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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ANIMAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (UCLA)
[Third District]
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1-- Approve the limited animal services contract between the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and the Department of Animal Care and Control.

2—Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the contract on behalf of Los Angeles County.

JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The contract would assist the university, a public institution of higher education, to solve a minor but continuing problem of stray domestic animals on campus as well as occasional aggressive or menacing dogs that have been found on the university campus.

The agreement would assist the UCLA Police Department to help protect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors to the Westwood university.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request relates to the County's goals of service excellence and fiscal responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal. Based on past problems, UCLA officials estimate that animal control officers will only be summoned to the campus on an occasional basis.

The University has set a $5,000 figure in the special purchase order it has created to pay the Department to provide field and housing services for any animal-related problems regarding the campus. That figure can be adjusted if the actual need proves greater than the University's original estimate.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS

In August, 2003, a representative of UCLA contacted the Department about the possibility of providing limited animal control services on the Westwood campus of the university. Services would apply only to domestic animals and not include any domestic or predatory wildlife that may come on to the campus or be resident there.

The County Counsel is aware of no legal bar for the County to contract with UCLA for such services. UCLA represented to us that they have authority to contract with the County for these services.

Over the last 18 months, draft contract proposals were exchanged and reviewed. These negotiations were recently successfully concluded and the resulting contract, for the period of March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006, is presented for Board consideration.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The contract is expected to have only minimal impact on current services. Under the terms of the agreement, only designated officials from UCLA can call the Department's Carson Animal Shelter to have an animal control officer dispatched to the Westwood campus to perform animal control services at that location.

Based on past history, UCLA officials estimate that only a few service requests would be made per month.

Respectfully submitted

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