

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4947

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB  
1199 (NAZARIAN), THE POLICE-CANINE  
ENCOUNTERS PROTECTION ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice estimate, police officers shoot and kill more than 10,000 pet dogs in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of dog bites are down, but lethal force is sometimes still used by law enforcement officers when there are alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the "Police-Canine Encounters Protection Act", AB 1199, introduced by Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian (D-Van Nuys), requires mandatory in-service canine encounter training to California peace officers on how to both quickly and safely respond to unexpected situations when encountering a dog in order to protect themselves as well as the animal; and

WHEREAS, the Police-Canine Encounters Protection Act training will include: understanding the behavior and body language of dogs; tactical considerations and best practices during encounters involving dogs; safe and appropriate use of non-lethal force in handling dog encounters; and supplementary training two years after the original training; and

WHEREAS, Texas, Colorado, and other jurisdictions have mandated similar training programs and successfully reduced the number of dog shootings while protecting the officers involved; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a long history of supporting measures that promote the protection of animal rights, and the City is often recognized as one of the most animal-friendly cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby supports AB 1199, the Police-Canine Encounters Protection Act.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

  
LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK