



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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15.		Favor	Amanda Ker	
			ari g	<p>I would like to speak in support of Item #15 I want to thank Supervisor Hilda Solis for authoring this motion. I request the Board to support this motion that will create an opportunity for the community to provide thoughtful solutions and respond to potential ideas as to what a fair solution to this ongoing issue of pets and housing. Too many pet owners for too many years have had to choose between putting a roof over their heads they can afford or keeping their pet. Pet ownership surrender has added to the volume of animal lives lost and has added to the crisis in County animal shelters. For many folks Pets are Family and pet ownership has grown exponentially over the past few years due to the pandemic. There were pandemic era protections for folks but that does not help everyone. This motion is a step in the right direction to formally explore solutions, and I value the County's, namely Supervisor Solis', bravery in wanting to address this matter. Thank you.</p>
			Christina Boyar	<p>My name is Christina Boyar, I'm a resident of district 3 and an attorney at Public Counsel. Thank you to Supervisor Hilda Solis for authoring this motion. I request the Board to support this motion that will create an opportunity for community to provide thoughtful solutions and respond to potential ideas as to what a fair solution to this ongoing issue of pets and housing. Too many pet owners for too many years have had to choose between putting a roof over their heads they can afford or keeping their pet. Pet ownership surrender has added to volume of animal lives lost and has added to the crisis in County animal shelters. For many folks Pets are Family and pet ownership has grown exponentially over the past few years due to the pandemic. There were pandemic era protections for folks but that does not help everyone. This motion is a step in the right direction to formally explore solutions, and I value the County's, namely Supervisor Solis', bravery in wanting to address this matter. As a cat owner myself, I couldn't imagine having to pick between an apartment I can afford and my dear furry friend. Tenants deserve safe, affordable housing where they can thrive with their pets.</p>



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			Diana Cruz	<p>Animal shelters are at capacity. The housing crisis in LA County continues to grow. We need practical solutions to these issues and Item #15 is a step in that direction. An estimated 213,420 households in LA County and an estimated 305,190 pets are expected to be evicted in the next 30-90 days (<a href="http://humananimalsupportservices.org/toolkit/pet-eviction-calculator/">humananimalsupportservices.org/toolkit/pet-eviction-calculator/</a>). These numbers do not include tenants that are threatened with eviction due to their companion animals or assistance animals.</p> <p>Eviction filings have continued to increase since the emergency period ended. 47,365 evictions were filed last year- that's 5 families evicted every hour. These numbers do not include families that self-evict due landlord harassment and illegal eviction threats that force people to choose between the roof over their heads and their furry family members.</p> <p>I came to work at the organization I am with now, Housing Equity &amp; Advocacy Resource Team (HEART) because I used to be a client. My family struggled finding pro bono representation for our no-fault eviction and finding affordable housing that would allow pets. We spent over \$300 in application fees alone but were ultimately rejected due to no-pet clauses despite the fact that my cat is an emotional support animal. HEART LA provided legal representation for us like it continues to do for families across LA County that are facing housing insecurity due to their companion animals.</p> <p>Unfortunately, my story is a common one. We are seeing an increasing number of unhoused individuals seeking resources for their animals and support finding inclusive housing. No-pet policies, pet fees, pet deposits, breed restrictions, and weight restrictions compound the problem and exist as barriers to entering and maintaining housing. Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Horvath have created an opportunity to finally address the crisis and ensure that our community members have a safe and inclusive place to call home.</p>
			Evelyn N Senior	
			Hannah Crocker	
			Jake Burton	Pets enrich the lives of their caregivers, and ultimately create a stronger public.



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			Kyle R Nelson	My name is Kyle Nelson and I'm with SAJE. I would like to speak in support of Item #15. I want to thank Supervisor Hilda Solis for authoring this motion. I request the Board to support this motion that will create an opportunity for community to provide thoughtful solutions and respond to potential ideas as to what a fair solution to this ongoing issue of pets and housing. Too many pet owners for too many years have had to choose between putting a roof over their heads they can afford or keeping their pet. For many folks pets are Family and pet ownership has grown exponentially over the past few years due to the pandemic. This motion is a step in the right direction to formally explore solutions, and I appreciate the County's initiative in addressing this matter.
			Nisida Rios	
			Sandee J Scher	As we grow or age pets are part of our family or sometimes the only family we have. We need to stay together and support each other. Pets are a true blessing and have been created to belong with families. Truly people that love pets have bigger hearts and help make life better. Dogs are a blessing to the blind, service animals and companions for improved mental health. Pets are family that need to stay together with their families.
			Susan Ellis	<p>My name is Susan Ellis and I am an LA County resident, pet owner and pet advocate.</p> <p>I am in support of Item #15</p> <p>I want to thank Supervisor Hilda Solis for authoring this motion.</p> <p>I request the Board to support this motion that will create an opportunity for the community to provide thoughtful solutions and respond to potential ideas as to what a fair solution to this ongoing issue of pets and housing.</p> <p>Too many pet owners for too many years have had to choose between putting a roof over their heads they can afford or keeping their pet.</p> <p>Pet ownership surrender has added to the volume of animal lives lost and has added to the crisis in County animal shelters.</p> <p>For many folks Pets are Family and pet ownership has grown exponentially over the past few years due to the pandemic.</p> <p>There were pandemic era protections for folks but that does not help everyone.</p> <p>This motion is a step in the right direction to formally explore solutions, and I value the County's, namely Supervisor Solis', bravery in wanting to address this matter.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>



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15.	<b>Favor</b>	Susan Riggs	
	<b>Oppose</b>	Patricia Hess	The decision of a renter to be allowed to have a pet should be a case by case decision. Renters who demonstrate an inability to care for where they live and keep it a clean and safe environment should not be allowed to have a pet. My personal experience with renters having a pet includes destruction of the unit and the yard. This includes scratches on the window sills and doors and molding. It includes destruction of flooring due to urination and defecation. It is very hard to get the renter to take responsibility for damages. This is why a monthly pet fee needs to be required. Ownership of a pet is a two way street. The pet gives them their love and support, but the owner needs to also give that to their pet. I've seen pets crying, locked up in a room all day. The yard is littered with pet waste and holes. I love animals and want to protect them. Owners need to be responsible. They need to be able to buy them food and pay vet bills . If they can not afford to have a pet, then they can't have one. We all want things; either we work to have them or we can't have them. This goes for housing also. I would love to live in Brentwood, but I can't afford it, so I found a place I can afford. If you can't find a job, you go where you can find one. There are too many code/rules discrepancies between unincorporated areas of LA and the rest of LA. Why is that?
		paul burt	"Increasing Pet Equity in Housing" - Just when the taxpayers think they've read or heard it all, when it comes to this Board wasting taxpayer funds via frivolous, vote harvesting nonsensical Motions and Recommendations, Solis comes up with this winner! "Unbelievable" doesn't convey the half of it. Our K-12 schools remain unsecured by REAL, sworn, uniformed police officers! In Los Angeles County, more people were killed in automobile collisions in 2023, than were murdered! The National average for Hit & Run motor vehicle collisions is approximately 10 percent, while in Los Angeles County, that average is about 68 percent and this is all you people can put forth to the taxpayers? I find it appalling!
		Sari Phillips	The allowance of pets in apartments, condos, and homes should be on a case by case basis. Home / apartment insurance is not easy to get or keep and insurance companies will not insure you if you have certain breeds on the property. Also, a loud barking dog who cannot be controlled is a nuisance for the rest of the residents in an apartment building. The tenants will expect the landlord to control the noise, when he/she has little control over the pet. Also, with the current limit of only one month's rent for security deposit, if the pet causes extensive damage, the security deposit may not even cover the extent of pet damage, much less the tenant's damages. Please allow landlords/owners to determine whether a pet is appropriate. Thank you.
		Selia Hao	There are too many irresponsible pet owners that does not take care of themselves and family members first, let alone keeping pets, this is out of their ability for keeping health and safety of themselves, those animals and others community members. I oppose to this.
	<b>Item Total</b>	<b>18</b>	

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