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TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL TELEPHONIC MEETING

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE TARZANA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall

not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

*Public Comment: Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial (1- 669) 900-6833 and enter 843 9758 7781 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the committee meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.*

General Public Comment: Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Committee's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Any messaging or virtual background is in the control of the individual Committee member in their personal capacity and does not reflect any formal position of the Committee, the Neighborhood Council or the City of Los Angeles.

Supporting documents related to the below agenda items are posted on the TNC website at <https://www.tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/animal-welfare>

1. Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks.
2. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. General Public Comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.
3. Discussion and possible motions regarding issues relating to animals, including but not limited to the City animal shelters, Los Angeles Animal Services Department (LAAS), the City Budget for LAAS, the dog and cat meat trade worldwide. This includes but is not limited to the following matters:
 - a. The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution stating that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM. Since 2019, it has been the official position of the City of Los Angeles to oppose dog meat, including specifically in the country of Vietnam. On September 10, 2023, President Biden and the leader of Vietnam entered into the Joint Leaders' Statement: Elevating United States-Vietnam

Relations To A Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The Joint Leaders' Statement encourages states and cities in the United States and Vietnam to enter into sister city/state relationships. Since it is the official position of Los Angeles to oppose dog meat in Vietnam, the city that Los Angeles enters into a sister city relationship with should ban dog and cat meat. The SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM will offer a city or province in Vietnam a sister city/sister state relationship with Los Angeles and/or California, which would be conditioned on the Vietnam city or province banning dog and cat meat. This resolution supporting the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM shall be communicated to the City Council and other relevant City agencies. This resolution can be filed as a Community Impact Statement in support of any City Council resolution on this subject. (This project is more fully described in the following CityWatch article: [Five Million Dogs and Cats Desperately Need Saving in Vietnam](https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam). <https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam>.)

b. The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee (TNC AWC) requests that the TNC Board pass a resolution stating that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council supports sufficient funding for spay/neuter, including sufficient funding for spay/neuter vouchers and sufficient personnel in the Animal Services Department to enforce spay/neuter laws. This resolution shall be communicated to the City Council and other relevant City agencies. This resolution can be filed as a Community Impact Statement in support of any City Council resolution on this subject. (This is more fully discussed in the following CityWatch article: [Failure To Provide Adequate Funding For Spay/Neuter Is "Penny Wise And 'Pound' Foolish."](https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29704-failure-to-provide-adequate-funding-for-spay-neuter-is-penny-wise-and-pound-foolish) <https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29704-failure-to-provide-adequate-funding-for-spay-neuter-is-penny-wise-and-pound-foolish>.)

c. West Valley Animal Shelter.

d. Los Angeles Animal Services Department.

e. Free Pet Wellness Day, sponsored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Saturday November 9, from 9 AM to 1 PM, Balboa Sports Center, 5651 Balboa Blvd, Encino. See flyer on TNC website.

f. Updating the list of veterinarians who accept City spay/neuter vouchers.

g. Ask VCA to donate spay/neuter services to the City Shelters or people adopting animals from the City Shelters.

h. Return of the Best Friends Super Adoption Weekend, which used to be held each year at Warner Center Park. This year it will be held at the Rose Bowl on November 2 and 3 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

i. Dog park in the Woodland Hills/Warner Center area.

j. Volunteers at the City Animal Shelters. Terminated volunteers, please see: [Animal Shelter Volunteers Win First Round In Fight For First Amendment Rights \(citywatchla.com\)](https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29704-failure-to-provide-adequate-funding-for-spay-neuter-is-penny-wise-and-pound-foolish). Number of new volunteers, please see: [Why Does L.A. Animal Services Reject Thousands of Volunteer Applications? \(citywatchla.com\)](https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29704-failure-to-provide-adequate-funding-for-spay-neuter-is-penny-wise-and-pound-foolish); Budget Advocates Report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yXUcaZ0KB0fk4MyrIs34HLRjf1ZdxJAf/view?pli=1> pages 22-23.

k. New General Manager for the Department of Animal Services.

l. Status of No-Kill.

m. Fox Tail plants. [Alert! If You Have a Dog or Cat, Watch Out for Foxtail Plants \(citywatchla.com\)](#)

n. Fireworks. Please see: [ALERT! Your Dog and the 4th of July \(citywatchla.com\)](#)

Discussion and possible motions regarding the above matters. (Not all of the above matters will be dealt with, depending on time.)

4. Committee Business - Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.

a. Comment on Committee members' own activities/brief announcements.

b. Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting and to request they be considered for the next Committee agenda.

5. Adjournment.

For more information about the Tarzana Neighborhood Council visit our web site at www.tarzananc.org. For more information about the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Animal Welfare Committee please visit our web site at [Animal Welfare Committee \(tarzananc.org\)](http://www.tarzananc.org). For information about dogs, cats, and rabbits available at the West Valley Animal Shelter, please visit: <https://www.laanimalservices.com/search/pets>

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Any materials that may be distributed to a majority of the Committee less than 72 hours prior to the above scheduled meeting are available for review by the public at 19040 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335 or on our website at www.tarzananc.org

Process for Reconsideration – Reconsideration of Committee actions shall be in accordance with the Tarzana Neighborhood Council bylaws.