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Subject: FW: Pasadena Breed Specific Legislation

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<http://newsfeed.time.com/2013/08/21/obama-blasts-legislation-targeting-specific-dog-breeds/>

Thank you!

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From: Astrid Mohit [<mailto:astrid.orellana@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:42 PM
To: De La Cuba, Vannia; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry
Subject: Pasadena Breed Specific Legislation

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~Astrid Orellana Mohit
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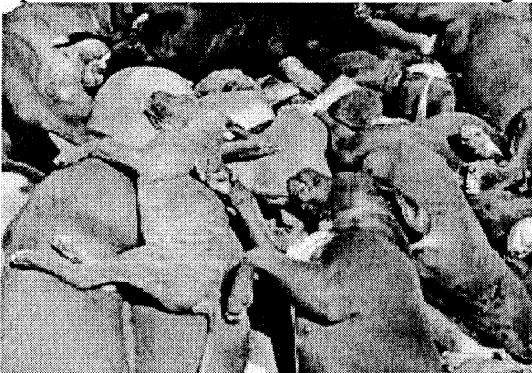
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Subject: FW: Proposed ordinance banning pit bulls

From: Jeff & Lyn Monsevais [mailto:jmonse@pacbell.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 11:18 AM

To: Morales, Margo

Subject: Proposed ordinance banning pit bulls

Re: Proposed ordinance banning pit bulls

Dear Ms. Morales:

I am writing to you about the proposed ordinance that would ban pit bulls from Pasadena. This ordinance will not address the real problem and it will have a negative impact on responsible, law abiding dog owners. I am strongly opposed to this ordinance, and I ask that you vote against it for the following reasons:

1. The Cost of BSL. This ordinance costs a lot of money, ie additional animal control, shelter fees, vetting, litigation, ect. BSL costs the tax payers A LOT of money.
2. Breed Identification - Most animal control/law enforcement officer are not able to identify specific breeds of dogs because the commonly stated physical characteristics are similar in many breeds. An example is Boxer vs Pit Bull - many people have mislabeled a brindle/dark muscular boxer for a pit bull.

There is a lot of potential for arbitrary or improper enforcement of the ordinance with inaccurate breed identification by officers and difficulty enforcing breed bans against mix breeds. Because of this subjectivity/arbitrary enforcement, it opens the city to liability and litigation in the event of a mistaken identification.

3. Failure to address irresponsible owners - Breed specific legislation fails to address irresponsible owners, many areas that have enacted the regulation have actually experienced an increase in dog bites/attack incidents of dog breeds NOT covered by BSL. This does not address the real issue of irresponsible owners. Only when these irresponsible owners are held accountable for the actions of their dogs will adverse dog incidents be reduced. When you see more owners committed to providing proper training, care, socialization and supervision for their dogs will dog bite incidents reduce significantly.

A much better alternative to breed-specific legislation is to support reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs and to hold irresponsible dog owners to a higher accountability. I ask that you oppose this proposal because any such law that is specific to breed does not address the real problem, which is that of irresponsible dog owners.

Respectfully,
Lyn Monsevais

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Banning pit bulls isn't the solution

From: Julie Mouser [mailto:juliemouser@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 1:11 PM

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

Subject: Banning pit bulls isn't the solution

I would urge you to reconsider any action based upon Mr. Madison's recent statements on pit bulls. He is entitled to his opinion but his statements are unsupported by the "data" and "statistics" he cites. Many cities across the country are repealing breed specific legislation because it is costly and ineffective in making communities safer. I can appreciate that you are all very busy. Even if you skip the bulk of this email, I urge you to quickly peruse the links below as they get right to the heart of the matter.

No scientific study supports the proposition that Mr. Madison sets forth that pit bull type dogs are inherently more dangerous than other breeds. Further, there is no evidence that breed specific legislation results in fewer bites or fatalities. Statistics can be quite misleading in this regard since many dogs of various different breeds are lumped into the "pit bull" category and labeled as such based solely upon how a dog looks. (I assume Mr. Madison understands there is no breed called "pit bull" except for the American Pit Bull Terrier and that "pit bull" is a term used to collectively--yet generally--refer to stocky, muscular, block headed looking dogs regardless of exact genetic lineage). Because so many dogs are erroneously identified as "pit bulls" the statistics are skewed when compared to other breeds. If you analyze the population size, the incidence of "pit bull" bites/attacks are actually lower than other breeds.

As an attorney, I would also caution that breed specific legislation may also expose Pasadena to lawsuits and costly legal battles. Dog owners are filing lawsuits challenging breed specific legislation because their dogs were erroneously labeled a "pit bull" when they are actually, in fact, mutts of varied genetic backgrounds. DNA testing of dogs alleged to be "pit bulls" is becoming common place. Many dogs who were thought to be "pit bulls" are actually mixed breed dogs with backgrounds such as American Bulldog, Mastiff, Boxer, etc.

Further, what happens when a "pit bull" is a service animal protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act? Many pit bull type dogs are emotional support animals that provide comfort to veterans with PTSD. There have been lawsuits in several states on this topic. From a legal perspective, breed specific legislation exposes the city to potentially costly legal battles. The better solution embraced by more cities is breed neutral legislation--why shouldn't dog owners of any breed be responsible for their dogs' behavior?

Please do not waste taxpayer dollars with laws that are costly and next to impossible to enforce. Government has no place telling people what kind of pet it should own especially when that pet has done no actual harm to anyone.

Pit bull type dogs are police dogs and proudly serving this country as explosives sniffing military dogs. In fact, the most war decorated dog of all time was a pit bull type dog named Sgt. Stubby. He is in the Smithsonian and has quite a fascinating story which is contained within the first link below. It would be shame if Pasadena became a place these hero dogs were not welcomed.

I'd encourage you all to research the issue more.

<http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/collection/object.asp?ID=15>

<https://www.avma.org/public/Pages/Why-Breed-Specific-Legislation-is-not-the-Answer.aspx>

http://www.nationalcanineresearchcouncil.com/uploaded_files/tinymce/Denver_fnl%5B1%5D.pdf

[http://bestfriends.org/uploadedFiles/Content/Resources/Resources for Rescuers\(1\)/Adoption/biteprevention.pdf](http://bestfriends.org/uploadedFiles/Content/Resources/Resources_for_Rescuers(1)/Adoption/biteprevention.pdf)

<http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/stop-animal-abuse/fact-sheets/dog-bites.html>

Thank you for your time in reading this email.

Julie M. Mouser, Esq.

Buchanan, Rita

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

From: Anita Murphy [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

Sent: Friday, January 03, 2014 3:44 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,

Anita Murphy Santa Monica, California

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From: Megan Myers [<mailto:meganlynnmyers@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:43 PM

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

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Thank you,
Megan Myers
213-327-6394

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From: Megan Myers [mailto:meganlynnmyers@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 12:59 PM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: RE: Possible pit bull ban

Thank you so much for your response. It is wonderful to require spaying and neutering. That is a measure I could absolutely get behind.

Thank you for clarification and for your time,
Megan Myers

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S@4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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Sincerely,
hazel payne Big Bear Lake, California

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: City Council meeting on 1/27

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you after reading that you are being approached, or possibly personally pushing for breed-specific laws. As the owner of an 8 year old rescue pit bull I am extremely concerned about this.

Before rescuing Lucy I was absolutely terrified of dogs. My husband wanted one and to appease him I went to a few shelters with him. At one of the shelters I was terrified by the loud barking, dogs jumping and rattling in the cage. But there was one dog sitting quietly in her cage and that was our girl Lucy. I saw the sadness in her eyes and I knew we could not leave her there. She doesn't bark, she doesn't jump up and she is just desperate for love. She is extremely intelligent and I see how she plays differently with me than my husband, she's never bit me, even playfully.

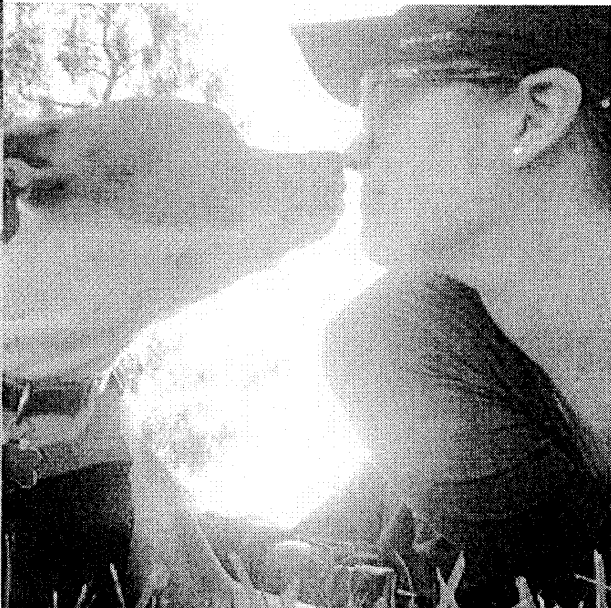
I understand the fear about the breed but I truly feel it is an issue of educating pit bull owners and society. If you are a responsible and conscientious owner, you are going to raise a well behaved pit. Since owning a pit bull I have become aware of these breed discrimination laws that exist around the country. It is so frustrating to me as in most cases the person or people trying to push these bands through haven't even met a household pit bull, just "read about the breed online."

I just want to make sure you have all educated yourselves on this issue, from both sides. Here's an article from the ASPCA about the breed if you have not.

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

I just want to stress how important this decision is for the thousands of pit bull owners in and around your county that consider a pit bull a member of their family. It would be irresponsible to pass this legislation on fear and ignorance when it has such a devastating effect not only for the animal, but for all the people in your district who own one.

Looking forward to voicing my opinion further, along with several other pit bull advocates and educators, at your City Council meeting on 1/27.



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Best,

Maria Pelletier
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Jomsky, Mark

From: Deborah Peterson <deb.basv@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 1:11 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Morales, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; Tornek, Terry; district1
Subject: Pit Bull Legislation

Council Members,

I am a long-term dog owner and shelter volunteer who understands your desire to protect your community, I really do.

But I wish you would do your research before proposing legislation that demonizes dogs, ostracizes responsible owners, squeezes low income persons, kills Pit-Bull type animals unnecessarily (and without solving your problems), and further makes Pit Bulls MORE appealing to true criminals.

You will also be placing a further cost to your community and making enforcement impossible for your animal control officers, and well as reducing their ability to attend to other aspects of their jobs. You also could open your city up to lawsuits.

Your stance on the face of it is protection for your city, but the facts don't support you and this type of legislation and the further measures you hope to achieve with the state, are opposed by every single legitimate animal-welfare organization.

There are so many other ways you could work with your city to improve the safety of your constituents, as well as their companion animals. Ways that involve responsible dog ownership and prove to your community that you have all of their best interests in mind.

Please do not pass this ordinance, please do not even consider going even further with Breed Specific legislation. But please, with your heart in the right place, consider working WITH these organizations to come up with ordinances that truly will protect your entire community.

Thank you for your time,
Deborah Peterson

Buchanan, Rita

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To: Morales, Margo
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Jana Pruse, Edward Laurson...

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 70 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>

Dear Margaret McAustin,

As a resident of Southern California, I urge you to reconsider the proposed ordinance mandating spaying and neutering of pit bull type dogs in Pasadena. The State of California prohibits outright breed bans, as do 16 other states. Massachusetts, Connecticut, Nevada, and Rhode Island have gone even further by prohibiting their towns and counties from regulating based on breed. This is called Breed Discriminatory (or Breed-Specific) Legislation (BSL), and what Councilmember Steve Madison has proposed is a clear-cut example that is not in the best interest for the City of Pasadena. In August 2013, for example, the White House released a statement titled, "BSL is a Bad Idea", stating that the Obama Administration does not support breed-specific legislation. In December 2013, The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) published a comprehensive multifactorial study that showed that one kind of dog was NOT more likely to injure a human being than another kind of dog. Councilmember Madison's proposed ordinance is a mis-guided attempt to eliminate pit bull type dogs in Pasadena, not to advocate for spay/neuter of ALL pets to solve the issues with homeless pets and overpopulation in local shelters. From January 2012 – May 2013, more than three times as many American jurisdictions have either repealed existing BSL, or declined to enact BSL, as have put BSL into effect. Pasadena's proposed ordinance is unacceptable, and a step in the wrong direction. The ordinance unfairly targets pit bull type dogs instead of solving the real problems surrounding dog safety and responsible pet ownership. Responsible pet owners already spay and neuter their dogs – this is a public education problem not a pit bull problem. Abandoning this mandatory spay/neuter ordinance that singles out pit bull type dogs is simply the right thing to do. It is also the recommendation of professional groups such as the American Bar Association (See ABA Resolution 108B). The National Canine Research Council (NCRC) reports that the trend in prevention of dog bites continues to shift in favor of multifactorial approaches focusing on improved ownership and husbandry practices, better understanding of dog behavior, education of parents and children regarding safety around dogs, and consistent enforcement of dangerous dog/reckless owner ordinances in communities. Please join reputable organizations including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the National Animal Control Association, the Humane Society of the United States, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in saying "NO" to the proposed ordinance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

70. Jana Pruse Talsi, Latvia
69. Edward Laurson Denver, Colorado

68. Anna Bencsics Szigetvár, Hungary
67. magdalena juarez Garden Grove, California
66. Vera Koster Granby, Canada

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: RE: BSL

From: donna reed [<mailto:donnaj1217@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 10:28 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: BSL

It still amazes & saddens me how uninformed people are about Pit Bulls, and how they base their opinions on stereotypes, especially when are in a position to enact BSL. If you were to actually do serious research you would find that Pits aren't even close to how they are portrayed. They are sweet, loving, intelligent, playful dogs. They are just big terriers. I volunteer at a local shelter & it is heartbreaking to see these sweet, sweet dogs being passed by again & again simply because they are Pits. They are awesome dogs. Please do not judge an entire breed based on a stereotype. BSL is wrong, regardless of the breed. Let's educate, not discriminate!

Donna Reed

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW: Pasadena BSL

From: Jan Reedy [<mailto:jettingaround@live.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:30 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: Pasadena BSL

Good afternoon,

I am so disappointed that the City of Pasadena is considering Breed specific legislation against Bully Breeds. The American pit terrier has been mixed breed with Staffordshire terrier, and the American bull dog to the extent that this will become a ban on all bully breeds. People make bad dogs, good people have good dogs regardless of the breed. Bad dogs are of many breeds, and you need to look no further than the neglect or abuse of the owner.

I can not support Pasadena, or the business's that I frequent in Pasadena if this BSL becomes part of Pasadena City Culture. My business will be taken to your neighboring cities that also have fine restaurants and shopping.

I am disappointed in Pasadena as I sat and watched the wonderful parade that also included bully breeds on the float display, and now it is intended to ban family dogs. You are aware the skateboarding dogs are bully breeds, and one is mixed with American Pit Terrier.



This is Emma, an America Pit Bull Terrier. How scary is she in her Santa Hat? She is a current foster.



This is Mandy, a foster who has been adopted. How scary is she on Halloween?

People make bad dogs! Please reevaluate your prospective and discipline the bad owners rather than a complete Breed.

Thank you.

Jan Reedy

Sent from my iPad

Buchanan, Rita

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

From: Joshua Ressel [mailto:mail@changemail.org]

Sent: Friday, January 03, 2014 11:55 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,
Joshua Ressel Orange, California

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: WWW COMMENT

From: CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net [mailto:CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net]
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 2:27 PM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: WWW COMMENT

Data from form "Contact Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin" was received on 12/23/2013 2:26:42 PM.

Send Comments

Field	Value
Your Name	D. Ripley
Phone	818 725-2350
Email	jgripley@yahoo.com
Comments	Please support the measure before the Pasadena City Council to require the sterilization of all dogs and cats in the city with exclusion of registered breeders. More than 1,300 dogs and cats at the Pasadena Humane Society had to be euthanized last year not including those at surrounding animal shelters as well. Look forward to hearing your position of this issue. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Email "WWW COMMENT" originally sent to mfuller@cityofpasadena.net from CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net on 12/23/2013 2:26:42 PM.