

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed agreement with the Heaven on Earth Society For Animals, Inc. partnering with the Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation (Heaven/LAACF) for the operation of the West Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the February 23, 2018 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report relative to a proposed agreement with the Heaven on Earth Society For Animals, Inc. partnering with the Heaven/LAACF for the operation of the West Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic for a term of three years with two one-year extensions for a maximum amount of \$500,000 per year.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 24, 2018**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 24, 2018)**

Summary:

On April 18, 2018, your Committee considered a February 23, 2018 DAS report relative to proposed agreement with Heaven/LAACF for the operation of the West Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic. According to the DAS, designs for five of the six animal care shelters opened during the past decade include space for a veterinary clinic within the shelter. The intent was to co-locate a private veterinary clinic within a City shelter to facilitate adoptions and raise the shelter's profile as the best place to adopt animals and for general, low-cost veterinary care. The West Valley Shelter opened in 2005, but spay/neuter clinic space did not become available until early 2017. The space had been used by DAS veterinary staff until 2017 when construction was completed on the area of the shelter designed for our medical staff, so they moved into that area making the spay/neuter clinic space available.

On September 1, 2017, a Request for Proposals was released by the DAS with a deadline of November 21, 2017 for organizations to submit their proposals. One proposal was received from Heaven/LAACF. The proposal from Heaven/LAACF was evaluated and was determined to meet all criteria and qualifications. The DAS and Heaven/LAACF have been negotiating and developing terms and meeting requirements pursuant to the proposed agreement (a copy is attached to the DAS report). The proposer has also demonstrated experience with the DAS as they have worked and interacted with the DAS on previous occasions.

The Heaven on Earth Society For Animals, Inc., has been in operation since 2008 and currently operates an adoption center in North Hollywood called Perry's Place. The Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation, founded in 2012, provides humane education to low-income families and those in underrepresented communities. Together with Heaven they have facilitated over 4,000 surgeries during the past few years. They are both a part of the No-Kill LA Coalition working with organizations such as Best Friends Animal Society, Downtown Dog Rescue, Found

Animals Foundation and other organizations currently working with the DAS.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to receive and file the February 23, 2018 DAS report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
PRICE:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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