



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
19.		Favor	Michelle Villagomez	<p>Michelle Villagomez, Senior Director of Municipalities Good morning. My name is Michelle Villagomez, and I am the Senior Director of Municipalities at the ASPCA. I am calling in support of Item 19.</p> <p>Thank you to Supervisors Solis and Barger for introducing this important motion. Every adoption represents not only a chance at life for one animal, but also makes space for the next pet in need.</p> <p>The ASPCA believes it is critically important to keep pets and people together. When families are able to keep their animals, we not only prevent pets from entering shelters but also preserve the strong bonds that sustain communities. For those animals already in our shelters, adoption is the lifeline that gives them the chance they deserve.</p> <p>We know that many families struggle to find affordable housing that will allow them to keep their pets, and that community members are often unaware of the resources available to help with veterinary expenses. These are issues that contribute directly to pet surrenders, and they highlight the urgent need for policies that keep pets with the families who love them. We also know that animals are deeply affected by the same crises that affect people - housing insecurity, natural disasters, and climate emergencies all contribute to pets being surrendered or displaced. That is why we strongly support the Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog community adoption events proposed in this motion, as well as the emphasis on public education through County libraries. Teaching residents about the responsibilities and joys of pet ownership helps ensure pets are adopted responsibly and kept in their homes for life. We support the culturally and linguistically competent outreach campaign to promote adoptions in all of our diverse communities. These efforts will ensure that every family has the opportunity and information needed to adopt and care for a pet.</p> <p>On behalf of the ASPCA, I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for your leadership and commitment to making Los Angeles County more compassionate and pet-friendly. We look forward to continuing to work with you to expand pet-friendly housing and keep pets and people together.</p>
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