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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has an interest in enabling pet owners the ability to reunite with their animals; and

WHEREAS, a new technology exists that is increasingly relied upon by pet owners, animal shelters and veterinarians alike; and

WHEREAS, this technology uses microchips implanted in animals containing the pet owner's contact information, and uses scanners to read the information from a lost animal; and

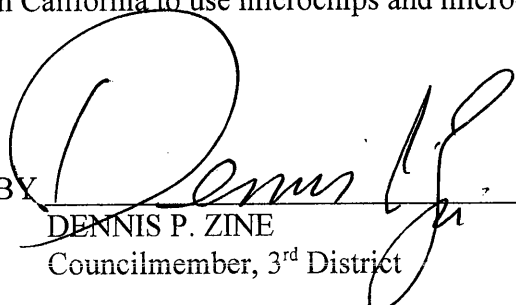
WHEREAS, there are many brands of chips using a variety of frequencies; and

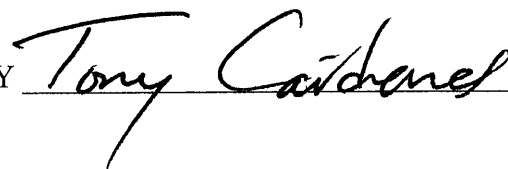
WHEREAS, each chip company also makes its own scanners and not every scanner is designed to read other frequencies; and

WHEREAS, pet owners who rely on the technology cannot be assured that their animals will be identified; and

WHEREAS, the usefulness of the technology is not fully maximized because there are no regulations for microchips to operate under a standard or universal frequency, or for microchip readers to recognize universal frequencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of state legislation that would require all animals shelters, humane societies, and animal control departments in California to use microchips and microchip readers with a universal frequency.

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