From: Amy Martz
To: dencc - City Council
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Dear Council Members,

As I heard the news about Mayor Hancock's veto of the changed ordinances regarding pit breeds, my stomach sank. The City and County of Denver has already killed thousands of innocent dogs because of the actions of a few number of irresponsible or evil owners. Those same bad owners could train a Doberman, German Shepard or countless other breeds to attack unprovoked or be dangerously aggressive, yet these breeds are not banned. As you can discover in numerous bonafide animal behavior studies, pit terrier breeds are no more likely than any other breed to attack.

Please use your common sense & don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Place the responsibility for dangerous dogs where it lies - not with the animal but with the owner. Severe penalties for abusive training and incitement of aggression in a dog hold the owner responsible and allows the thousands of pit terrier breed dogs who are innocent to avoid being killed for no other reason than being born a specific breed. Would you allow Mayor Hancock to veto an ordinance upholding civil rights for all races? The parallel here holds true. Please confirm your initial wise decision by voting to overrule the mayor's veto of the change in breed specific laws to allow innocent dogs to live, no matter what breed they are.

Respectfully,

Amy Martz