



REPORT TO LAW & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 16, 2011

Honorable Members of the
Law and Legislation Committee

Title: Amendment to the City Code Relating to the Animal Care Services Citizen
Advisory Committee

Location/Council District: All

Recommendation: Approve and forward the attached amendments to the ordinance
amending section 2.86.040 of the Sacramento City Code relating to committee
membership of the animal care services citizens advisory committee.

Contact: Reina J. Schwartz, Director, 916-808-7195

Presenters: Reina J. Schwartz, Director

Department: General Services

Division: Office of the Director

Organization No:

Description/Analysis

Issue: On April 5, 2011, the Personnel and Public Employee Committee directed staff to define the word "affiliated" in City Code Section 2.86.050(C) and if needed amend the code to clarify the definitions through the Law & Legislation Committee. Therefore, staff is requesting approval for amendments to the City Code relating to the membership of the animal care services advisory committee. The recommended amendments 1) define "affiliated" to include a person volunteering with the City's Animal Care Services Division and 2) reduce the number of at large members from three to two and increase the number of "actively involved in the operation of an animal welfare organization" members from two to three. In addition, the "actively involved" group is further defined to include an individual that is an active volunteer at the City's animal care services division. Finally, the ordinance limits the number of members who are active volunteers to one.

Policy Considerations: The advisory committee acts in an advisory role on behalf of the public and represents the interests of the community. More specifically, the purpose of the committee is to provide advisory recommendations to the Mayor and the City

Council on strategies, policies, and programs designed to ensure quality care for the animals housed at the Sacramento Animal Care Services Center. Committee members are thus primarily focused on the long term goals of the organization rather than detailed operational issues. As such, limiting the membership to no more than one currently active volunteer provides for the volunteer group to be represented while ensuring that the focus on broader program and policy goals is maintained.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability Considerations: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Staff recommends allowing for no more than one active shelter volunteer to serve on the advisory committee to allow representation of the volunteer group while maintaining a broader policy focus and representation.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.

Approved by: 
Reina J. Schwartz
Director, Department of General Services

Recommendation Approved:


WILLIAM H. EDGAR
Interim City Manager

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