To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Amelia Funghi, Animal Services Manager
Subject: Contract No. 10177 Amendment: Paw Fund for Spay and Neuter Services

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend Contract No. 10177A and any amendments with Paw Fund (Contractor) to increase the contract by $23,812 and extend until June 30, 2019 to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners for FY2018-FY2019 in the amount not to exceed $71,436.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
The “Spay Neuter Your Pet” (SNYP) program provided $23,812 to Paw Fund for FY 2016 and $23,812 for FY 2017 with a time extension for 2018. The SNYP grant would provide $23,812 to Paw Fund for FY 2019 for a total not to exceed $71,436. The FY 2019 SNYP amount of $23,812 has been included in the FY 2019 Proposed Budget Update and is subject to Council approval of the FY 2019 Budget Update on June 26, 2018. The contract amendment has been entered into the Contract Management System and assigned CMS No. BD1A4.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
The current contract between the City of Berkeley and Paw Fund will expire on June 30, 2018. Paw Fund has contracted with the City of Berkeley to provide no-cost spay neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners since FY 2016. By providing no-cost spay neuter surgeries, Paw Fund decreases the number of unwanted pet offspring and consequently reduces the number of homeless animals entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter.

The current Scope of Services restricts eligibility for the SNYP program’s no-cost services to low-income residents of Berkeley only. Because the Dona Spring Animal Shelter houses animals from Albany, Emeryville and Piedmont as well, low-income residents from these cities will be made eligible for no-cost services in the amended Scope of Services. Berkeley residents shall be given priority, when feasible.
BACKGROUND
Many low-income pet owners would like to access spay or neuter services for their pets, but are unable to afford the cost of surgery through local veterinary clinics. Paw Fund consistently seeks out and works with eligible, low-income pet owners who are in need of spay and neuter surgeries. The SNYP program provides approximately 200 free spay or neuter surgeries each year, which decreases unwanted litters of pets and consequentially decreases the number of unwanted pets entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
Paw Fund is well-equipped and capable of providing the services under the SNYP program.

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

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Attachments:
1. Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. #,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. R10177 AMENDMENT: PAW FUND FOR SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley SNYP program funds no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible low-income pet owners; and

WHEREAS, the Paw Fund is able to reach eligible low-income pet owners, and to provide no-cost spay neuter services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. R10177, CMS No. BD1A4, with any amendments with Paw Fund for spay and neuter services FY2018-FY2019 in the amount of $71,436 and extends the contract to June 30, 2019.