

Title: Westchester / Playa Coyote Issue	Item No.
Meeting date: 10/21/25	
Agendized by: John Logsdon	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate): Public Safety	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ___ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional documents attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ___ No	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We want to recommend that the board approve a letter from the Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa to Councilwoman Traci Park asking for her assistance with respect to city support for suggestions as contained in the letter with respect to addressing concerns from the stakeholders regarding proliferation of coyote’s in residential neighborhoods.

**BACKGROUND:**

Many stakeholders have expressed concern with the proliferation of coyotes in our residential areas; some displaced by the fires and some displaced from the bulldozing for Lulu’s Place, etc. Our understanding is that Animal Control is not allowed to relocate /move the coyotes but as many residents have lost their cats and small dogs to coyotes, we need to explore options to address the issue.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Public Safety Committee discussed the issue of coyotes and the concern the community has for these animals as they pose a severe risk to pets in the immediate area.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Letter from NCWP to Councilwoman Traci Park

**MOTION:**

Motion to have the NCWP board approve a letter from the NCWP to Councilwoman Traci Park to explore solutions with respect to the proliferation of coyotes in our residential neighborhoods.

## **LETTER:**

Pursuant to a safety meeting held on October 21, 2025, with respect to the current coyote issue in Westchester/Playa, it is requested that the following correspondence be sent to Councilwoman Traci Park on behalf of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa.

John Logsdon, Chair  
Public Safety Committee  
Cc: Public Safety Committee Members

To: Councilwoman Traci Park,

It is requested, by the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa, that a motion be introduced to the City Council with respect to the current coyote issue affecting the communities of Westchester and Playa.

As a background, the communities of Westchester and Playa have coexisted with a coyote population for many years, based upon the large amount of open area habitat that they could reside. As a result of densification and repurposing of wildlife area, the population of coyotes has been forced out of their natural habitat and into the surrounding neighborhood community. As a reference point and to name a few they include the following properties owned by Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA): consolidated car rental, LAX PD facility and most recently the development of "Lulu's Place". Also entering into this, is the reclamation of the Bologna Wetlands Ecological Reserve. It is apparent that many impact studies were conducted, but none dealing with the displacement of the wildlife, specifically the coyotes.

As a result, the coyotes have been forced out and into the community and now are impacting the safety of the public and their domestic pets, not to mention the safety of the coyotes themselves.

Evidence of these concerns were brought up during a public safety meeting held by the Neighbourhood Council of Westchester/Playa and supported by lots of social media write-ups.

Therefore, it is requested that the City Council create a Motion to have the local authorities, such as, LA City Animal Control, state Department of Fish and Game and state and federal wildlife agencies address the current coyote issue. They should

include an identification and quantification of the existing coyote population and the feasibility of developing either a coexisting plan or relocation plan.

This request comes as a result of much community interaction with respect to fear of life and loss of domestic pet life, not to mention coyote loss and the potential preservation of the coyote population. Of major concern is that it has only localized itself to those populations, but based upon the current interactions of coyotes and humans, it's only a matter of time before a confrontation occurs that causes harm to our neighbors if a plan isn't developed.

Finally, based upon the current approval by the governor of SB 79, it is apparent that more land acquisitions of natural habitat area will be considered to meet the densification identified in this bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate any feedback you have.

Paula Gerez  
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