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Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 5:31 AM
To: Justice, Charlie
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #24375194

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Direction of Inquiry Commissioner Janet C. Long - District 1 (2022 Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Pat Gerard - District 2
Commissioner Charlie Justice - District 3 (2022 Chairman)
Commissioner Dave Eggers - District 4
Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5
Commissioner Kathleen Peters - District 6
Commissioner René Flowers - District 7

Subject Ordinance update regarding pet stores

Message June 6, 2022
Dear Pinellas County Commissioners:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), a broad-based animal welfare organization founded in 1991 to provide balanced and fact-based answers to complex and controversial issues regarding animals. NAIA's membership is diverse and bipartisan and includes pet owners, hobby dog breeders, rescuers, animal scientists, hunters, pet businesses, conservationists, ranchers, scientists, and veterinarians. NAIA's expertise in animal welfare and husbandry is recognized nationwide and we have members in all fifty states including Florida.

With regard to the proposed Pinellas County pet store ordinance update, I am writing today to urge you not to adopt any provision which devalues a legally operating Pinellas County business.

Don't prejudge and punish responsible businesses: The ordinance update draft includes options that would devalue all businesses within a specific commercial sector because some individuals within that sector may be substandard operators. There are bad operators in every business sector. Basic fairness dictates that we don't prejudge and punish innocent individuals for the crimes or shortcomings of others who belong to a similar grouping.

How much time should a legally operating Pinellas County business have to spend each year defending itself? Even if the harmful provisions listed in the update document are ultimately defeated, it is worth asking how much time a Pinellas County business should

have to devote each year to defending itself against a small, but relentless group of activists who are dedicated to their elimination. The county should be protecting its businesses from such harassment.

Please ask for evidence: As you listen to testimony for or against this draft or read the “whereas” declarations, please seek evidence. Ask the witnesses for the source of their claims, citations, and data you can actually inspect. Examine the “whereas” statements at the beginning of the ordinance draft to evaluate their legitimacy. Although many activists who oppose pet stores are well-intended and believe the claims they make, many of their allegations are outdated, irrelevant, deceptive, half-truths or outright lies. If you are being asked to devalue someone’s business, the justification should be based on more than someone’s belief no matter how compelling their presentation. Please seek evidence!

Our organization has worked on numerous animal welfare issues including this one for decades. We are subject matter experts on pet population trends, animal welfare standards in commercial kennels, pet warranties and return policies, and a host of other related issues. We hope you will use our knowledge base and data as a resource.
Thank you very much for your time

Patti Strand, President
National Animal Interest Alliance

Your Name	PATTI STRAND
Your Street Address	1017 SW Morrison St Suite 511
City/Unincorporated County	Portland
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Your Phone Number	5037560826
Your Email Address	naia@naiaonline.org

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
<noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 6:10 PM
To: BCC Agenda Comments

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Live Form

Topic	Retail sale of pets
BCC Agenda Date	6-7-2022
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Ordinance updates to Chapter 14 of the Pinellas County Code relating to animals specifically regarding the retail sale of dogs and cats in Pinellas County. I fully support these changes. We must continue to weed out animal cruelty and puppy mills
Citizen Name	Robert Stanley
Address	United States
Phone	
Email	

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From: MM McCormick <mmctoday@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 5:16 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: REF: Ordinance updates to Chapter 14 of the Pinellas County Code relating to animals specifically regarding the retail sale of dogs and cats in Pinellas County.
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Dear County Commissioners,

Please do everything in your power to ensure this ordinance is enacted. The AKC is actively lobbying and asking breeders to put pressure on the commission to stop this important ordinance from becoming law. Please do not bend to this pressure borne of total greed.

Having cared for puppy mill dogs who were used, abused and then thrown away I can tell you firsthand that this ordinance is critical in taking away the retail outlets for mass bred domestic animals. When they have no outlets for their product the puppy milling will no longer be profitable.

Pinellas County can help, Sarasota and Manatee have passed similar ordinances, let's make it a Gulf Coast blitz against puppy millers.

It is important to assure there are no loopholes vis-à-vis: filing as a 501c and then selling "rescues" which are really puppy mill products. This is happening now in Sarasota County.

Sincerely,

Maureen McCormick
Gulfport, Florida

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From: Laura Pennington <laurawpennington@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Justice, Charlie
Subject: Vote YES on pet ban

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Please consider voting yes on the proposed pet ban. Pet purchased at pet stores are often impulse buys. This usually does not turn out well for the pets or the families that buy them. The pets themselves are often sickly since they were raised in mills where they do not get proper care, are inbred, and are not socialized. This results in more care, expense and heartbreak for the people who unwittingly bought them. Please do not promote this cruelty.

Thanks,
Laura Pennington

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Sally Woods <lanshark620@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 2:21 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Please vote in FAVOR of the Ban on the sale of dogs and cats
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Please vote in favor of banning retail sale of animals.
Help these innocent animals.

Thank you
Sally Woods

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
<noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:05 AM
To: BCC Agenda Comments

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Topic	Ban on Animal Sales, Cats, Dogs, Rabbits
BCC Agenda Date	6-7-2022
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please stop the sale of puppies, dogs, cats, rabbits from these stores that procure from "Puppy Mills", they are for greed only, sell unhealthy puppies and cause a horrible life for the dogs breeding these puppies for sale at prices that are rediculios
Citizen Name	Peggy Dillashaw
Address	1465 heather dr Dunedin, 34698 United States
Phone	727-2253773
Email	nthemoment929@yahoo.com

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
<noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 4:15 PM
To: BCC Agenda Comments

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Topic	Ban on puppy mills and pet stores
BCC Agenda Date	6-6-2022
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	I support the ban on puppy mills and pet stores which sell animals including rabbits from these places. Pinellas County is over-run with kittens, dogs & rabbits as it is, and conditions in these stores are dreadful and unhealthy for pets and customers.
Citizen Name	Kathleen Warth
Address	1859 N Washington Ave. FL Clearwater United States
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From: David Baker <davidbaker40@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 6:59 PM
To: Justice, Charlie
Subject: Pet Ban

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From: macleodfam@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen
Cc: BOB MACLEOD WORK
Subject: Pet stores in Pinellas County

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Please ban the sale of puppies, cats and rabbits for profit in our county. We shouldn't make these animals suffer as they do in the mills. We are better than that.

I'm not against regulated and inspected good breeders that schedule a litter once a year to propagate the breed and when a buyer can meet the mother and father. But to over breed a dog 3-4 times a year for greed is just wrong.

You have the ability to do the right thing this week, please do it. As Mark Twain said "it's never wrong to do the right thing!"

Bob MacLeod
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