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Mr. Mayor and Council,

My name is Kristie Mamelli. I'm a third generation resident of Long Beach. I have been heavily involved in animal welfare for over 30 years in this City, and as you know, I'm a strong advocate for a No Kill shelter in Long Beach. In fact, I've been attending these city council meetings for years now to express my concerns about the shelter. And my question tonight is why haven't we gotten an audit of SpcaLA?

Back in January, you all met to debate the pet limit and there was a big discussion about SpcaLA and the fact that it has not been a good partner to LBACS. Councilmember Pearce asked about a **hostile work environment** between LBACS and SpcaLA, Councilmember Supernaw asked for a **confidential hotline** for people to register complaints about SpcaLA, Councilmember Price expressed **very clear reservations** about entering into another agreement with SpcaLA and Councilmember Austin **wisely asked for an audit of SpcaLA** by the City Auditor. And/ City Attorney Parkin said an audit was possible. I'm surprised, now, to see that a **major element** of this Strategic Plan is to enter into an operating agreement with SpcaLA. LBACS doesn't need an additional agreement with SpcaLA. The City needs to **enforce the lease** and **let LBACS do its job independently**. Where is the transparency around all of this? There is none. I would like to ask – **12 months later, where is that audit of SpcaLA?** Can someone answer that for me?

Second of all, I've reviewed the July 7 draft of the Strategic Plan. And my questions are:

Where is the comprehensive **adoption** program that Mayor Garcia promised **6 years ago**?

Why is **dumping the animals** on **rescues** the major strategy for saving lives in this plan right now?

Why is the Strategic Plan calling for a **huge** increase in licensing when all of that money goes to the general fund and not to LBACS?

Why are we still **not** seeing **full transparency** about **all** of the outcomes for animals posted on the LBACS website, when Councilmember Mungo has **clearly stated** on **many** occasions that she thinks **transparency is important at LBACS**?

Third, the Council memo for tonight's item states that public meetings have been held on this Strategic Plan. Either they **haven't been held** or they **haven't been properly noticed** because I saw **zero public meetings about the Strategic Plan** in October.

I'd like some answers to these questions. Thank you.

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Stayin' Optimistic! "Never look down on a person or animal, unless you are helping them up..."

We only need an additional 1% of the population of the city of Long Beach to adopt, and we'll save 90% of the animals in our shelter. Please tell City Council you want lifesaving policies in place at the Long Beach animal shelter. Our shelter animals are depending on us.