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Dear Council Member _____,

Houston's animal overpopulation crisis isn't just a concern for animal lovers. With up to 1.2 million homeless animals on its streets, it is a public health, public safety and public relations problem for the city of Houston and its residents.

(<http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/19603959/2012/09/21/a-chorus-of-help-for-homeless-animals-in-the-houston-area>)

In some neighborhoods, residents cannot leave their homes or travel through the area without seeing homeless, roaming and unwanted dogs, some of which are injured or in bad physical condition. The problem is worsened in those areas by the fact that animals with homes are not spayed or neutered and produce unwanted litters that can end up on the streets.

Animal overpopulation hurts the quality of life for residents and animals. While it is concentrated in certain areas, it is spreading and is a problem for the entire city.

If Houston is to become the modern, progressive and prosperous city it aspires to be, we must develop a better and more humane plan for reducing overpopulation. The city's current strategy, euthanizations and adoptions, is not working.

I urge you to work with other elected officials and civic and business leaders to develop a comprehensive and humane plan to address Houston's animal overpopulation. Community education and free and low cost spay and neuter for pets belonging to low income residents and other animals are the only solutions.

I will be in touch with you in the future to monitor what progress, if any, has been made on this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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