



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

January 21, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Animal Care Commission  
 Submitted by: Dr. Diane Sequoia, Chairperson, Animal Care Commission  
 Subject: Animal Care Commission FY 2019/2020 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

In a general meeting of the Animal Care Commission (ACC) on November 20, 2019 the Commission adopted a work plan for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The ACC Work Plan for FY 2019/2020 is as follows:

Advocacy

A. Homeless people and their pets - Continue to support efforts to ensure that pets are not separate from their companions. Make available food and other supplies that will enable all people in need to keep their pets with them, particularly in times of stress.

B. Pet Friendly Housing - Bring to the attention of Berkeley's City Council Members, the city's administrators and landlords the need for pet-friendly housing. Examples of other cities efforts to ensure adequate pet-friendly housing should be obtained and forwarded to the relevant groups.

C. In Berkeley we share our living space with a number of other animal species: Turkeys, Coyotes, Skunks, Opossums, Raccoons, and perhaps a mountain lion, or two. It is important that we keep the human population aware of the presents of these animals and how best to deal with their presence among us through education.

D. Support adequate funding for Animal Services staffing and programs.

The ACC will work with other commissions, including Parks & Waterfront Commission, the Public Works Commission, and non-profit organizations involved in these issues in Berkeley.

## BACKGROUND

The ACC meets six (6) times per year with the mission of overseeing the treatment of animals in all shelters established within Berkeley. The ACC advises the council on the care, treatment and control of animals.

In its November 20, 2019 regular meeting, the ACC passed a motion to adopt a Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Work Plan.

### Motion IV: Elbasani/Stevens

*In regards to changing the calendar year 2019 Animal Care Commission (ACC) Work Plan to a Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Work Plan, retain items:*

*A. (Homeless people and their pets - Continue to support efforts to ensure that pets are not separate from their companions. Make available food and other supplies that will enable all people in need to keep their pets with them, particularly in times of stress.)*

*B. (Pet Friendly Housing - Bring to the attention of Berkeley's City Council Members, the city's administrators and landlords the need for pet-friendly housing. Examples of other cities efforts to ensure adequate pet-friendly housing should be obtained and forwarded to the relevant groups.)*

*C. (In Berkeley we share our living space with a number of other animal species: Turkeys, Coyotes, Skunks, Opossums, Raccoons, and perhaps a mountain lion, or two. It is important that we keep the human population aware of the presents of these animals and how best to deal with their presence among us.)*  
*and add an additional item D. Support adequate funding for Animal Services staffing and programs.*

*Aye: Hatch, Stevens, Elbasani, Sequioa, Heath*

*Naye: none*

*Motion Passed*

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

## POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The ACC will research ways to assist homeless pet owners to secure housing. The ACC will also research and implement practical means to increase pet-friendly housing in Berkeley.

## FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

There are no identifiable fiscal impacts as a result of the FY 2019/2020 Work Plan.

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