



## Motion to

**Agenda Item:** Executive Committee creates item number  
**Date:** Date  
**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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### Background

Currently, landlords in the City of Los Angeles can prohibit tenants from owning dogs in rental units.

### Proposed Motion

Los Angeles City Council to explore economic incentives for landlords to permit dog ownership in rental units

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### Considerations

A new study from Ohio State University has found that neighborhoods with higher dog ownership tend to experience fewer crimes. Specifically, the study reveals that these neighborhoods have lower rates of serious violent crime, such as homicide, robbery and aggravated assault.

An exploration of economic incentives for landlords to permit dog ownership in rental units, and implementation of such economic incentives, could result in lower crime, a reduction in the numbers of dogs in Los Angeles animal shelters, and increased neighborliness.

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**Committee review:** NA  
*(highly recommended)*

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**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** NA  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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#### Arguments for:

Recent study reveals lower rates of serious crime in neighborhoods with higher dog ownership.

Will likely result in lower numbers of dogs in Los Angeles animal shelters.

Will increase opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other.

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#### Arguments against:

Could create greater pet waste if dog owners do not clean up after their pets.

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