



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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101-B.	20	Favor	Brenda J Trainor	Get the data, create innovations, keep pets with families, help shelters do important work.
			Elden Rhoads	<p>My name is Elden Rhoads and I live in Los Angeles, in the 2nd Supervisorial District.</p> <p>I am submitting this public comment in support of Agenda Item 101B.</p> <p>I would like to thank Supervisor Barger for her continued advocacy and dedication to ensure we solve problems that result in finding more loving homes for animals.</p> <p>I appreciate Supervisor Barger drawing attention to the broader issues that are impacting shelters in California and beyond.</p> <p>Spay and Neuter laws are common sense, and all jurisdictions should be in support of this ordinance.</p> <p>We saw what occurred during the pandemic when spay and neuter services were closed and as a result, as your motion points out, shelters continue to be inundated to this day.</p> <p>Supervisor Barger, your leadership in recognizing that we need to look more comprehensively - at what is occurring in California and beyond is appreciated.</p> <p>From veterinary care, to spay and neuter services, to advocating at the state level, and more.</p> <p>This is not a one shelter or one agency issue. By working collectively, understanding the broader challenges, and examining what is working in other jurisdictions we can accomplish so much more!</p>



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			Nikole Bresciani	This is a national issue, but specifically since we are located in LA County, we support this agenda item as we have to regionally come up with solutions to combat overpopulation in shelters. This is not a one shelter or one agency issue, and we need to work collaboratively to move the needle to ensure positive outcomes for adoptable, healthy pets.
		Other	Lauren L Robinson	Trap, Neuter and Release is one of the critical tools in controlling the stray cat population and preventing them from entering into shelters in the first place. It is striking that LA County, one of the largest local governments in the nation, doesn't offer these services which could prevent overcrowding from the start.
		Item Total	5	

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20.		Favor	Hector Ramirez	Dear board of Supervisors please include in these plans information for new shelter dog adopters on having pets at home, service animal rights, and other supports to help educate and empower adoptees with the necessary information and tools to stay house while also being a new adoptee for shelter dog.
			Nikole Bresciani	
		Item Total	2	
Grand Total			7	



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RE: Support of 101-B

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