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**To:** [dence - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Pit Bull Recall  
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Could you please forward to all members and I would like to put this into the record. Thank you

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Subject: Pit Bull Recall

I am sending this to all council members

I would like to see a recall for the pit bull ban, but this bill is inadequate. I watch the news this morning and I saw the fear of some people with the pit bull. Yes I know and I believe they know it is the owner not the dog. Not training the dog with good manners, not keeping the dog contained, not knowing their animal or maybe not caring what effect their dogs has on others. This bill deals with the emotions of people concerning this animal. That is how we got the ban and how many dogs got killed. We tell people it is the owner, but we do nothing or little to the owner and kill the animals.

So if the intent of the bill is to care about the pit bull; in this bill there needs to be protection for the animal. This bill is about giving the rights of a human to have a certain animal not the care of an animal, and if the bill does not work will you just kill the pit bulls again.

I say this for where is the exit plan. There needs to be a responsibility for the owner by prevention tools and the exit plan. A large fine, jail time for the owner if an incident occurs. I will address prevention in a minute.

What happens to the dogs if the bill does not work in its review. Are you going to kill hundreds of dogs again and the owners with good dogs do they have to move?

I do have suggestions on this matter  
So first lets discuss prevention and how I got involved

I got involved for the public asked me to. I call councilman Hendron  
I told him on the phone, my concerns, and the main one was prevention. He did not agree.  
I watch the meeting and the concerns I addressed to him were some of the questions from some of the other members. I called him again to discuss the concerns. His belief is that Pit Bulls should be treated like other dogs.  
Well, to late, this ban made it that are not like any other breed. This will be a process to show people that they are wonderful animals.

Concerning prevention, things I told him during the first call that needed to be done. I was told some are addressed now.

The dogs should be altered, spayed, neutered. No need to breed and hormones do make a difference.

Dogs should be on the lease during these few years. If people want to let their dogs run free, there are many other alternatives. The goal is to make this successful. Not test the limits.

Is the dog used for protection or family. This is important for the type of training.

There should be an education period prior to the permit. Which would include, but not limited to handouts, videos, training and evaluation. I can help you with this have done this in the past.  
If an owner is not going to spend this time, they would not spend the time on the animal.  
One simple example of education was something brought up at the first meeting was the spike collar. This does tell you a lot about the owner. This could be guided thru education. What this collar means to the owner and showing the owner how it effects the public. Things people do not think about.

Also if the dog is okayed by the city, it would put the liability on the city and not kill the animal, for the city would give its okay. Once again if we are concerned about the animal

I could help you with a lot of this, but if you choose not to take my help, I would suggest that you get from K9 unit or military police dogs personnel. I saw the experts that was put forth, and I fear their lack of knowledge for the prevention and evaluation part. Questions were not answered and this bill that was presented lack content needed. You will get all these so call experts in the training and behaviorist field that know nothing and can really hurt the situation. This will be true not for the people there, but so many coming forth.

I do believe putting in these preventions will ease the concerns of the public that fear this animal and the irresponsible owners and with an exit plan protects the animals

If this bill does not go thru, there should be an immediate bill to stop killing the dogs, with some alternatives, like transfers. If the intent of this bill is to protect the pit bull they do not have to be in Denver, they just not have to be killed. If you do nothing for the protection of the pit bull, then this was show for the human. All that support this bill should be more concern of the welfare of the animal than the ownership of it.

Please contact me if you have any questions or needs.

A quick note on my credentials

I do have a 100% success rate.

Founder and operator of Creative Acres Animal Sanctuary. I have been working hands on with thousands of animals of many different species from dogs, cats, horses, ferrets, emus etc. All that have to be trained to live peacefully together

I have help thousands of people. I have been doing this for over three decades.

I train behavior for people and animals. I have guided giving seminars and trained in situations such as abuse, aggression, disable and medical. I have taught housing.

I have been around pit bulls for 40 plus years. I have testified as an expert and have been involved in cases like the Aurora dog bite case that allowed the pit bull to live and required the owner to do things like training with me. Secure his housing. Dog had to where a muzzle when out. This probation time went on for a year with 6 month report. These were all my suggestions and they worked. I have been involved or testified in many locations like Fort Lupton, Brighton and other places. All the things I worked out with either the DA or Judges. Coming to a reasonable conclusion that the dog did not have to die. I did this by making the victim feel comfortable, the owner responsible and the dog trained.

I wanted to get to you quickly, if you need any more information contact me

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support the proposal to replace the "pit bull ban"  
**Date:** Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:46:27 PM

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Dear Honorable Denver City Council Members,

I am writing today to urge you to support the proposal that will replace the prohibition on “pit bull type” dogs with special licensing, spay/neuter, and registration requirements.

I am a Denver resident, attorney, and policy director at a nonprofit organization. I understand the political realities you face anytime you vote on an ordinance, especially one that invokes as much emotion, passion, and controversy as this one. With that said, I am writing to urge you to think about the current “pit bull ban” in the simplest way: right versus wrong, just versus unjust, fair versus unfair.

Imagine what it would be like to be an animal control officer—many of whom are in that position because they love animals—and have to take dogs away from families simply because of the way the dog looks. Imagine the heartbreak they are forced to cause and endure because of the current law.

Imagine being a parent and having to explain to your children that your dog was taken away simply because of the way your dog looks. Every parent I know teaches their children not to judge others based on the way they look.

Imagine having your dog taken away, even though your dog did nothing wrong and you did nothing wrong. Polls show that over 90% of Americans consider their pets family members, and I am sure that percentage is every greater in this pet-loving city.

Imagine how terrified the dogs are that are ripped from their families.

I have seen several polls on this proposal but none of them get to the heart of this issue. If there was a poll that asked if it is right, just or fair to remove a dog from a family simply because of the way the dog looks I can guarantee you the results would give you all the political cover you could possibly need to replace the “pit bill ban” with the proposal that is on the table.

To those who worry that legally allowing “pit bulls” in Denver will lead to a big increase in such dogs or will endanger Denver residents, please understand that the scars that the current law has left on owners of “pit bulls” or mutts that might have some “pit” in them or even those who just love animals run deep. Anyone with a dog that could possibly be seen as having some “pit” in them will know that there is still a target on their back and their dog’s back. This would be true even if the proposal you are considering simply repealed the ban. It is even more true because if the proposal became law Denver would still have Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) that targets “pit bulls,” i.e. a policy that still implies “pit bulls” are different than other dogs and need to be watched more closely. Owners of “pit bulls” and “pit mixes” will still be reminded everyday that their dogs have to be better behaved, trained, and socialized than others. I imagine there will be very few, if any, “pit bull” owners who will break the leash laws in Denver parks that most other dog owners have no concerns about breaking. They will know they still have a target on them and need to be very careful.

Let me be clear. While the new proposal is still BSL and still singles out “pit bulls” and owners in a manner that I believe to be unfair and unjustified, it is so much better than what it would replace that I am writing to you today and begging you to support it.

My heart breaks for the families, animal control officers, and dogs that the “pit bull ban” has impacted over the last 30 years. The law is cruel to all involved. It is wrong. It is unjust. It is unfair. Denver is so much better than that.

To Councilman Herndon and those who support this proposal already, please accept my sincerest thank you. To those who are undecided or plan to oppose the proposal, thank you for reading this far and trying to see this issue in its simplest form.

Sincerely,

Amy Jesse

District 1

**From:** [Elena Derrell](#)  
**To:** [dencc - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please end pitbull ban  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:03:20 PM

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Dear Members of the Denver City Council,

I implore you to please end the breed-specific law regarding dogs and Denver. I used to live in the Denver metro area. And though I currently live in the Kansas City metro area, this issue is very important to me. I recently moved here from San Diego County. We had to leave our beloved pitbull/mixed breed dog, Wubba, with my parents due to breed-specific laws in our current town. This just broke my heart. Thankfully, they could care for him. Our other dog, that did move with us, is a worse behaved big black lab/mixed dog. He is allowed here, though he's worse to take on walks around other dogs--especially the loose dogs.

In fact, my parents could keep one dog. They prefer, and requested, to keep the pitbull mix because Wubba is calm, easygoing, easy to care for, and good with their cat without the bad behaviors of jumping the fence, chasing cats, and chewing up things that the other dog (that's allowed here) displays.

This is just one example from one family of why banning dogs based on their appearance makes no sense. I know that many beloved family pets end up in shelters because they're not allowed in certain towns or people cannot rent or get insurance if they have a pitbull breed.

My husband is African American. I'm sure you could find statistics that he's more likely to carjack you than I am because of his race. But you have to judge the individual person just like you have to judge the individual dog. Appearance does not determine behavior.

We hope to go visit Denver again soon and see our many family members there.

Thank you for thinking this through, logically.

Elena Derrell, Kearney MO

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Good morning members of the Denver City Council,  
My name is Micaela Myers. I write and edit UWyo Magazine and the University of Wyoming. I have been a professional writer and editor for 18 years. I have also been the owner of pit bull type dogs for nearly that long. While I do not live in Denver, it's our closest big city. We often fly in and out of there, and we would vacation and shop there a lot more if you didn't have the pit bull ordinance. I try to boycott Denver because of the ban.

I have used my journalistic skills to write about pit bulls for nonprofits for many years. Please take a look at my article "12 Reasons to Oppose Breed-Discriminatory Legislation": <https://dogtime.com/dog-health/general/9135-bsl-and-bdl-12-reasons-to-oppose-breed-discriminatory-legislation>

It sums up the many reasons to remove these antiquated ordinances.

I know I am not one of your constituents, but I am writing to let you know that your ban has impacts that reach beyond the city limits. Many of my dog-loving friends also boycott Denver because of the ban.

I hope that you will take the lead of cities and countries around the world in moving beyond legislation that is costly, ineffective and discriminatory.

Sincerely,  
Micaela Myers  
Laramie, Wyoming