



May 10, 2018

Ms. Whitney Duong, Contract Management Liaison  
Los Angeles County Animal Care  
[wduong@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:wduong@animalcare.lacounty.gov)

***Sent via Email***

Dear Ms. Duong;

The City of Carson staff has received the proposed animal control service rates and estimates for fiscal year 2018-19 and beyond. We understand that county staff has calculated a subsidy to contract cities, and desires to propose a phase-out of that subsidy over the next six years.

As I understand the proposal, a new Per-Impound fee would replace the current Per-Day fee for impounds. This new fee structure would increase the City's cost of impounds by \$143,000 in the first year of implementation. I also understand there is a new annual fee based on the City's population, which would add more than \$54,000 to our cost if the proposal is approved.

The overall proposed cost increase of \$203,729 for next year is an 86% increase of our current net fees. Annual proposed increases over the following five years average \$117,000 or 18%. While I can appreciate the county's position of limited revenue and ever-increasing demands for service, the proposed fee increases are egregious. We would like to see more information about what steps the county has taken to improve efficiencies, pool resources, reduce overhead or cut costs.

If the proposal is approved, Carson's City Council may be forced to make difficult decisions to reduce service levels in other programs; and may direct City staff to seek out other options for animal control service. City staff opposes the proposal, and we ask you to include our opposition in your correspondence to the Board of Supervisors.

Please let me know when the Board plans to hear the proposal and take public comment. Someone from the City of Carson will be in attendance. Please contact me directly, at (310) 952-1728 or [kfarfsing@carson.ca.us](mailto:kfarfsing@carson.ca.us) if you have questions about our position or would like to offer more information to support the proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth C. Farfsing  
City Manager

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cc: Kathryn Downs, Director of Finance, City of Carson  
Kenneth McKay, Public Safety Services Manager, City of Carson