



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Jalen McKee-Rodriguez; Melissa Cabello Havrda  
COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council  
SUBJECT: Animal Care Services Master Plan  
DATE: January 12, 2022

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Issue Proposed for Consideration:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Concurrence in directing staff to research, develop, and propose an Animal Care Services strategy and master plan that will enable ACS staff to properly address the declining live release rate, to deploy additional resources in communities most impacted by stray animals, and to achieve the goal of becoming a true no-kill service. Specifically, the strategy should include (but not be limited to) the following:

- (1) Recommendation of new, additional policies and procedures to accomplish the goals of the City of San Antonio,
- (2) Collection of data related to the types of animals being euthanized and justification to develop a community understanding of true live-release and euthanasia rates,
- (3) Strategies to reduce the number of pets euthanized due to “aggressive” or “dangerous” designations,

Brief Background:

Over the course of the past several years, Animal Care Services has made tremendous strides relating to its live release rates, the restructuring of their leadership, and the maintenance of community relations and trust. However, the pandemic and Winter Storm Uri have served as tremendous setbacks for the department and has set us back at least 5 years due to reduced spay/neuter surgeries. In addition, a review

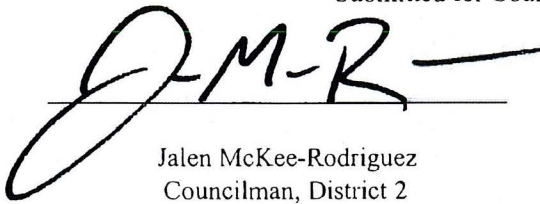
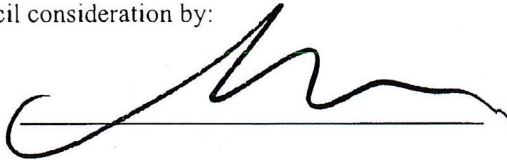


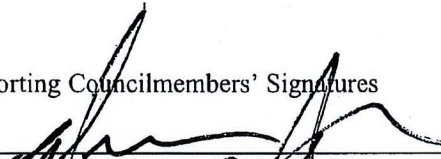

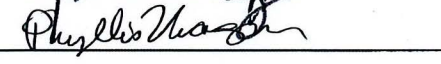
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of ACS live release data shows that every month since May of 2021 has seen the lowest monthly rates since 2016.

A robust master plan is needed to establish a clear vision for a path forward in the era of COVID-19 and the availability of resources for this organization is vital to our city's health and success.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

	
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Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures	District
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