

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chandler Bootchk

**Date Submitted:** 09/11/2020 10:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I vehemently oppose the closure of the West Valley Shelter. And I think Brenda Barnett should be removed from her position after years of callous decisions and arrogance. To Barnett: LAAS salary budget is huge. What analysis has been done to find opportunities for cost savings? -The way you use fundraising for salaries, benefits, and so on is through an annual fund. Also this is short term problem. Covid is here now and disrupting our economy, but won't be with us forever. And you can make changes to normal operations/procedures during a crisis like Covid. So again, why aren't you looking to community support with the shortfall? -There should be multiple options to consider. Why is this the only proposal being put before the public? -You have a budget problem, that doesn't give you the right to appropriate our struggle for racial justice and make a name for yourself on the backs of the community and suffering animals. The audacity of your positioning is truly, truly the height of hypocrisy which lies at the very heart of inequality. Will you be removing all reference to racism from your official proposal? -If you want to demonstrate some real compassion and commitment to making change, why don't you step down and let one your less highly paid person of color staff members take your position. That would reclaim some budget and lead to decisions that might actually benefit minority communities? -If the taxpayers are giving the facility to other organizations, then THE TAXPAYERS should decide which organizations the space goes to. So, when will that selection process be made public and when will tax payers be invited to participate?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Dale

**Date Submitted:** 09/11/2020 02:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** To John Lee and other City Council members, simply this: THE WEST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER MUST RE-OPEN Immediately. It is unconscionable that you, YES YOU, are allowing it to remain closed. Animals have lost their lives unnecessarily. Animals have been left on the streets unnecessarily. There are an unending amount of lost pet signs going up daily, UNNECESSARILY. There are literally groups of citizens out helping others in their painful search of loved ones. We demand action. We demand compassion and Civil Service over politics. We demand that the un-empathetic goals of one woman are smashed by the voice and actions of the people you chose to support and stand up for. You are all aware of the multitude of non profits and advocates for animals. We have a powerful voice, votes. If you choose to attempt re-election and don't want to be part of the problem, FIX IT. In these times of COVID small business, public institutions and more are figuring it out. Your turn Mr. Lee.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Betty Sue Weitkamp

**Date Submitted:** 09/11/2020 07:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to keep West Valley Animal Shelter open. We desperately need this facility for our animals and I am counting on you to help make it possible. Thank you. (Betty) Sue Weitkamp

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Betty Sue Weitkamp

**Date Submitted:** 09/11/2020 07:20 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** John Lee -- I urge you to keep the West Valley Animal Shelter open. This facility is desperately needed for our animals and I hope I can count on you to help make this possible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A. McIntyre

**Date Submitted:** 09/11/2020 08:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing this to express my deep disappointment, and concern about the proposed idea that the West Valley Animal Shelter no longer be a full municipal shelter. I urge you to keep the shelter open as a full municipal shelter and not adopt Ms. Barnette's proposal. Losing the shelter puts the animals of our community at tremendous risk. Having volunteered at the shelter for several years, I know the vital role the shelter plays in the community for abandoned and lost pets. The abandoned and lost animals of our community should be able to benefit from the upgraded facility offered at West Valley. Ms. Barnette's proposal is not In the best interest of the animals. It is shameful. She should resign or be replaced. Thank you for your consideration.