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**Subject:** FW: Taring families apart

**From:** Barbara Rodak [<mailto:atvmudbaby3@frontier.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:51 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

**Subject:** Taring families apart

Why are people who are arrested even convicted set free for rape,murder,etc. An yet a dog because of owner neglect in training gets put to sleep for less than this?Isn't there enough heartache in this world? Countless families are torn apart by this.Yes there are poor pet owners. But why do good ones have to pay for that? Are you aware how many innocent dogs were put to their deaths because of this BSL/dangerous dog act? Any dog can be dangerous. I know because i am a humane officer. It has been proven time and time again. I have worked and trained many breeds. The only thing this law does is discriminate. We should not be teaching our children this. I am very disappointed in this area. I will not be visiting again. Concerned,B Scott

**Buchanan, Rita**

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

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 4:35 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Rodzewich Huntington Beach, California

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**Subject:** FW: breed specific ordiances

**From:** Linda Roberts [<mailto:lroberts58@att.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 1:44 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 ordiances

I have been told that you are working on dog breed specific bans. I live in a neighborhood where there is dog fighting. I can definitely say that the cause is criminal humans. I have two pit bulls and they are sweet babies. If you are worried about vicious dogs here is what you should do:

1. Get rid of slum lords. The dog fighters on my street were renting from notorious slum lords.
2. Provide free spaying and neutering. Both of our pits were fixed for free.
3. Pass an ordinance, as my city and county have passed, which charge a large fee of \$150 for unfixed dogs and cats.

L R Roberts, small business owner and former candidate for City Council

3519 - 7th Avenue

Sacramento, Cal 95817.

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**From:** Margret Schmidt [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 1:08 PM

**To:** Morales, Margo

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Sincerely,

Margret Schmidt London, United Kingdom

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**From:** abbey schutz [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

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

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**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 10:47 AM

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Christine Shultz Whittier, California

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**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 10:15 AM

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**From:** valerie shumaker [<mailto:mail@changemail.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 03, 2014 11:24 AM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:01 PM

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

**Subject:**

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,

Abby Stansel  
Los Angeles resident

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