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The City has made great strides to be a compassionate and humane place for all animals and pets. Part of that commitment is the laudable goal of becoming a No-Kill City for stray and neglected pets.

Meeting that goal will require a variety of legislative changes to allow for a network of animal rescue and adoption facilities to help ease the burden and demands on the Department of Animal Services.

The Los Angeles Municipal Code recognizes the important role that animal rescues play in supplementing the important work done by the City's Animal Services Department, however, one glaring hole remains in the Zoning Code (Municipal Code Chapter 1) which does not define or allow animal rescue/adoption facilities in a variety of zones beyond manufacturing/industrial zones.

In recent weeks, an animal rescue facility in Woodland Hills has gone through the current process to allow for an animal rescue to remain operational on the Ventura Boulevard commercial corridor through a land use variance. Unfortunately, this process is too burdensome and discretionary, and must be addressed.

For these animal rescue and adoption facilities to thrive, and meet the needs and desires of the community, they must be allowed within our commercial corridors with proper land use regulatory controls, performance standards, and protections for the community and small business.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance within 60 days that provides a definition of animal rescue and animal adoption facilities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance within 60 days that will allow animal rescue and animal adoption facilities in the C (Commercial) zones, and that includes performance standards and community protections that must be met through either an administrative or land use regulatory control process.

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