

**Buchanan, Rita**

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**Subject:** FW: I just signed "Pasadena City Council: Abandon Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bulls Ordinance in Pasadena"

**From:** Frances Burrus [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 3:12 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

**Subject:** I just signed "Pasadena City Council: Abandon Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bulls Ordinance in Pasadena"

Dear Margaret McAustin,

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Sincerely,  
Frances Burrus Huntington Beach, California

## **Iraheta, Alba**

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**Subject:** FW: 5 new petition signatures: Debra Bushman, Jennifer Murphy...

**From:** Debra Bushman [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 7:25 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

**Subject:** 5 new petition signatures: Debra Bushman, Jennifer Murphy...

5 new people recently signed SoCal Pitbull TEAM's petition "[Pasadena City Council: Abandon Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bulls Ordinance in Pasadena](#)" on Change.org.

There are now 84 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to SoCal Pitbull TEAM by clicking here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/pasadena-city-council-abandon-mandatory-spay-neuter-of-pit-bulls-ordinance-in-pasadena/responses/new?response=2e7a75dbe3fb>

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Sincerely,

85. Debra Bushman Carlsbad, California

84. Jennifer Murphy Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

83. Lisa Schoedel Redondo Beach, California

82. Peter Kralovic Bratislava, Slovakia
81. Melissa Snow Watertown, Connecticut

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**From:** Allison C [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:34 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Allison C Huntington Beach, California

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**Subject:** FW: Don't bully my Breed - fact's not media hype.

**From:** Natalie Cambra [mailto:natalie.cambra@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:29 AM

**To:** De La Cuba, Vannia; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry; Bogaard, Bill

**Subject:** Re: Don't bully my Breed - fact's not media hype.

I have attached a link to facts about pit bulls;

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist/dog-behavior/truth-about-pit-bulls>

The same thing has happened to Rottweilers, Doberman's, Blood Hounds, and German Shepard's. The hate for a breed is a fad, not a fact.

Have you met a pit bull? I will bring my girls for you to meet, so you can form your own opinion.

Let me know when it a good time to come by,

Natalie Cambra  
Orange, CA

On Tue, Jan 7, 2014 at 9:25 AM, Natalie Cambra <natalie.cambra@gmail.com> wrote:

I have 2 amazing pit bull mixed girls form the local shelter and are my baby"s we cuddle every night. They love babies, and small children, even thought I don't have any of my own. They also love the beach and chew toys.

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**From:** Patricia Carrasco [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

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Patricia Carrasco Santa Ana, California

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**From:** Aimee Chagnon [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 9:46 AM

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Sincerely,

Aimee Chagnon Sonoma, California

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**From:** Pam Chambers [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 3:39 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Pam Chambers Rialto,, California



## Iraheta, Alba

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**Subject:** FW: Please consider my story in regards to Breed Legislation

**From:** Angela Conner [mailto:1981lost@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:38 AM

**To:** De La Cuba, Vannia; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry

**Subject:** Please consider my story in regards to Breed Legislation

Dear City Council Members,

Before you jump to making a new law, you should consider some of the facts below, my personal story, and consider some alternatives. It seems that making Breed Specific Legislation will actually do more harm than good and cost more money than the alternatives.

What you should consider is training classes for dog owners, free neutering services, and community safety classes for interacting with animals. Statistics show that some of the biggest causes for dog bites are dogs that are not neutered, children unsupervised around dogs, and lack of training of the dog. Please read these facts from the American Humane Society website:

### Breed-specific legislation (BSL)

- In response to these statistics, many communities have enacted breed-specific legislation (BSL) that prohibits ownership of certain breeds, such as pit bulls, Rottweilers and others.
- Any breed of dog can bite, and research suggests BSL does little to protect the community from dog-bite incidents.
- In fact, BSL can often have unintended consequences – such as black-market interest and indiscriminant breeding practices -- resulting in subsequent breed overpopulation that leads to increases in the number of homeless, stray and euthanized dogs.
- Enforcement of BSL has been shown to be very costly and extremely difficult to enforce. One county in Maryland spent more than \$560,000 maintaining pit bulls (not including payroll, cross-agency costs and utilities), while fees generated only \$35,000.5
- Responsible breeding and ownership, public education and enforcement of existing laws are the most effective ways of reducing dog bites.

When I was 5, I was attacked by a German Shepard and I had to spend the night in the hospital. I was attacked because I was an unsupervised child around a mother dog and her puppies. As a child, I had no idea that I should have let the mother sniff me before I pet her puppies. My parents, I am sure, didn't even think they needed to supervise me around the neighbor's dog, but all animals can be unpredictable and children don't really have much common sense. When I was 14 I picked out a German Shepard from the pound. I was not scared of dogs (some people might have been) because as I understood why I was attacked. I love animals and know that if you own them you have a responsibility to train them and watch them.

When I was 15, I was bitten in the face by the neighbor's Queensland Heeler, a breed I owned at the time too. Did I go home and get rid of my dog because I was bitten by the same breed? NO, of course not. The neighbor's dog bit me in the face because they had not socialized the dog or trained the dog in any way. I had bent down to tie my shoe and the dog ran up and bit me. Did I press charges? Of course not. I was in that dog's territory and those owners had not done any training. That was not the dogs fault. Queensland Heelers are very territorial. I knew this at 15 because I did my homework before getting one myself.

Even after being attacked at 5, I have owned dogs my whole life. I have own many breeds. I have also owned horses, pigs and many other animals. There are no guarantees that an animal won't turn on you. Any pet has the ability to injure, or even kill their owner. The precautions to ensure safety in a community are: education, education, education.

People are going to own whatever pets they want whether the laws says they can or not. For example, ferrets are illegal in the state of CA, but it has the highest ferret population. Would you rather have people doing illegal activities or get an education and be responsible pet owners?

Pets are family to a lot of people. I know you may not see it as they same thing, but telling families they can only have a certain kind of dog is like telling a parent sorry, you can only have this kind of baby. And what about people who already own the breeds you want to ban? So, you just take away their children? My brother and his wife can not have children, she has a physical disability that prevents this. So, they have cats and a dog. And they foster pets as well. They treat them like children. If you took one of their kids away, they would be devastated.

So I ask you, will you please reconsider? Please think about the community in terms of what would really benefit them. Is the cost and illegal activity worth it? Is the heartbreak of taking away someone's pets really worth it? Wouldn't you rather build a better community by educating them about interaction with dogs?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Angela Conner

(530)204-8074

## Iraheta, Alba

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**Subject:** FW: Thoughts From A 12 Year Old

**From:** Cooper Chandler [mailto:dacoopsh@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 4:48 PM

**To:** De La Cuba, Vannia; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry; lchandler@jnlegal.com

**Subject:** Thoughts From A 12 Year Old

Ban BSL Not Pit

Bulls

By: Makenna Chandler

I always thought pit bulls were nanny dogs. Pit bulls were war dogs. Pit bulls were heroes! Clearly you don't think so. That's why I'm here.

I am 12 years old and live in Arizona. I have always loved pit bulls. I consider myself almost as a BSL advocate. I kind of consider myself as a voice for those that cannot speak to us. I have heard through social media that you were trying to pass a law that prevents pit bulls from living in California. Would you please tell me what these innocent pit bulls did to you? I've done my research and Councilman Steve Madison stated, "...data shows that approximately 4% of the dogs that live in the U.S are pit bull breeds and uh, 50% of the fatal dog attacks are caused by pit bull breeds." Did all of these attacks happen in California? No, so why ban pit bulls in California? They are already banned in Miami, why kill more animals then we already do? These animals are just like me and you, they want to have fun in life and just live, but you are killing them. How would you feel if we killed you for being a sweet and loyal companion to your owner? I'm sure you wouldn't understand. You would be confused and lonely in a shelter awaiting your death by a painful poke from a needle. You wouldn't want that! Well neither do they!

Ban the owners not the breed! I will admit, pit bulls can be dangerous but this is just like any breed. Any breed of dog can be dangerous. It all depends on how they were trained as a puppy. Its not their fault if they were taught to fight or attack or be vicious! If you have or had a dog you will understand this next statement. You probably love your dog dearly no matter what breed it was or how it acted. Well imagine your dog was a pit bull. You don't want your dog taken away from you due to BSL. You don't want your dog to be thrown into a cage at a shelter where it will probably never see its family ever again awaiting its death by a large needle. And the poor dog doesn't even know whats going on! This is what will happen if you ban pit bulls in California.

BSL. BSL means death. Hatred. And my favorite quote ever, "Guilty 'till proven innocent." I am here to prove pit bulls innocent, and that's exactly what I'm going to do. Please reconsider your ban on pit bulls in California, thank you for your time and have a nice day!



**HUMANS** BUY ME...

**HUMANS** OVER BREED ME...

**HUMANS** CUT MY EARS OFF...

**HUMANS** BEAT ME...

**HUMANS** MAKE ME FIGHT...

and i'm the one they want to ban?  
i'm the one who gets the bad rap?  
i'm the one you fear??

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 8:37 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

**Subject:** Re: Thoughts From A 12 Year Old

<http://www.swaylove.org/bslbd/pasadena>

Dear Margo Morales,

I really appreciate you responding to my email. I would appreciate if you would check this website out for me and at least watch the first video. This is where I got most of my information (Attached above) . If this website is incorrect I apologize for contacting you. I do have one question though. If this website is incorrect then why would you only be focusing on spaying and neutering only pit bulls, why not other dogs, or is this for now and in the future you will be focusing on other dogs too? Once again I appreciate your time and have a good day.

Warm Regards,  
Makenna

Chandler

On Wednesday, January 8, 2014 12:28 PM, "Morales, Margo" <mlmorales@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:

Thank your e-mail regarding the proposed mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for pit bull and pit bull cross-breed dogs. We understand and respect your views. The Pasadena City Council is committed to ensuring public safety, while at the same time establishing preventive health measures for pets that can reduce overpopulation and improve their quality of life.

The proposed ordinance is consistent with California Senate Bill 861, which states that "uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding of animals contributes to pet overpopulation, inhumane treatment of animals, mass euthanasia at local shelters and escalating costs for animal care and control; (while) irresponsible breeding also contributes to the production of defective animals that present a public safety risk."

Many other cities and counties--including Camarillo and Lancaster, plus Riverside and San Bernardino counties--have implemented the same type of breed-specific ordinance such as the one the City of Pasadena is considering.

The proposed City of Pasadena ordinance, which is still under staff review, would help mitigate the effects of pit bull and pit bull cross-breed overpopulation and help ensure that these pets, their owners and the community remain safe and maintain a high quality of life.

We appreciate your comments and thank you for your community involvement.

*Margo Morales*  
*District 2 Field Representative*  
*(626) 744-4742*

**Jomsky, Mark**

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**Subject:** FW: No Breed Specific Legislation for Pasadena

**From:** meromero15@gmail.com [mailto:meromero15@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Anna C

**Sent:** Monday, January 20, 2014 5:02 PM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; Robinson, Jacque; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Bagneris, Michele; cityclerk; Foster, Siobhan; Walsh, Eric

**Subject:** No Breed Specific Legislation for Pasadena

Hello,

When I chose to purchase a residence in Pasadena two years ago, it was because I felt Pasadena was a beautiful city with a lot to offer. However, it seems that the longer I live here, the more this city is trying to restrict the things I love...one of which is my dog, whom I rescued three years ago and who has been nothing but a sweet, wonderful companion.

I am a responsible dog owner. I work constantly with my dog and make sure I am never in a position in which I cannot keep track of her because I know that even though she is very friendly, not everyone likes being approached by a dog. I had her spayed - not because the law told me to, but because I knew it was the right thing to do. I pay for her license and make sure her shots are up to date. And yet it seems that being a responsible dog owner is not enough to keep from being discriminated against, just because I chose to rescue a dog had the audacity to be born.

**I strongly ask the council to vote NO to any breed specific legislation. Breed specific legislation (BSL) is wrong, unfair to the owners, and to the animals in question. This type of legislation alienates residents, victimizes low-income families, and fails to ensure community and public safety as all it does it encourage discrimination under false pretenses and does nothing to educate the public.**

Enforce the laws already on the books, laws which apply to ALL dogs regardless of breed, and enforce the laws against ALL irresponsible pet owners. Focus on providing owner support and resources, rather than ineffective BSL measures. If this were really about overpopulation then it should address all dog breeds, and please don't tell me what other cities, or what Riverside or San Bernardino County is doing because I did not choose to live in those places - and the fact that they would pass BSL ordinances are just further marks against them in my book. I chose to live in Pasadena, and I hope that in the coming years, I do not come to regret this choice.

Thank you for your time.

Anna Chen  
355 S Los Robles Ave. #340  
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## Iraheta, Alba

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**Subject:** FW: Pit Bull ban

**From:** christina [<mailto:christina95219@live.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 11:45 AM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry; De La Cuba, Vannia; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep)

**Subject:** Pit Bull ban

This message is regarding the law that bans Pit Bulls in California, that the city council of Pasadena is trying to pass. My name is Christina and I live in California. I am an experienced dog owner who currently owns an American Pit Bull Terrier, which of whom happens to be the most loving and loyal dog I have ever owned. I agree that there is an epidemic in California, but it is not the breed. It is the arrogant and under educated people who choose to buy this dog and treat it as a piece of jewelry, rather than a precious life. Laws need to target the irresponsible people who own these dogs and not the breed. So I ask of the city council to think of all of the law abiding citizens, who own this breed, that this law will really be targeting. Don't take some of the best parts of our family away. Start targeting the other end of the leash instead of the innocent breed.

**Buchanan, Rita**

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**Subject:** FW: I just signed "Pasadena City Council: Abandon Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bulls Ordinance in Pasadena"

**From:** Evelyn Contreras [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:14 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Evelyn Contreras Santa Ana, California



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**From:** renee coppolo [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 12:19 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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renee coppolo Pasadena, California

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**From:** Serena Cuyar [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 10:37 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Serena Cuyar Los Gatos, California

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**From:** Dersa Cyr [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:39 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Dersa Cyr Santa Ana, California

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**From:** Anna D'Ambrosio [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2014 8:46 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Anna D'Ambrosio Huntington Beach, California

## **Iraheta, Alba**

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**Subject:** FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: Amber Davies [<mailto:amberdavies.6411@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:41 PM

To: De La Cuba, Vannia; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry

Subject:

I understand you are trying to ban specific breeds of dogs ( Pitbull) you obviously need to be educated regarding animals, first and most importantly the dog themselves are unaware of their breed. Secondly, any dog has the potential to bite, they will be vicious if they are not treated correctly, any breed reacts according to the way they are raised. German Shepard, Chows, Dalmatians, the list goes on and on all have a reputation with home insurance companies as being dangerous. Don't be ignorant and cause more dogs to be abandoned or worse.

Amber

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** dawn.c@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 3:29 PM  
**To:** De La Cuba, Vannia; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry  
**Subject:** Pit Bull ordinance -- Oppose

I am writing to express my disapproval of any law that discriminates against a particular breed of dog. You may not be old enough to remember Buster Brown or Pete the Pup of the Little Rascals, but I do. All dog breeds are the same species -- from the Chihuahua to the Great Dane. Sure, they come in different sizes, shapes, coat types, etc., but no breed has locking jaws or special powers. The real problem, when it comes to dogs, has to do with people. Ban or target any one breed, and bad people will either ignore the law or move on to a breed you haven't targeted. Have you ever seen, in person, a Cane Corso or Presa Canario? I have. If I had to pick which dog was trying to attack me, I'd go with a Pit Bull over either of those dogs any day, hands down. There are any number of large and powerful breeds unscrupulous people can misuse. The dogs are not to blame.

No breed bans. No breed-specific spay/neuter. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. All dogs and all dog owners should be held to equal standards. Let's not start making second class citizens based on appearance -- not with people and not with dogs. Do away with litigating "is this a Pit Bull or isn't it." If it's a dog, that's all that matters, and all dog owners have to abide by all the same laws, regardless of whether they have a Cane Corso, a Pit Bull, or a Chihuahua.

-Dawn-

**Buchanan, Rita**

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**From:** Christopher DeJoseph [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:34 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Christopher DeJoseph Bernville, Pennsylvania

## Jomsky, Mark

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**From:** Jessica Carla de Lima-Moran <jessicacarla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014 12:17 AM  
**Subject:** Pit Bull Ban

Hello,

My name is Jessica and I am a business owner, teacher, and animal lover. My self and my husband have four cats, one pit bull, and one chihuahua. They are our family.

I writing to express my complete disagreement with Pasadena's proposed pit bull ban. It is really surprising to me that a forward thinking city like Pasadena would even consider such a piece of legislation. There is so much information, so many studies that show pit bulls are loving, loyal dogs. Even President Obama and the Center for Disease Control oppose to Breed Specific Legislation.

Uneducated, cruel owners are to blame for violent DOGS, not pit bulls but DOGS in general. And these owners would ignore a ban regardless.... these bans are useless...

Pit bulls are family pets, service animals, they have saved lives and they deserve a chance to overcome sensational media stories and fear mongering of certain community members.

Please do not make this terrible mistake !

Thank you for your time.

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Jessica Carla de Lima-Moran



## Iraheta, Alba

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**Subject:** FW: Please don't discriminate

**From:** Carolyn Deyoe [<mailto:carolyn@labelimpressions.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 12:07 PM  
**To:** Morales, Margo  
**Subject:** RE: Please don't discriminate

*Why not also have this ordinance for Chihuahuas? There are large numbers of them in shelters. If you want to make mandatory spay/neuter laws, make it for all dogs, not a specific breed. If you felt human overpopulation was a problem would you recommend mandating that all Hispanics be fixed but not any Caucasians? That would clearly be ridiculous even though the majority of people in California in 2014 will be Hispanic that doesn't mean they should be discriminated against, neither should a type of dog.*

*How will you decide what deems a dog a "pit bull"? By looks? By mandatory dna testing? I know pit bulls that look more like Labradors and I know other breeds that look like pits and are not. I also know people who don't look like the nationality they are. You cannot judge a book by its cover.*

*If you mandate that all dogs regardless of breed must be spayed or neutered, I could support that. But I will never support something so blatantly discriminatory.*

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**From:** Morales, Margo [<mailto:mlmorales@cityofpasadena.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 11:55 AM  
**To:** 'Carolyn Deyoe'  
**Subject:** RE: Please don't discriminate

Thank your e-mail regarding the proposed mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for pit bull and pit bull cross-breed dogs. We understand and respect your views. The Pasadena City Council is committed to ensuring public safety, while at the same time establishing preventive health measures for pets that can reduce overpopulation and improve their quality of life.

The proposed ordinance is consistent with California Senate Bill 861, which states that "uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding of animals contributes to pet overpopulation, inhumane treatment of animals, mass euthanasia at local shelters and escalating costs for animal care and control; (while) irresponsible breeding also contributes to the production of defective animals that present a public safety risk."

Many other cities and counties--including Camarillo and Lancaster, plus Riverside and San Bernardino counties--have implemented the same type of breed-specific ordinance such as the one the City of Pasadena is considering.

The proposed City of Pasadena ordinance, which is still under staff review, would help mitigate the effects of pit bull and pit bull cross-breed overpopulation and help ensure that these pets, their owners and the community remain safe and maintain a high quality of life.

We appreciate your comments and thank you for your community involvement.

Margo Morales  
District 2 Field Representative  
(626) 744-4742  
(626) 744-3814 fax  
To Join Our Mailing list go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/district2](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/district2)

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**From:** Carolyn Deyoe [<mailto:carolyn@labelimpressions.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:58 AM

**To:** De La Cuba, Vannia; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry

**Subject:** Please don't discriminate

It has come to my attention that some council members from the beautiful City of Pasadena are trying to overturn the state wide law prohibiting breed specific legislation. While I'm sure you have received many zealous and fact filled emails, please just remember this: You would not want to be banned from something or somewhere due to your race, sex or religious preferences, so neither should any specific breed of dog be discriminated against. Some people do bad things, some dogs do bad things. Some people are kind, some dogs are kind. You cannot say all " \_\_\_\_\_ people are bad" and neither can you say "all pit bull type dogs are bad".

I, and most pit bull owners I know, are supportive of laws that keep people safe and dogs with a bite history out of the public. I do believe that those types of laws should apply to ALL dogs based on personal history rather than on one type of dog based on fear and misinformation.

As a member of the Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners I know that there are amazing, calm, well trained pit bulls everywhere. Proper training and proper lifestyle/socialization of dogs of all breeds is integral to keeping the public safe. Let's all work together for this better solution.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Deyoe  
714-470-3258