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**Subject:** FW: Urging a pet sterilization ordinance

**From:** Evan Dorn [<mailto:evan@idahoev.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 1:02 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

**Subject:** Urging a pet sterilization ordinance

Ms. McAustin,

As a long-time resident of Pasadena (and currently a Bungalow Heaven homeowner in your district), I wanted to write you to encourage Pasadena to follow Los Angeles' excellent example in passing an ordinance requiring spay/neuter of domestic pets.

I am a volunteer at the Pasadena Humane Society - one of the best animal care facilities in the country. In that role, I help train and socialize dogs to improve their chance of adoption.

Every day in the shelter I see the heartbreak caused by pet overpopulation. In the summer months, puppies and kittens are euthanized by the hundred, as area residents bring in litter after litter of unintended home-bred or feral domestic animals.

A law requiring spay/neuter after 4 months of age would cost the city almost nothing, would help stem the tide of cruelty and heartbreak. Please, let's follow Los Angeles' example.

Yours sincerely,

Evan Dorn, Ph.D.

1040 N. Wilson Ave, Pasadena - Bungalow Heaven

**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:** Mae Dufner [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 9:51 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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

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Sincerely,

Mae Dufner Mount Holly, New Jersey

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**From:** Mary Dunlap [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:20 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mary Dunlap San Clemente, California

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**Subject:** FW: pitbull elimination

**From:** [teresa5183@aol.com](mailto:teresa5183@aol.com) [mailto:[teresa5183@aol.com](mailto:teresa5183@aol.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 8:55 AM

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

**Subject:** pitbull elimination

I am a teacher, grandmother, and animal owner. This idea that everything would be safer without one breed of dog is ludicrous. Animals are creatures from God and unfortunately it is people who treat them wrong or raise them to be aggressive that makes them the way they are. As a taxpayer I feel outraged that you would consider using money to get rid of dogs. I think that using it to put more restrictions on pet owners would be better use of your money. There is so much abuse out there and killing dogs will not correct the concerns you have. You need to get to the root of the problem. I don't have a pit bull, but I have met many that are sweet, kind creatures because they have been raised with love. I'm not sure how killing these animals can be an answer to anything. Please use your position to make things better for these innocent animals.

Terry Earsley

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**Subject:** FW: 5 new petition signatures: Emily Eovine, Corina Dickason...

**From:** Emily Eovine [mailto:mail@changemail.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 04, 2014 2:47 AM  
**To:** Morales, Margo  
**Subject:** 5 new petition signatures: Emily Eovine, Corina Dickason...

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Sincerely,

65. Emily Eovine Merrimack, New Hampshire  
64. Corina Dickason Moreno Valley, California

- 63. Cristen Iungerich San Diego, California
- 62. vanessa callens zwevegem, Belgium
- 61. Ian Harbilas Burbank, California

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**From:** Nino Esteban [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

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**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Nino Esteban Orange, California

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**Subject:** FW: Breed specific laws

**From:** Marlene J Freid [<mailto:mjfreid@ucdavis.edu>]

**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 12:20 PM

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

**Subject:** Breed specific laws

Sir/Madam,

Please reconsider enacting a city ordinance that bans certain breeds. As the owner of two pit mixes, I can attest to the fact that they are loving animals. As with ANY breed, the owner can train the dog to attack and be vicious. Bad owners are the problem, not bad dogs.

Sincerely,

Marlene Freid



**Jomsky, Mark**

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**Subject:** FW: Pit Bull Breed Ban Proposal

**From:** [briana.fugitt@gmail.com](mailto:briana.fugitt@gmail.com) [<mailto:briana.fugitt@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Briana Fugitt

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 10:13 AM

**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:** Pit Bull Breed Ban Proposal

To Major Bogaard et al:

I understand that the city of Pasadena is currently discussing a potential ban on pit bulls. I also understand that a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance is to be voted on for pit bulls. While I agree with all spay and neutering laws, I do not agree that only one breed should be targeted. Tens of thousands of unwanted cats and dogs are euthanized in the shelters every year in the U.S. due to overpopulation. All breeds of dogs and cats should be spayed/neutered, not just one in particular.

Regarding the breed ban, please consider all facts before presenting your side. I have worked amongst pit bulls for the last 8 years and know the breed very well. They have a huge stereotype against them due to media sensationalism. Pit bulls (which refers to American Pit Bull Terriers, not a broad spectrum of dogs as they have been commonly categorized) are just like any other dogs. They are loving, sweet, friendly, and loyal, but unfortunately due to their loyal disposition and willingness to devote fully to their owners, they are chosen specifically to perform tasks such as fighting and have been exploited and abused.

The issue is not the dog itself, but the owner. I oppose a breed specific spay/neuter law, but instead approve of an all-breed spay/neuter law. Please don't single out one particular breed, especially a breed that is known to bring so much happiness into peoples' lives.

I am currently looking into purchasing a home in Pasadena, but my house hunting has been put on hold until this ordinance has been reconsidered. I would not live in a town that would discriminate against my dogs. Please don't punish responsible dog owners, the real issue are the owners with a malicious intent to exploit these dogs, who should not ever have an animal in their home, period.

Please do the responsible thing and take into consideration the sides of experienced pit bull dog owners, rescuers, adopters, persons with special needs who currently have a therapy pit bull dog, and overall animal/dog lovers. Take into consideration the statistical facts from reputable sources regarding dog bites. A dog is an animal. Any dog has the potential to cause harm to a person or another animal. Just as humans are animals, dogs are individually unique with their own personalities and life experiences that affect and shape who they are. We want the well being for the people and the animals. Listen to those of us who really know the breed and have years of real life hands on experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Briana Fugitt

Ranch Supervisor

New Leash On Life Animal Rescue

[www.newleash.org](http://www.newleash.org)

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**Subject:** FW: A plea for pitbulls  
**Attachments:** photo.jpg; photo.jpg; photo.jpg

**From:** Kristin Galvin [mailto:kgalvin809@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:13 PM

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

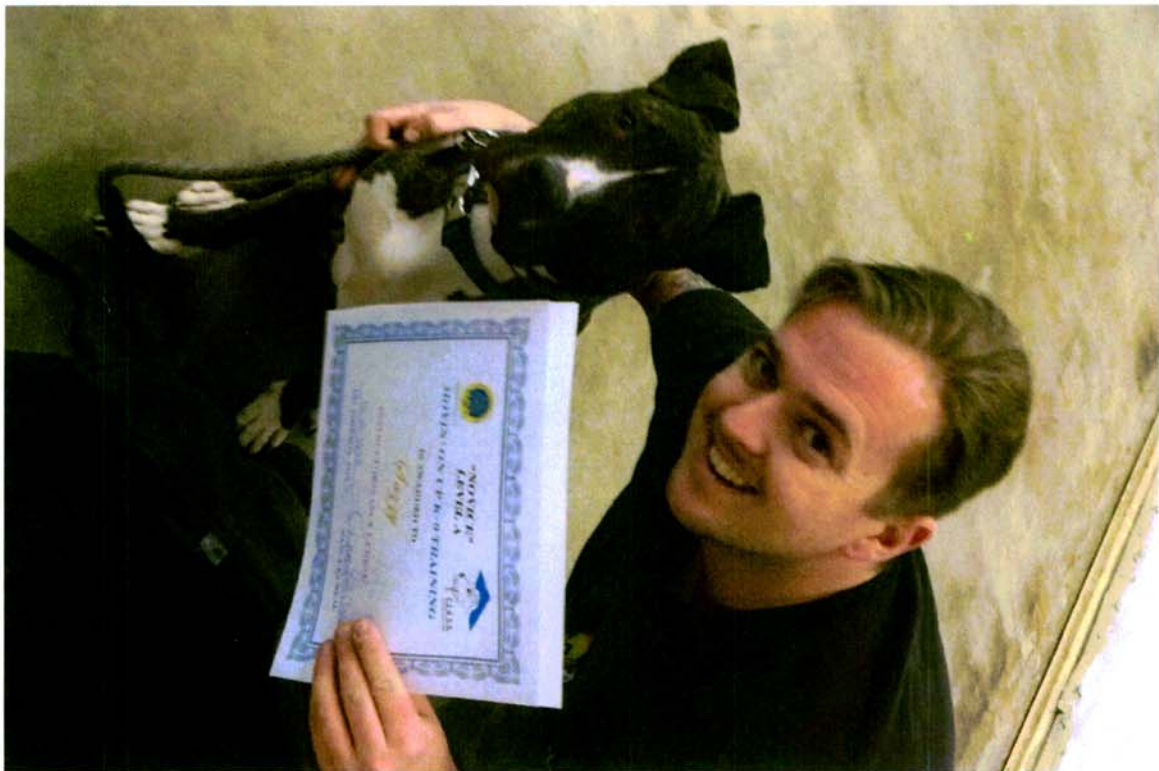
**Subject:** A plea for pitbulls

To all those whom this may concern:

My name is Kristin Galvin. I am pre-med student at Sacramento State University, and am a long time pitbull owner and advocate. The fact is that prejudice and limited education understanding this breed of dog has created a widespread panic among some of the public. Harsher laws must be passed regarding bad owners, breeders, and dog fighters. Why target good, responsible owners with loving dogs? My pitbulls are fixed, up to date on their shots, and trained. Saying all pitbulls are dangerous is saying all African Americans are criminals. It's just not true. Just because a SMALL percentage fits the stereotype, doesn't mean an entire breed of dog should be discriminated against. Over breeding is the problem. Lack of education is a problem. Target the breeders. Leave good people and good dogs alone. It's sickening to watch ourselves as a nation become so smart in technological advances, yet be so prehistoric on other views, this being one of them. Focus your energies elsewhere, ladies and gentleman.

Sincerely,

Kristin Galvin



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**Subject:** FW: Save pit bulls ??????????

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

**From:** Elaine Godfrey [<mailto:vegas1vizn@icloud.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:26 PM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; De La Cuba, Vannia; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; [christiancrus@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:christiancrus@cityofpasadena.net); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; [ttornek@cityofpasbadena.net](mailto:ttornek@cityofpasbadena.net)

**Subject:** Save pit bulls ??????????

I love pit bulls ,if you don't let me tell u why .i would like to share with you ,what you are about to do . Have you every love a dog when you are little .i am sure you have , so what is the differ of that dog and a other dog .The breed because that is all see ,I have 5 pit bulls at my house . None of them have ever hurt a living thing . If you think there are mean . Well they are not just because you heard bad things on the new. Have you ever looked at the good they done . Also do you knew they where the nursing dog before everyone started this crap. They also knew dog act how they are trained too . Also if you do that you would have to take all those dog from there kids and family . Plus how ever can put all those dogs down is cold hearted . So please save the pit bulls

By Abigail Oneill  
I am 11years old

**Buchanan, Rita**

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**Subject:** FW: regarding a pit bull ban

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From: [kristy@edgesofyourday.com](mailto:kristy@edgesofyourday.com) [mailto:[kristy@edgesofyourday.com](mailto:kristy@edgesofyourday.com)]

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Subject: regarding a pit bull ban

Hello,

It has come to my attention that there is a consideration to try to usurp the State law which prevents any breed specific legislation to inevitably enact a ban on pit bulls and pit bull type dogs.

I am writing to protest this waste of time and money. It has been proven over and over that BSL does NOT work and does nothing more than waste taxpayer money while killing innocent family pets and doing nothing to raise safety.

In Denver, a city with one of the longest running pit bull bans, the incidences of hospitalizations for dog bites is HIGHER than in surrounding cities that do not have a pit bull ban.

What works is education and enforcement of laws such as proper containment of animals, anti-tethering (chaining) laws, leash laws and DANGEROUS DOG LAWS that target irresponsible owners and dangerous dogs no matter what breed they may be.

In our area just a few days ago a child was bitten by a dog at a Lowe's store. The offending dog was not a pit bull but the child's injuries were no less real because of it. The owner ran and it was later discovered that his dog had previously bitten other people. He has been charged for his actions, as he should be. As any irresponsible owner should be. How would your proposed ban have protected that child? It would not.

I own a pit bull who has never harmed anyone and will never harm anyone because I train, maintain, socialize and supervise him at all times. Why should I, a law abiding citizen be penalized because of someone else's poor behavior? I should not.

I hope that you will take the time to actually research the studies that prove that pit bulls are no more dangerous than any other dog but that many dog owners are and those are the people you should be directing your time and attention to.

Thank you,

Kristy Graham  
Los Angeles resident

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Nancy Gutierrez Modestp, California

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**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 9:55 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Noreen  
**Subject:** I just signed "Pasadena City Council: Abandon Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bulls Ordinance in Pasadena"

Dear Gene Masuda,

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55. Kathleen Hopkins Los Angeles, California  
54. Judy Burton Indiana, Indiana



53. Greg Otero Tustin, California
52. viona hodes louisberg, Missouri
51. Mayra Orihueal Cypress, California

## Iraheta, Alba

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**From:** Kira Ikeda <mail@changemail.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2014 9:30 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Noreen  
**Subject:** I just signed "Pasadena City Council: Abandon Mandatory Spay/Neuter of Pit Bulls Ordinance in Pasadena"

Dear Gene Masuda,

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Sincerely,  
Kira Ikeda San Jose, California

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There are now 2 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to SoCal Pitbull TEAM by clicking here:  
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**Buchanan, Rita**

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**Subject:** FW: Please consider the rights of law abiding dog owners

**From:** Lauren Jackson [<mailto:lauren.jackson5@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 6:10 PM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; district1; Robinson, Jonathan (DOIT); McAustin, Margaret; Morales, Margo; [jkennedy@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jkennedy@cityofpasadena.net); Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Masuda, Gene; Sullivan, Noreen; Gordo, Victor; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Thyret, Pam

**Subject:** Please consider the rights of law abiding dog owners

"A dog's propensity for attack depends in large part on its owner and how it is raised, and there's considerable evidence that owners of pit bulls and other high-risk dogs are themselves high-risk people.

A 2006 study from the Journal of Interpersonal Violence revealed that owners of vicious dogs were significantly more likely to have criminal convictions for aggressive crimes, drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, crimes involving children and firearms.

These findings were confirmed in a 2009 report published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. The authors of that report wrote, "Vicious dog owners reported significantly more criminal behaviors than other dog owners," and they were ranked "higher in sensation seeking and primary psychopathy."

And a 2011 study, also in the Journal of Forensic Sciences, found that "vicious dog owners reported significantly higher criminal thinking, entitlement, sentimentality and super-optimism tendencies. Vicious dog owners were arrested, engaged in physical fights, and used marijuana significantly more than other dog owners."

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Knute Jackson

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**"Rescuing one animal may not change the world, but for that animal their world is changed forever!"**

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**Subject:** FW: no on pit bull legislation

**From:** Katie [mailto:katie17014@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 6:27 AM

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

**Subject:** no on pit bull legislation

Creating legislation that targets one breed of dog does not create safer communities. Dogs that cause problems in the community can be of any breed and are created by irresponsible owners who will only continue to be irresponsible until they are taught otherwise. Banning a breed does not create solutions, as irresponsible owners will just get a different dog that is not banned. Education is the key to stopping owners from letting their dogs run loose. American pit bull terriers have over an 85% temperament test passing rate, which is actually higher than many of the typical so-called family dogs, like Golden Retrievers. Don't punish responsible pit bull owners. Please check out The Majority Project- a video of your average responsible pit bull owner. I have a 10 year old pit bull, who I have had since he was 8 weeks old. He is my best friend, my bed warmer, my walking buddy, and he wouldn't hurt anyone! Thank you, Katie <http://vimeo.com/53622294>

**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:** Aostara Kaye [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:59 AM

**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,  
Aostara Kaye Downey, California

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**From:** Ashley Kinsey [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:08 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Ashley Kinsey san bernardino, California

## **Buchanan, Rita**

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**Subject:** FW: BSL/pit bull ban

**From:** Kalin Kipling [<mailto:kalin.kipling@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 1:15 PM

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

**Subject:** BSL/pit bull ban

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a newspaper editor/designer in Sacramento, California, who originally hails from the Pasadena area (La Cañada).

I was extremely disappointed to see a city as seemingly progressive as Pasadena is looking to jump on the breed-specific legislation (BSL) bandwagon, particularly when more cities and states are going the opposite direction after realizing, through research and experience, that BSL simply doesn't work.

Read: [http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/breed-specific-legislation/fact\\_sheets/breed-specific-legislation-flaws.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/breed-specific-legislation/fact_sheets/breed-specific-legislation-flaws.html)

As a person who works in media, I know all too well how much a negative story on a pit bull is played up far more than negative incidents from other dogs and how the dog's background and the owner's treatment of the dog are typically left out. Far more of these dogs are family dogs -- they were even called nanny dogs at one point -- than aggressive, dangerous and out-of-control animals. Don't let the hype influence your decision-making to this point and spell the doom of an entire breed and rip apart loving families.

I adopted a pit bull named Apple from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter in October 2012, and she has proven to be an amazing, sweet, funny and loving pooch (as have the majority of other pitties I've come across). She even has a cat sister who is completely in charge in our household. It would kill us to have to part with her in any way.

Get to know pitties before you judge them; go visit some at a shelter or in a good home. Research more fully into these dogs and how they actually have scored highest in a breed-temperament study before you condemn them all -- our families are begging you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kalin Kipling

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**Subject:** FW: Don't Ban the Pit Bull Breed

**From:** [heidi.komlofske@1776productions.com](mailto:heidi.komlofske@1776productions.com) [mailto:[heidi.komlofske@1776productions.com](mailto:heidi.komlofske@1776productions.com)] **On Behalf Of** Heidi Komlofske

**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 1:53 PM

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

**Subject:** Don't Ban the Pit Bull Breed

It's my understanding that the City of Pasadena is looking to ban the Pit Bull breed. I'm writing to urge you not to do that for ANY breed of dog. The Pit Bull is one of THE most mis-understood breeds --- even by myself at one point not that long ago. About 2 years ago, my family was looking to rescue a dog from our local SPCA. When we first arrived and walked through the myriad of kennels, I said to my husband "No Pit Bull!" The shelter was filled with them. And then I came across, this adorable 4 month old puppy. I looked on her kennel tag, and it said "Staffordshire and Mastiff mix."

But my heart melted instantly. And I had to have her --- even though she was a Pit Bull.

What I can tell you, from not ever having had a dog before, is that she is the most loving and attentive dog I've ever seen. She doesn't have a mean bone in her body. She comes to work with me every day and greets the delivery and Post Office workers daily. She has a fan club who yells "Lily" at the bus stop as we round the corner to our office door. She's my 13-year-old daughter's best friend.

Please don't ban a specific breed of dog just because they have a false reputation.

Sincerely,

Heidi Komlofske  
President & CEO

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

**From:** Anastasia Lander [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:02 AM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Anastasia Lander Fullerton, California

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**From:** JAMES LANDER [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:09 AM

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