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March 9, 2011

TO: Andrea Sheridan Ordin
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FROM: Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer *SAH*

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held March 8, 2011, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Eric Preven addressed the Board regarding issues of clarity in the current County Code relating to the time frame for an agent to petition a judge when an animal is seized. During the discussion, Supervisor Antonovich requested you to review Mr. Preven's testimony, and report back to the Board.

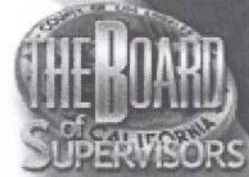
Enclosed is a "Request to Address the Board" form filled out by Eric Preven, and a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

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Enclosure

c: Each Supervisor
Director of Animal Care and Control

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1 MOUNTAINS. AND THEY FALL, TOO. AND ALL OF THIS CATACLASMIC
2 DESTRUCTION THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALONG WITH THE GREAT
3 NUMBER OF LARGE BUILDINGS THAT COLLAPSED INTO RUINS SUCH AS
4 THE OLD COUNTY HOSPITAL ON MISSION MORENO IN LOS ANGELES AND
5 OLD BUILDING DOWNTOWN L.A. WILL CREATE SMOKE, DUST DIRT AND
6 DEBRIS THAT WILL QUICKLY RISE INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AND ENTER
7 INTO THE DARK THUNDER CLOUDS AND WILL WORK WITH THE STORM TO
8 BLOCK OUT THE SUNLIGHT WHILE ALSO PROVIDING A SUDDEN GIANT
9 AMOUNT OF CONDENSATION NUCLEI FOR THE GIANT STORM CAUSING
10 HEAVY HAIL. AL-QAEDA IS SATANIC. SATANIC AL-QAEDA TERRORISTS
11 ATTACK THE USA ON 9/11/01 AND AFTER THE WORLD TRADE CENTERS
12 FELL, GIANT SMOKE, DUST, DIRT AND DEBRIS FILLED THAT
13 MANHATTAN. LOOK AT THE ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE FOR YOURSELF. WHEN IT
14 HAPPENS IN MAY, WHOLE MOUNTAIN SIPPEDZ WILL COME CRASHING DOWN
15 AND ENTIRE CITIES WILL BE DESTROYED CAUSING.

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17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NOW YOU CRASHED. THANK YOU. MR.
18 PREVIN?

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20 **SPEAKER:** MR. PREVIN AND I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT
21 3. AND MAYOR ANTONOVICH, I KNOW YOU ARE A DOG NOT JUST OWNER
22 BUT A BIG FAN OF THE DOGS BECAUSE YOU'RE FREQUENTLY HANDLING
23 THEM AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS TELECAST. I THINK IT'S A GREAT
24 MESSAGE AND SERVICE THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING BY OFFERING THESE
25 ADOPTED ANIMALS OFF TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK YOU

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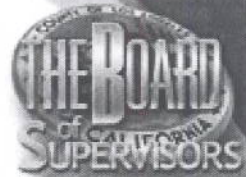


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1 KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD A RUN-IN WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
3 BECAUSE THEY DID TAKE OUR ANIMALS AND HELD THEM FOR SIX MONTHS
4 IN AN UNLAWFUL MANNER WITHOUT A HEARING. NOW, YOU'VE HEARD
5 MANY TIMES, I'M NOT GOING TO BORE YOU WITH HOW UPSETTING THAT
6 WAS. WE TRIED NOT TO MAKE THAT SUPER EMOTION. I DIDN'T COME
7 DOWN HERE WITH PICTURES OF A BEAUTIFUL STORY. BUT WHY I'M HERE
8 IS BECAUSE I NOW FEEL -- AND I MENTIONED THIS TO MS. ORDER INA
9 NUMBER OF TIMES IN WRITING, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH
10 THE CURRENT COUNTY CODE. THE CODE DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT WHEN
11 AN ANIMAL IS SEIZED THAT THE AGENTS PETITION A JUDGE IN A TIME
12 PERIOD. SO IT'S LEFT OPEN TO THEM, WHICH IS OF COURSE HARSHLY
13 DESIRABLE. BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME LIMIT ON THAT TIME FRAME
14 SO THAT THINGS LIKE OCCURRED WITH MY MOM'S DOGS CAN NEVER
15 HAPPEN AGAIN. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE ABSENCE OF THAT LANGUAGE
16 IN THE LAW, MS. ORDERREN MAKES IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL ON ITS
17 FACE. AND I'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO THE REMEDIES FOR SOLVING THAT
18 AND IT'S NOT THAT EASY. I THINK THE FIRST STEP, WHICH IS MY
19 SECOND TIME BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS FORUM, IS
20 FOR YOU TO VOLUNTARILY AMEND THAT LAW SO THAT IT REQUIRES A
21 REASONABLE TIME FRAME SO THAT A LIEUTENANT REAL WHO IN THIS
22 CASE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, OR TERRY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT IN
23 FACT WERE COMPELLED TO GATHER THEIR EVIDENCE, CONCLUDE THEIR
24 INVESTIGATION BECAUSE THE NOTION THAT THE INVESTIGATION WENT
25 ON FOR SIX MONTHS IS FLATLY ABSURD, AS ANYONE COULD SEE. I

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1 MEAN, EVEN THEY SORT OF ACKNOWLEDGED IT. THAT'S WHY DIANE
2 REAGAN RELEASED THE ANIMALS. SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT THERE'S SOME
3 WAY THAT WE CAN WORK ON THAT WITHOUT HAVING TO, YOU KNOW -- I
4 WAS LOOKING INTO HOW YOU HAVE TO DO IT LEGALLY. IT'S A BIG JOB
5 FOR NONLAWYERS. WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN A LAWSUIT. I'VE SAID
6 THAT BEFORE. OBVIOUSLY WE KNOW ABOUT THE TIME LIMIT THERE. BUT
7 I WOULD BE OPEN TO YOU GUYS VOLUNTARILY LOOKING AT THAT LAW. I
8 KNOW THAT YOU WOULD NEVER WANT YOUR ANIMALS TAKEN, EVEN IF
9 THERE WAS SOME ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE TRUE OR FALSE. IN OUR
10 CASE THEY WERE COMPLETELY FALSE. THE ANIMALS WERE INVOLVED IN
11 A SCUFFLE WITH OTHER DOGS. AND THE OTHER DOGS WERE
12 TRESPASSING. NONE OF THE DOGS WERE HURT. AND IT RESULTED IN
13 THIS HORRIFYING THING. SO, YOU KNOW, MR. KNABE, DO YOU HAVE
14 ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT? YOU'RE NOT REALLY -- I KNOW MR.
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO I DIDN'T REQUEST RESPOND TO OUR ONE PAGE
16 DOCUMENT --

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18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL ASK THE DEPARTMENT
19 IF THERE ARE ANY NEED TO CHANGE THE REPORTING TIME.

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21 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE THAT. MR. SACHS? YOU'RE ON. YOU'RE
22 ALWAYS ON. YOU'VE BEEN ON ALL DAY. ALL AFTERNOON.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ESTIMATES I'M OFF -- SOMETIMES I'M
25 OFF. ONE SECOND ONE MONTH I'M OFF. CONSISTENTLY.

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