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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO AMEND CONTRACTS WITH
SIMI VALLEY NONPROFIT SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC AND SPAY4LA
FOR MOBILE SPAY AND NEUTER AND VACCINATION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) seeks approval to amend its contracts with Simi Valley Nonprofit Spay and Neuter Clinic (SVNSNC) and Spay4LA for mobile spay and neuter and vaccination services. The amendments will allow the Department to increase the contract sum beyond the \$150,000 cap for each contract whenever additional funding is secured.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control or her designee to amend the contracts with SVNSNC and Spay4LA for mobile spay and neuter and vaccination services. The current maximum annual contract sum is currently \$150,000 for each contract but the Department will increase that amount when additional funds are identified.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 4, 2023, the Board delegated authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control or her designee to execute a three-year contract, with two one-year extension options, with both SVNSNC and Spay4LA for mobile vaccination and spay and neuter services. The maximum contract sum is currently capped at \$150,000 annually for each contract, which was based on the Department's available funding. However, the Department has secured additional funding that it cannot utilize

currently as the maximum contract sum was reached for the current fiscal year.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the proposed action aligns with County Strategic Plan Goal 2, Strategy II.2, "Supporting the Wellness of our Communities." Endorsement of this action will allow the Department to expand free and low-cost spay and neuter services to pet owners in Los Angeles County communities. Spaying and neutering are crucial for managing unwanted animal populations and offer direct health benefits to animals. With inflation and the rising costs of veterinary services, spaying and neutering may become unattainable for many residents without the accessibility of these services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact on the Department from the implementation of this amendment. Delegated authority will allow the Director or her designee to execute an amendment to either contract as additional funding is secured.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 4, 2023, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control or her designee to engage in contracts for mobile spay and neuter and vaccination services for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The Department awarded a contract to SNVSNC for residents of northern Los Angeles County communities and Spay4LA for those in southern Los Angeles County. Both contracts have an annual cap of \$150,000, which the Department has reached for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Although additional funding has been secured, the Department cannot utilize these funds until the start of the next contract term on July 1, 2024, when the annual contract sums are renewed.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this board letter will allow the Department to expand services provided by its two contractors when additional funding is identified. It will also enable the Department to enhance essential and convenient spay/neuter services for residents to aid with fostering compliance with the mandatory spay and neuter ordinance. Through the expansion of services outlined in its current contracts, the Department aims to increase accessibility to spay and neuter services for residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County communities and its 45 contract cities. The resulting impact of these services will aid with reducing animal populations and associated costs for both the County and contract cities in addition to providing direct health benefits for pets.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this board letter to the Department.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,



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