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The next sheet is a print out on an email in PDF format. I will also forward the original for you at your email address, but I was not certain whether forwarded emails can be included in the Council file.

This email is from Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica Councilmember. It was sent in response to my email to him and Santa Monica's City Attorney asking whether the misinformation contained in Phyllis Daugherty's 2nd Protest letter against the Pet Limit increase was true or not. Ms. Daughtery claimed S.M. required kennel permits for residents with above average numbers of animals and that S.M. could "automatically" impose County limits. This is McKeown's "official" response after consultation with the Santa Monica City Attorney. I would note that the misinfomration about Santa Monica reflects badly on the credibility of all the other alleged pet limits she cites in her protest.

Ed Muzika

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For the record, please forward Monday, August 23, 2010 4:31 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

In my capacity as a Santa Monica City Councilmember, I was shown a document from the "Animal Issues Movement" claiming that the City of Santa Monica limits possession of domestic animals. The document said, specifically,

"SANTA MONICA - Although they have no limit in their MC, their City Attorney advises them they can implement the LA County limits automatically: Three (3) dogs/three (3) cats. (Santa Monica requires a kennel permit and city business license for anyone having above the 'average' number of pets.)"

I wish to correct the record, as I believe this "Animal Issues Movement" document may have been submitted pursuant to an issue before your Council, purporting to represent facts in the matter. Insofar as the document describes Santa Monica law and/or policy, it certainly does not appear to be factual.

Our City Attorney's office is unaware of any limitation on the number of dogs and cats allowed for a household in Santa Monica. There has been no discussion of this issue at the City Council level. While we do have business licenses for kennels, of course, there is no stipulation that requires such a license for "anyone having above the 'average' number of pets," nor do we or would we ever write laws or make policies based on such language.

Thank you for allowing this clarification.

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Santa Monica City Councilmember

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