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April 5, 2010

PROPOSED MOTION: “The Greater Valley Glen Council (GVGC) is aware of the recent suspension of the City’s spay/neuter and trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs for feral cats pending the conclusion of the lawsuit Urban WildlandsGroup vs City a/Los Angeles (LASC BSI15483)).

That the GVGC Board believes spay/neuter and TNR are lifesaving programs, and the best course of action for feral cats. These programs help reduce the population of free-roaming cats and prevent impounds in the City's seven animal shelters where thousands of healthy cats and kittens are killed annually at considerable expense to the City.

Regardless of the outcome of the litigation, the GVGC Board asks that best efforts be expend to see that feral cat spay/neuter funding resumes and that Trap-Neuter-Return education continues as soon as possible.”

PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURE (if any): None

PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (if applicable) – 100 words or less:
(Attach to any applicable Council File No. 07-3789)

Letter to Mayor and City Council:

Dear LA City Council and Mayor Villaraigosa,

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All Non Operational Expense Motions must attach Agency or Department Letter Requesting item or donation

Regardless of the outcome of the litigation, we ask that you do everything in your power to see that feral cat spay/neuter funding resumes and that Trap-Neuter-Return education continues as soon as possible.

Feral cats are a natural part of the landscape, and have co-existed with humans - living in close proximity - for thousands of years. They can be found all over the U.S. in every setting, including Los Angeles.

Feral cats are almost always killed in animal shelters. Without TNR, we would see more and more cats killed in shelters, while at the same time the homeless cat population would explode. Moreover, the impact of cats on bird populations is miniscule as compared to habitat loss, high rise windows, airplanes, weather and other predators.

We believe that Trap-Neuter-Return is the best course of action for feral cats. It ends the breeding cycle, stabilizes populations and improves the cats' health. Trap-Neuter-Return is the humane approach to controlling homeless cat populations. It involves concerned citizens humanely trapping homeless cats, having them spayed or neutered, and then returning them to their location to live out the remainder of their lives.

Your help is respectfully requested to ensure that feral cat spay/neuter funding resumes and that Trap-Neuter-Return education continues as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT STATEMENT (if applicable – 100 words or less) all non-operation expenditures must attach Agency or Department Letter Requesting item(s) or donation(s) to Committee prior to Committee vote;

Protecting the taxpayers and animals of Greater Valley Glen and Los Angeles.