

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Knepp

**Date Submitted:** 06/15/2023 02:25 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0588

**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City County: It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I respectfully submit my strong support for the appointment of Ms. Staycee Dains to the position of General Manager of the city's Animal Services Department. Ms. Dains has been a revered colleague since 2012. Her commitment to the industry and her vision of a better future for animals will be an extraordinary boost for Los Angeles. She is well grounded, curious and possesses just the right amount of grit necessary to take LA Animals Services to a new level of success. I am confident her teammates will appreciate her candor and powerful leadership style. The animals and people of Los Angeles will be in good hands with Ms. Dains at the helm. She comes with an army of support within the industry and has the backing of many. Respectfully submitted, Gina Barbato Knepp Front Street Animal Shelter-Citty of Sacramento Director/Retired Michelson Found Animals, National Shelter Engagement Director

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zoey Knittel Executive Director CAMP

**Date Submitted:** 06/15/2023 10:50 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Zoey Knittel Executive Director Community Animal Medicine Project 957 N Gaffey San Pedro, CA 90731 LA Animal Services Commissioners LA City Council Members Subject: Letter of Support for Staycee Dains as General Manager of LA Animal Services To Whom It May Concern: I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support Staycee Dains for the position of General Manager of LA Animal Services. Having worked for years in the Southbay of Los Angeles at CAMP's San Pedro location, I have witnessed firsthand her remarkable leadership skills and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on both animals and the community. Staycee embodies the qualities of an inclusive change leader who is people-centered and prioritizes animal lifesaving on equal footing with public safety. She consistently demonstrates an exceptional ability to bring diverse groups together, fostering an environment of collaboration and cooperation. Staycee is a hands-on supporter of her staff, volunteers, and community members. She invests her time and energy into providing her team with the necessary resources, training, and mentorship. She leads by example, never hesitating to roll up her sleeves and lend a helping hand when needed. Staycee's approachability, empathy, and willingness to listen make her an exceptional leader who inspires and motivates those around her. One of Staycee's most commendable attributes is her unwavering compassion for animals. She approaches her work with a deep understanding of the emotional and physical needs of the animals under her care. Staycee's genuine empathy drives her to constantly seek out innovative strategies to improve the lives of animals and enhance their chances of finding loving homes. Whether it's implementing progressive adoption programs, expanding foster networks, or advocating for animal welfare, Staycee consistently goes above and beyond to create a more compassionate society for our furry friends. I wholeheartedly believe that Staycee Dains will be an effective and inspiring LA Animal Services General Manager. Her inclusive leadership style, unwavering compassion for animals, and dedication to supporting her team and the community are unparalleled. I have no doubt that under Staycee's guidance, LA Animal Services will continue to thrive and set new standards for excellence in animal welfare. Sincerely, Zoey Knittel, Executive Director, CAMP



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Sincerely,

*Zoey Knittel*, Executive Director, CAMP

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittany Thorn

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Long Beach Animal Care Services is a network partner of Best Friends Animal Society, so I've had the pleasure of working with Staycee in her current position and she has consistently demonstrated that she has the skills, experience and disposition to fulfill the responsibilities of this important role. We strongly believe that she will be a strong and effective leader and will continue the progress that LA has made to become the largest no-kill city in the country.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brett Yates

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been able to collaborate on local area events with Stacey for several years and I have also worked with her on industry leadership groups. In all cases, I have appreciated her honesty, desire to partner to achieve more than any one of us could do on our own, and beyond that, her most valuable characteristic for this position is that she is incredibly passionate about saving the lives of as many animals as possible. In Long Beach she has taken an organization that had challenges and she has communicated with the political leaders and with the community to assure that she could change the path and save more animals. She has done this by engaging a lot of "levers" because she understands that no one solution will fix systemic issues. She has used spay/neuter clinics, food pantries, wellness events, social media engagement, and much more to put Long Beach on a good path toward life saving for pets. The most important things for us to do to assure that she is successful in the position is to appoint her, provide her with the budget, the staff, and the tools to be able to excel while assuring that she receives complete support from the community and the city leadership.