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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Vice Mayor Jackie Kell, Fifth District *JK*
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RG*
Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District *PO*

Subject: AGENDA ITEM: Coyotes and other wild animals

Recent reports suggest an increase in the number of encounters with coyotes and other wild animals in areas of Long Beach, including El Dorado Park and the Los Cerritos neighborhood. These encounters include a number of attacks on pets.

Some residents have expressed concern about what the state and city are doing to protect the community from coyotes, and the apparent growing aggressiveness of the coyotes.

We request a detailed report from the City Manager on what measures are being taken by all appropriate government agencies to address coyotes in Long Beach.

This report should include the known extent of the problem; the roles and responsibilities of state and local government; the measures the City has in place to address the problem; what residents can do to prevent further encroachment of coyotes into the neighborhoods; and what residents should do if they encounter a coyote.

Council offices have also received calls about other wild animals, including possums, raccoons and skunks in some neighborhoods. It would be helpful for the Council and the public to also understand the City's policies and procedures for dealing with these animals.

Suggested Action:

Receive and file the report on City measures to protect the community from coyotes and deal with other wild animals.