

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Granados
Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 02:21 PM
Council File No: 20-1114
Comments for Public Posting: I would want WEST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER for our local community and fur babies to have a local rescue home We want the shelter re opened we pay taxes for that shelter to remain open we need more Capacity for our fur babies and with AC central Thank you .

Communication from Public

Name: Emilie nelson

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 02:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: I want the west valley animal shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to closing in April 2020. This shelter is an important part of the community and if given away will leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people in the sfv. This is not acceptable.

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Comments for Public Posting: I want west valley animal shelter to reopen as a full municipal shelter asap.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Torre

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 02:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1114

Comments for Public Posting: West Valley Animal Shelter needs to remain a full municipal shelter, as it was prior to its closing in April 2020. Prop F was a bond measure passed in 2000 to build, expand and renovate the city's shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was given to a rescue. If West Valley is given away that would leave one shelter to serve over 1.5 million residents. This is unacceptable. In addition this is the only shelter with a full function AC system for the animals and is used as a center during wildfires. REOPEN West Valley Shelter and put install new management!!

Communication from Public

Name: Alanna Rizzo

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 03:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon. I am the Founder and President of Guidry's Guardian Foundation, an organization that supports area rescues with the medical needs for animals in our shelter system. The rescues cannot continue to handle the work load that is presented with our LA Animal Services system not doing it's job. It is my preference that the West Valley Animal Shelter remain a full municipal shelter, as it was prior to it's closure in April of 2020. There has been incredible strain on our rescue organizations and private citizens who have taken it upon themselves to take in animals left on the streets and outside of our shelters since shelter volunteers and employees have not been taking them in. If the West Valley Shelter remains closed or if it is given away, that leaves only one shelter to serve 1.5 million people. Animals are suffering because of this. Resources are spread too thin. Our community deserves better. Please consider re-opening the West Valley Animal Shelter.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 03:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full service municipal shelter like it was prior to closing in April 2020.

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Name: Karla Strom

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 03:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a tax payer and citizen of North Hollywood I demand the West Valley Animal Shelter REMAIN a municipal CITY shelter. We adopted our dear Ginger from there and it is an absolute necessity for the constituents of the valley. It should reOPEN immediately! And the fact that it hasn't during the pandemic, extreme heat and fires of this summer is insanity. My upcoming VOTES will be discerning.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 03:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not close the west valley shelter. It is crucial to the community that it remains open. Those animals still need us!

Communication from Public

Name: Leah

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 03:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want the West Valley Animal shelter to remain a city shelter just as it was prior to the closing in April 2020. I want the shelter open and operating as soon as possible by the city to serve the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Alice Escoto

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 04:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a former animal care technician I served 13 yrs with the City of Los Angeles and I am requesting that WV animal shelter be re-opened with LAAS staff and resume services for the public and animals in the San Fernando valley. In August of 2019, my last month at WV shelter, we were housing close to 500 animals. If WV is given away as Ms. Barnette has proposed where does she plan to put all of those animals that could potentially enter the shelter system? East valley is a much smaller shelter and cannot house that many animals. It would not only be inhumane to keep animals in crowded shelters but it would also be unreasonable to expect the staff to carry such a huge work load. No kennel space equals more animals killed. If LAAS is working towards no kill this is definitely not the way to do it. Another important reason why WV needs to be reopened is because there is a need for its barn. WV is used as an evacuation center during fires, for all animals small and large. Horses were always brought in during fires, and not just horses, we also had goats, sheep, pigs as well as ducks, geese and chickens. Without WV horses and other livestock may never be reunited with their owners when they have to be set free during fires and later found roaming the streets scared and disoriented. We had horses almost year round during some years, so it wasn't only during fire season that they were brought in. The other issue is with the air conditioning. WV is equipped with air conditioning which is great for the dogs when we have record breaking heat in the valley. I find it unacceptable that the staff and volunteers are having to plead for ice on social media to keep the dogs cool during triple digit heat when there is an empty air conditioned shelter available that can be used. Misters at East Valley don't do much to for dogs. Even if they cool the air down by 10 degrees that's still uncomfortably hot when the temperature reaches 120 degrees and the water she claims to always be fresh is only going to be as hot as the temperature it is sitting in so dogs get a nice big drink of hot boiling water. I feel these conditions are cruel and unacceptable and there's no reason the dogs should suffer in the scorching heat all summer long. Ms. Barnette has made many false claims and I am going to give her the benefit of the doubt and say that these false statements are being made due to her lack of knowledge and not because she's intentionally trying deceive everyone. She can't

know enough to provide accurate information because she never steps foot in the shelters to see how things are running. So with that said I believe it is your duty to ensure that Ms. Barnette is being truthful and accurate in her statements and perhaps allow the staff and volunteers, the people who are physically there, at the shelters every single day doing the work, give their thoughts and opinions and take what you gather into consideration before you allow Ms. Barnette to give away yet another shelter that is so desperately needed. It is not her shelter to give away, it belongs to the tax payers who paid to have these shelters built. I would urge you to really think about what might actually cost the city more money, if reopening the shelter and resuming public services? or the many lawsuits you'll be slammed with when LAAS fails to respond to dangerous animal calls in a timely manner and someone gets seriously injured or killed. This scenario is not a matter of if it happens, it's a matter of when. There will only be 2 ACOs available to respond to calls on the night shifts. The officers will now be 30 minutes away instead of 10 or 15. Shelter space is precious to those of us who care about the animals because for us it means more animals will leave the shelter alive. By taking it away, many animals will never see outside the four walls of their kennels and will die in the arms of strangers. When space is that limited animals are killed much sooner to make room for others. If Ms. Barnette can live with that she's most certainly in the wrong place and I would urge her to resign and let someone who is competent and compassionate do the job.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Hsien
Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 04:41 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached file for input.

I am writing to oppose LA Animal Services General Manager Brenda Barnette's proposal to turn West Valley Animal Shelter into a Community Service Center, or a hybrid shelter.

Brenda Barnette proposed to give West Valley Shelter to private rescues to use as a free boarding facility, or as she calls, Community Service Center. Regardless of what her proposal is called, unless West Valley Shelter is reopened as a municipal shelter, it means that our community will no longer have access to the vital services the shelter provides. Our community will not have a place to bring in strays, sick or injured animals, and owners who cannot provide care for their pets will have no place to turn them in, or to look for their lost pets. West Valley is the ONLY city shelter with air conditioning and an area for agriculture animals. Our community needs West Valley shelter not just on a day to day basis, but also during emergency or evacuation. West Valley is the designated emergency evacuation center for pets and small animals.

The hybrid model is not an expansion, it is taking away vital services from the community. It's not offering anything West Valley Shelter didn't offer. There's already a low cost spay and neuter clinic and for years, a rescue has been at West Valley offering services to the community free of charge. And if other rescues want to offer additional services, it can be done without giving away the cage spaces at West Valley.

The General Manager Brenda Barnette wants to depict West Valley as a small shelter in order to dismiss its importance. Regardless of how she wants to spin it, facts ARE facts. West Valley is NOT a small shelter by any means. It took in 9300 animals in 2019 and it has the 3rd highest intake in 2019.

Here are some facts about West Valley and East Valley Shelter:

	Total 2019 Intake of Animals	# of Dog Kennels	# of Cat Cages	Sq Ft	Air Conditio n in Main kennels:	Can House large animals such as horses:
West Valley Shelter	9,320	152	127	161,826 sq ft	Yes	Yes
East Valley Shelter	14,605	165	54	133,872 sq ft	No	No

The San Fernando Valley has two shelters and the total intake of animals from East Valley and West Valley shelters make up around 42% of total city shelter intake. West Valley Shelter covers all areas west of the 405 Freeway and East Valley covers all areas east of 405. If West Valley Shelter does not reopen as a municipal shelter, it means that East Valley shelter in Van Nuys will be even more inundated, causing more animals to be killed due to lack of space. East Valley Shelter has the highest volume of animals because it's covering two areas in the Valley- and the reason is because Brenda Barnette gave the Northeast Shelter in Mission Hills to Best Friends. East Valley does not have the capacity to handle the number of animals for the entire Valley. Her proposal is a bad idea and is short sighted. West Valley MUST reopen as a municipal shelter.

Paula Hsien

**San Fernando Valley Resident and Former West Valley Shelter
Volunteer 2008-2019**

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 04:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020. Do not forget that Prop F was a bond measure passed to 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. Best, Jaqueline G.

Communication from Public

Name: Betty

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 06:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: “We the people in the San Fernando Valley want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020.” What happened to Prop F? "It was a bond measure passed to 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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Communication from Public

Name: Linda Fougere

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 09:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime volunteer at West Valley shelter, I am writing this to beg you not to close down this shelter. 1) West Valley needs a shelter 2) they have heating and air conditioning (2 weeks ago it was 121. Had to supply ice to East Valley. Volunteers did this 3) They have the ability to take in Equine (Fires are raging) 4) Our volunteers were and are committed to the welfare and support the animals need. One of our longtime Volunteers started a monthly hiking program where we took up to 12 dogs out and hiked for a couple hours. Please-Please look at the whole picture not just the one Ms Barnette has painted.

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Name: Orly

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 10:58 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Heather Storie

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 11:05 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Baerg

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 01:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like the West Valley shelter to stay open as a municipal shelter as It was before the Covid shut down in April 2020. East Valley should not be responsible to take care of the entire valley. They could barely keep up with demand when west valley Was open and functioning.

Communication from Public

Name: magda michael

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 01:10 PM

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Name: Fiona

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 01:32 PM

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Name: Allison Finley

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Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Doyle

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 01:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want the West Valley Animal shelter you're remain a fully operating municipal shelter just as it was prior to closing in April of 2020. Prop F was a bond measure passed in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was meant to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is given away we would have only one shelter to serve the entire 260 sq miles of the SFV and 1.5 million people. This is not acceptable. This bond was paid for by the people to serve the community. We expect our animals to have a fighting chance and they simply will not have it if this shelter is given away. Please listen to your constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Coca

Date Submitted: 09/20/2020 01:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to Oppose the closure and/or sale of the West Valley Animal Services shelter. I fostered kittens through that site for two years before 2020. This year, rescues have been inundated with kittens and have received no support or assistance from LAAS. This shelter is needed by the public, one shelter for the entire San Fernando Valley is not enough.

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Name:

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