

**AL MELONE**  
Retired CPA

**AGE: 74**

My candidacy is dedicated to the pets of Costa Mesa, a constituency absent any meaningful representation.

Urban coyotes continue to flourish at the expense of cats and small dogs. They have grown bigger, bolder and less compliant to hazing. Reports of increasing attacks on humans (including young children) is a growing problem.

Our city is essentially a sanctuary for coyotes. Unless a human being is harmed or endangered, coyotes have free run of the city, including backyards. Attack, kill, mutilate and devour. Basically, the value of a single coyote exceeds the value of your family pet.

A coyote population control program needs to be implemented. One possibility is a pilot program of "capture, spay and release." We neuter our pets, don't we? Over time this can compensate for the absence of a natural enemy, such as wolves a hundred years ago.

Imagine how our pets must feel regarding our city's fireworks policy. Imagine in a futuristic society of implausible diversity, how they would vote. And consider veterans suffering from PTSD, don't they count?

Progress will only occur when we elect politicians who care. I care, and ask for your vote.

God bless our pets! They deserve our love and protection.

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