are their only hope to help them survive since they are incapable of doing it themselves. We are HUMAN beings and we do actually have humanity and hearts so let's prove it!! You can't leave on East Valley open as they are already way overburdened and the animals are paying the price. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING! THank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Diane DeStefano
Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 04:39 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a volunteer at West LA Animal Shelter and personally know employees who work at both East & West Valley Animal Shelter. I participated in the LAAS Zoom call to hear the proposal, and while it sounds great on paper, all of us who work and volunteer at the shelter sincerely believe it's unrealistic. Everyone agrees that the closure of West Valley Animal Shelter will result in more animals being euthanized for space. Also, while the public has stepped up to foster and house found animals...and rescues have been pulling more animals at an accelerated rate due to Covid, it is highly unlikely these trends will continue when the pandemic is over. People will be returning to work and returning their fosters. And rescues, who mostly run on donations and grants, cannot afford to pull at this current rate - especially when most are pulling the serious medical cases, who need expensive treatment. They're also the ones pulling behavior dogs who need long-term boarding and training. I understand the city is always looking to cut costs, but closing the West Valley Shelter will literally cost the lives of many animals. Please find another way to save money. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: katrina
Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 05:08 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't close the shelter! It saves lives! I love adopting animals and I think the idea is becoming more popular. If it closes those poor animals will die

Communication from Public

Name: Lorelei Buda

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 12:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the West Valley Animal Shelter OPEN. We need the shelter in the West Valley - it is so important. Even more so now with more fires and people's lives in limbo because of Covid-19. Thank you so much!

Communication from Public

Name: Joni Templeton

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 01:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain an operating municipal animal shelter just as it was before it closed in April 2020. It was promised that this shelter would re-open and that promise should be fulfilled.

Communication from Public

Name: Mirja Bishop

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 03:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please do not allow the West Valley Animal Shelter to be closed. As a volunteer for Animal Services for more than 10 yrs. I know how valuable this shelter is to the area of the valley that it serves. We will go backwards with our killing animals statistics if this shelter is closed and the animals have no place to go other than to be killed. The other shelters cannot pick up on the overflow and are not even in the area. Where does a stray animal found in that area go other than to a steel table with a person standing over him who will kill him. Is this what we want for the Los Angeles Shelter system and the dogs that we save and help. These are helpless creatures who rely on us for help. Please don't close the shelter and allow the killing to go on and to go up. Thank you. Mirja Bishop

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 03:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider reopening the West Valley Shelter. In the midst of a pandemic and raging wild fires, arguably during our community's greatest need, why increase the suffering of both people and animals with the lack of services for the public and lack of space for lost/homeless pets. Voters approved funding back in 2000 to renovate the shelters as I would hate to think that we wasted taxpayers money. The West Valley is a valuable resource not only for adoption (I adopted my last two dogs from there) but also to provide safe housing for lost pets until they are returned to their guardians. The only reason this shelter should be shut down is because there are no more homeless animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 03:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: West Valley Animal Shelter needs to remain and function as a full-fledged Shelter. This would help ensure the safety and well-being of hundreds of animals annually by giving residents opportunity to adopt at a Shelter in their neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: l. zeitz
Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 04:01 PM
Council File No: 20-1114
Comments for Public Posting: Keep West Valley Shelter open FULL TIME....45% of the population live there and the service need is great!

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 04:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to express my opinion that West Valley should remain OPEN as a full municipal shelter [NOT HYBRID], the animals deserve it and it's so needed for our 4 legged companions!! Also, maybe it is time to replace GM Brenda Barnett. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Shana Kaplan

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reopen the West Valley Animal Shelter as a full shelter and NOT just a hybrid. The animals need us. This is the only shelter in the valley with a/c and we know with the overpopulation of dogs, cats, etc that we need all the room we can get. Please fire Brenda Barnette. She does not care for the animals she only cares about her paycheck It is heartbreaking, this story, senior dumped Punkin and so many other animals being dumped every day, the heatwave [West Valley was the only LAAS shelter to have air conditioned kennels, can you imagine how much the animals have been suffering at all the other shelters...and they want to close the most modernized shelter.] More animals WILL die if the West Valley Animal shelter is allowed to be repurposed, it is indisputable and do not listen to double speak. The Valley contains 45% of the City's population, over 1.75 million residents and growing and covers 200 square miles. The area was serviced by only two animal shelters and they have closed one and are trying to make this permanent and have East Valley, already one the most overburdened of our shelters carry this entire load. It is disastrous for the animals.

Medical History for A1951434 Printed on 9/19/20

E CISO04 CAT

N DOMESTIC SH

BLACK/WHITE

DOB: 9/8/2010

Rev Date: 9/10/2020

9/5/2020

Visit Type: IMPOUND EVAL Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 8.70LBS Treated by: 559

Treatment Desc - Scan for Microchip: None found [x] Has Microchip [] (Insert #)

Sex: m

Neutered?: yes (if spayed, note identifying feature:)

BCS score= [] (1=emaciated, 5=ideal, 9=obese)

Pulse Rate= RR= MM=

History (if known):

OBJECTIVE FINDINGS: (If not present, mark N; if present, provide more detail)

Patient will not allow full examination [x] will bite

Dehydration:n

Coughing/Sneezing/Vomiting/Diarrhea:n

Ocular/Nasal Discharge:purulent nasal discharge

Respiratory problems:appears congested

Oral disease:

Ocular problems:n

Ear problems:dirty,brownish debris,barely able to clean

Orthopedic problems:n

Wounds:n

Skin conditions:dirty coat

Other findings:appears friendly,purrs but easily get agitated and will bite

Tests performed/Results:

Treatments/Medications (per DVM):

give 0.80 ml Doxycycline PO or in food--not friendly

Vaccinated [x] Dewormed [x] Flea (+/- Tick) Product: Revo--0.2 ml

DOXYC 50MG/ML

EXTRA FEEDING

EXTRA FEEDING

FLEA TOPICAL

ORAL MED

EVAL/VX/DW

AURICULAR CLN

EPI-SOOTHE

REVOLUTN

PYRANTL 35 ML

FVRCP

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E CISO04 CAT N DOMESTIC SH BLACK/WHITE DOB: 9/8/2010 Rev Date: 9/10/2020

9/8/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 9.10LBS Treated by: 572

Treatment Desc - did not eat -
Rx:
Give LRS 150 ml
Use ACD
Applied Mirtazapine on right ear per 231

Visit Type: VET EXAM Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 0.00LBS Treated by: 231

Treatment Desc - S: Techs report pt not eating well past two days. Pt was given SC fluids yesterday and today. Also applied mirtazapine transdermal, but had to use nabber to restrain pt as he will bite. Visual exam due to temperament.

O: BAR, BCS 3-4/9,
EENT: mild serous nasal d/c, eyes: no ocular d/c, aged irises OU, possible early cataracts
INTEG: rough, unkempt and matted coat
H/L: Slight audible stertor, mild sneezing
ABD: DNE
UG: DNE
M/S/N: mentation wnl, mod generalized cachexia
PLNS: DNE

A: 1) URI signs
2) Geriatric pet
3) Poor appetite x 2 days
4) Behavior precluded hands on exam and handling for tx

P:
Due to difficulty handling pt for tx, gave mirtazapine and SC fluids today using cat nabber to restrain pt.
Monitor appt, energy and URI signs daily.
Placed on med alert, but reassess once stray hold is up in 2 days and consider Orange alert if pt still inappetent.
Follow up with vet promptly regarding URI signs, inappetence, and overall geriatric pet health.

AEL, DVM

RECHCK BY DVM
EXAMINATION

9/9/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 0.00LBS Treated by: 559

Treatment Desc - gave two spoons of wet food, ate well.

EVALUATION

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E CISO04 CAT N DOMESTIC SH BLACK/WHITE DOB: 9/8/2010 Rev Date: 9/10/2020

9/10/2020

Visit Type: VET EXAM Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 8.28LBS Treated by: 589

Treatment Desc - Cat is BAR
able to remove from cage to reweigh. no problems
if scale correct, cat appears to have lost some weight.
body condition feels ok
minor nasal discharge still present
no oral ulcers.

Offered Fancy Feast salmon dinner and cat started to eat right away. did not like shelter variety of
can cat food.

RECHCK BY DVM
REWEIGH
EVALUATION

9/11/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 8.28LBS Treated by: 559

Treatment Desc - cat is alert, ate well.

EVALUATION

9/12/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 8.14LBS Treated by: 575

Treatment Desc - cat is alert, ate Diamond canned food well. reweigh = 8.14.lb

EVALUATION

9/13/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 8.14LBS Treated by: 584

Treatment Desc - Observed cat eating well offered canned food in the morning

EVALUATION

9/14/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 0.00LBS Treated by: 057

Treatment Desc - Cat is QAR
Ate very little today
Will check later if he has eaten more wet food

EVALUATION

9/15/2020

Visit Type: FLW UP Condition: MEDICAL COND Temp: 0.00 Wt: 0.00LBS Treated by: 542

Treatment Desc - Cat is BAR.
Eating wet food actively this morning.

EVALUATION

Communication from Public

Name: Marissa Lauro

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 09:01 AM

Council File No: 20-1114

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Communication from Public

Name: Laura Rigby

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 09:45 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Williams

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 12:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: AGAIN I am writing to tell you that the West Valley Shelter needs to be OPEN. We citizens PAID for that shelter and CONTINUE to PAY the salary of those in charge. This shelter belongs to the citizens, not the employees. And it is not theirs to dispose of at will.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Cruz
Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 12:53 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Regensburger

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 12:55 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Luis Jimenez

Date Submitted: 09/21/2020 03:19 AM

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