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Dear Mayor Parker,

Now that you have been reelected to your third term in office, will you join us in working towards a humane and comprehensive solution to Houston's homeless animal crisis? We have been doing as much as we can on our own but need your leadership and the city of Houston's resources to address this huge problem.

You had the right idea in 2007 when you said:

Reducing the need for animal sheltering and control in Houston could save taxpayers much of the \$15 million in taxes and private donations spent each year to operate the five major local shelters," says Houston City Controller Annise Parker. "Preventing homeless dogs and cats by spaying or neutering is not only kinder than destroying them, it's much less expensive in the long run. www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/no-homeless-dogs--cats-in-houston-by-2013-59840527.html

Unfortunately, despite your words, in 2012 the city shelter, BARC, euthanized over 13,000 animals. Furthermore, there are presently up to 1.2 million homeless animals on Houston's streets. We think an important factor contributing to overpopulation is the relative lack of free or low cost spay/neuter resources in the low-income neighborhoods hardest hit by overpopulation.

We urge you to take meaningful action during your third term to bring this crisis under control. Otherwise, the situation will continue to worsen as it has during your first two terms in office. Community education and free and low cost spay and neuter are the only solutions.

Sincerely,

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