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According to the Los Angeles Animal Services and the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control, there were over 12,000 total wildlife intakes from 2019-2020, with about 7,000 intakes within the City of Los Angeles. Neither LA County Animal Care and Control nor Los Angeles City Animal Services are equipped to care for sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife, the majority of which are euthanized. The City's wildlife is an essential portion of the overall environment, and it is critical to protect the wildlife within the City's boundaries especially in the urban metropolitan areas.

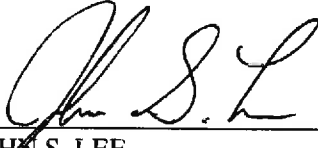
LA Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation (LA WILD) is a non-profit organized and explicitly operated to rehabilitate and release back into the wild, sick, injured, or orphaned local wildlife in the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles. Additionally, LA WILD provides educational programs for the public on how to coexist with wildlife to minimize negative outcomes for residents, businesses, and local wildlife.

LA WILD is proposing an education & wildlife rehabilitation center comprising an animal hospital complex and a space for LA WILD administrative staff. The proposed hospital complex includes an intake desk, intake exam and treatment room with digital x-ray, animal care rooms, treatment/surgery room, a kitchen for animal food preparation, as well as an animal care laundry facility and outdoor wildlife rehabilitation enclosures. Additionally, the administration space incorporates Executive Director and staff offices, an outdoor patio, and a volunteer training and education room. The proposed rehabilitation center will be fully equipped to provide the necessary care for any native wildlife brought into the facility, for which LA WILD will be permitted.

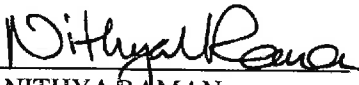
LA WILD is searching for a secure and quiet site with one (1) to two (2) acres of land appropriately zoned for wildlife rehabilitation, with access to water, power, and sewage. The site will need to include staff and volunteer parking and public access to deliver injured wildlife to the animal hospital. The site must be offered at no cost to LA WILD; however, LA WILD will be responsible for all administrative staff, operating expenses for utilities, buildings/trailers, office & hospital equipment, medical supplies, food and animal enclosures.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of General Services and the Department of Recreation and Parks, along with the Los Angeles Zoo, to report within 60 days with potential locations that could meet LA WILD's facility requirements for an LA Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center.

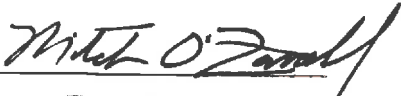

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