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GENERAL ELECTION • NOV 3, 2020 STATEWIDE ENDORSEMENTS

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Statewide Endorsements

Please see PawPAC's endorsements here:

www.pawpac.org/endorsements2020

Thank you to the new and incumbent candidates who took the time to submit questionnaires!

Voters, please contact us if you would like to see a questionnaire for a candidate (only a third of the candidates submitted questionnaires). We will post them when time permits.

California registered voters will receive a mail-in ballot, per Assemblymember Marc Berman's AB 860 signed by Governor Newsom on June 18. Set your calendars now to vote November 3.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) Appropriations have met and passed a total of 224 out of 272 bills heard. These bills are being assigned to committees on the other side. Please see below for news on bills impacting animals.

SUPPORT

AB 2152 (Gloria/O'Donnell): Would prohibit the sale or adoption of dogs, cats and rabbits by pet stores, but permits the stores to provide adoption space to qualified rescue groups and public shelters. —> [Submit your letter](#) **STATUS: To Senate Rules for committee assignment**

AB 3030 (Kalra): A plan to conserve 30% of land and 30% of water by 2030. —> [Submit your letter](#) **STATUS: To Senate Rules for committee assignment**

SB 573 (Chang): Would require public shelters to microchip dogs and cats prior to adoption —> [Submit your letter](#) **STATUS: Referred to Assembly Business and Professions**

SB 1044 (Allen): Would ban harmful PFAS chemicals (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in firefighting foam. —> [Submit your letter](#) **STATUS: To Senate floor**

SB 1175 (Stern): Would prohibit the import and sale of zoonotic disease-carrying animals for consumption and add 13 African species to the restricted hunting/import list. —> [See our letter](#) | [Submit your letter](#) **STATUS: To Senate floor**

NEUTRAL

AB 1974 (Gray): Would require a number of horse racing reforms, including more veterinary support and monitoring. Reform may improve some factors, but stopping the race is the only way to stop the deaths of our treasured horses. **STATUS: To Senate Rules for committee assignment**

SB 1115 (Wilk): Allows licensure of new, humane commercial blood banks, but would not close the existing blood farms for three years after the blood supply from the new system matches that of the existing closed colony system. During the pandemic, how quickly will the new blood supply save these animals? **NOT SOON ENOUGH. A dog's 4-5 years in waiting is like 28-35 human years.** Another bill is needed to actually transition the existing blood banks to humane practices. **STATUS: To Senate Rules for committee assignment**

FAILED

~~**AB 2059** Kamlager (support): Toxicological experiments on dogs~~

~~**AB 2523** Gray (oppose): Youth hunting program for terminally ill, et al~~

NOT MOVING / WATCH

AB 1999 Frazier (oppose): 70mph speed limits

AB 2610 Cooper (oppose): Mustangs for prison therapy

AB 2614 Smith (support): Large animal evacuations

SB 288 Wiener (support): CEQA exemptions for public transit projects

SB 800 Dodd (support): Horse racing fatality and drug use transparency

SB 1372 Stern (support): Wildlife corridors

Nearly 40 other animal protection bills were postponed to next year, and

depend on legislators being re-elected to be introduced.

ACTION: WRITE TO LA CITY COUNCIL

Regarding a live animal market ban, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to call for a feasibility study, due on or around July 9.

Please write to the Council at the link below to support the motion, which would ban the sale of any living animal for consumption. See talking points in the green box below.

1. [read the motion](#)
2. [read our letter](#)
3. read the talking points below
4. [submit your comments to the Council here](#) (anyone may submit, no matter where you live)

You can also view other letters and actions and [track the motion](#). Photos are in the [last update](#).

RESOURCES

Please see [this video](#). It's not graphic.

United Poultry Concern's [live market page](#).

TALKING POINTS

- We are now, more than ever, concerned about health and the transfer of disease through the handling of animals.
- Animals in crowded conditions are likely to transmit disease when stressed.
- Prevention is key. Salmonella, Pasteurella, giardia and many other zoonotic diseases are a daily threat. Avian influenza is a threat.
- Crowding, transporting, caging and neglecting basic needs are inhumane treatment of animals.
- Poultry, ducks, goats, sheep, rabbits, turtles, bullfrogs, snakes, even alligator parts have been found in the live animal markets. The more species we exploit, the greater risk we take with public health.
- ***Although it's illegal***, fully-alive animals may be sold to customers to take home to slaughter or otherwise use and exploit.
- Frogs and turtles that are sold under the table suffer particular abuse because they often do not have water and suffocate, stacked in containers.
- By snatching the frogs, turtles, snakes and other wild animals from their natural habitats, we are upsetting nature's balance and threatening biodiversity.
- The cruelty for softshell turtles is unspeakable. The animals should be first clubbed on the head to render them unconscious, but turtles naturally retreat into their shells. The result is that these turtles have their shells butchered from their bodies while fully alive.
- Bullfrogs carry the dread chytrid fungus, which is responsible for an unprecedented loss of species,

including native California species like our [state amphibian](#), the California red-legged frog.

- 2 million live bullfrogs and 400,000 turtles are trafficked and imported to California annually. There is no disease testing or quarantine of these animals before they are brought to the markets.
- Senator Stern has introduced a bill to require such testing statewide, and to close wild animal markets in California, but the bill addresses other wildlife issues—and wildlife only. The City should employ the safeguard of its own ordinance.
- We are concerned that zoning ordinances which prohibit slaughter may not be enforced for these areas where markets are found.
- Businesses, themselves, should not need to close; but the sale and slaughter-on-demand of live/living animals should be prohibited in this age of emerging zoonotic diseases.
- It would be a ***tragic irony*** if Los Angeles, one of the most progressive cities in the world, were to become the epicenter for a future pandemic. We must do everything in our power to make sure it doesn't happen.



"Pigs have very little to do with how influenza emerges. They didn't organize themselves into cities of thousands of immuno-compromised pigs. They didn't artificially select out the genetic variation that could have helped reduce the transmission rates at which the most virulent influenza strains spread. They weren't organized into livestock ghettos alongside thousands of industrial poultry. They don't ship themselves thousands of miles by truck, train, or air. Pigs do not naturally fly."

—Rob Wallace on why "Swine Flu" is a misnomer, in [**Big Farms Make Big Flu**](#)

Thank You for Your Support

Special thanks to: Bonnie, Kathy, Laura, Lesley, Linda, Lorraine, Michael, Millie, Nehal, Paula, Robin and Susan! Time and money are the animals' two greatest assets. We can put in all the time needed, but to be effective with our own campaign and to support the candidates, we depend on your generosity. Please consider a special donation at this time, while we stretch to do the on-ground work to ban the live markets. A monthly donation of any amount will help greatly as well. We're happy to be doing the work, and grateful for your part in it.

For the animals,

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