

Mayor Kevin Johnson
Members, City Council
City of Sacramento
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Animal Care Volunteer Coordinator
Job Position

Honorable Mayor Johnson and City Council Members:

We are aware that the current city budget situation may necessitate further cuts to the Animal Care Services division and that those potentially include staff reductions in positions not considered “essential” as part of the budget cuts. We have evaluated the volunteer coordinator position and feel that , while it does not meet the strict city or state definition of “essential”, to remove it would impact the the animals and remaining staff severely.

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It has come to the attention of the Sacramento Animal Care Advisory Committee that the Sacramento City Council is considering the removal of the job position of volunteer coordinator at the Animal Care facility. We strongly recommend that the job position be retained, for several reasons.

* [The current staffing in Animal Care is below the number recommended by the Humane Society, which means that help from volunteers is more critical than ever.] The facility has several very active volunteer programs. Some of those programs include the spay/neuter program (staffed entirely by volunteers), the cat and dog “Meet Your Match” program (an adoption-related program) , off-site PetSmart showcasing of adoptable animals, a shelter public greeter program (which relieves the work load of shelter front office staff) and many community events where adoptable animals are shown and information given about animal care. Volunteers are are also involved in the socialization of animals, including walking dogs and visiting with other animals. These are only some of the things the volunteers do!

The volunteer coordinator is responsible for the recruiting, training, and safety of those volunteers. The continuous, ongoing recruitment of new volunteers assures that volunteer staffing levels are maintained.. She also organizes and coordinates participation

in public events, such as “Spay Day” ,the Latino Folk Art Festival, River Cats community events, the Tour for Life, Celebrate Natomas, Midtown Business Association events and many others. She is responsible for a weekly teen program, and supervises a program for mentally challenged adult s and a program involving court ordered community service volunteers.

Each month the coordinator runs an orientation for new volunteers. Further training classes included such subjects as laws, safety, disease control protocol, volunteer standards, tours of all facility buildings, and animal behavior evaluation. Additional training is required for working with dogs cats or rabbits. “Advanced volunteers” serve in capacities such as adoption counselors and quarantine escorts, which requires specialized training.

The coordinator creates a personnel folder for each new volunteer, follows his/her progress, sets up a mentoring session with a “lead volunteer “ and also makes sure that all the necessary documents are signed.

It is the current coordinator’s goal to expand the use of volunteers. For example, she is working on an “Adoption Call Back” program so that questions from adopters about behavior, medical needs or other issues can be answered. This is an effort to ensure the new owner keeps the recently adopted pet.

We’ve not listed all the duties of the volunteer coordinator (staff meetings, meetings with ASPCA community partners, etc.) , nor the hours spent performing them. Knowing all that the coordinator is responsible for, we feel that it is critical that the position be kept. To eliminate the position would have a detrimental effect on the Animal Care programs, the Animal Care Staff (who greatly appreciate volunteer help) and most importantly the welfare of the animals in the City of Sacramento’s care.

Thanks your for your consideration in this matter .

Sincerely,

Sacramento Animal Care Advisory Committee

FOSTERING REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

June 1, 2010

The Honorable Kevin Johnson
Mayor, City of Sacramento
915 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Johnson:

On behalf of the Sacramento Metro Chamber, I strongly urge you to refrain from spending any additional time discussing Arizona's recent immigration bill, Senate Bill 1070. The Sacramento City Council has absolutely no jurisdiction over this legislation and as a result, has no legitimate role in weighing in on this matter. With the City of Sacramento facing an unprecedented budgetary gap and crippling unemployment rates, we believe there are much more relevant, pressing and appropriate issues for the Sacramento City Council to examine.

According to the Sacramento City Council agenda minutes taken at the Tuesday, May 25 Council meeting, the Sacramento City Council spent **three hours and ten minutes** discussing the Arizona immigration legislation. With an estimated **\$43 million dollar budget gap** in the City of Sacramento's General Fund budget, squandering over three hours on a piece of out-of-state legislation is not only a gross misuse of time, but is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars.

The Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Proposed Budget for the City of Sacramento is a sobering reminder of the arduous task before our Council Members, which is cleaning up the financial mess currently paralyzing the City of Sacramento. The same document sums up the job put before our Council in one simple sentence: "The Challenge: Balance a budget in the face of the most severe economic downturn since the great depression." Rather, the City Council chose to dedicate more time to Arizona's SB 1070, than they did to the entire Council meeting on May 11th, which kicked off budgetary deliberations.

Looming over the City and it's residents is a proposed \$14.6 million in program and service level reductions, \$19.6 million in reductions related to employee service costs and the use of \$8.8 million in one-time resources. Simply put, these numbers mean that the City of Sacramento is on the brink of more service cuts, additional job reductions and yet to be determined fee and/or tax increases. These numbers will not only have direct, harmful implications for those who live and work inside the City boundaries, but will undoubtedly create a negative ripple affect reaching all those who call the Sacramento region home.

We understand that there are many factors and challenges that make solving the budget crisis difficult and do not make light of the magnitude of the decisions put before you. However, as a regional leader, the Metro Chamber can not sit by quietly and watch as our city and region, continues down this dismal path. It is imperative that those elected to serve the City of Sacramento do the job that your constituents need you to do: put forth solutions and work collaboratively to get our economy back on track. You were not elected to your position to analyze the legislative activities of other states.

If the City of Sacramento is to take actions against the State of Arizona, it may have unintended consequences that will further hurt the already distressed local economy. I have had conversations with many of my counterparts in Arizona about Cities and business that will boycott products, services and events that are going in on in our community in the future.

On behalf of the Metro Chamber, I strongly urge you and your colleagues to not waste any more time discussing a legislative decision made in Arizona. Rather, we demand that you focus all of your attention on solving the \$43 million dollar budget gap looming over the City of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Mahood
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City Council

Tuesday, June 01, 2010

Item

21. Estimated Time: 15 minutes Extension of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Moratorium [4/5 Votes Required]
(Noticed on 5-21-10)

Comments

Max Del Real

Position: Support

Comment: Dear Mayor and Councilmembers, As an advocate of the Sacramento Alliance of Collectives (SAC), I encourage your support of an Extension of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries Moratorium. Extending the Moratorium will provide the City of Sacramento an opportunity to study the issue of dispensary regulation in greater depth while protecting safe access for patients and real jobs for employees in the dispensaries. Thank you for your leadership. Vote yes to extend the moratorium. Max Del Real

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Don Johnson, djunpc@gmail.com, 1832 Tribute Rd. Suite E, Citywide, Sacramento, CA, 95815

Position: Oppose

Comment: How can the City extend a moratorium it is currently not enforcing? Dispensaries and delivery services have opened, moved or expanded their operations AFTER the moratorium went into effect, and yet there have not been any consequences for these dispensaries. Extending the moratorium is an easy, but temporary, "fix" to the City's larger headache. I urge you to create the much-needed ordinance for the medical marijuana industry in Sacramento and not delay the process further.

Kimberly Cargile, hurrayforhemp@gmail.com, Serra Way, Citywide, Sacramento, CA, 95816

Position: Neutral

Comment: Hello City Council Members, My name is Kimberly Cargile. I am an ambassador and peer councilor for Americans for Safe Access. We are a national non-profit organization promoting safe and legal access of medical cannabis for therapeutic use and research. I am writing because many patients in the Sacramento area are concerned about the City's proposed ordinance. We would like to work with you to find a middle ground that protects the public and patients alike. Please extend the moratorium.