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I am a long time resident and registered voter in San Francisco. I am also a Volunteer with Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue. We have over 400 orphaned or abandoned companion birds in our foster care program.

I strongly support the proposed ban on retail sales of all companion animals in San Francisco.

Many, many pet stores either breed animals for sale on site or contract with commercial breeders to provide young animals for sale in stores.

People purchase companion birds and other animals on impulse, only to realize later how much time and socialization these animals need, often at considerable expense of money. If they are unable or unwilling to meet these needs, they turn the pets over to shelters or release them to fend for themselves (which is illegal!).

Mickaboo constantly struggles to find suitable foster and permit homes for unwanted pet birds. Every pet shelter is challenged in the same way as we are.

Please support the proposed ban on all retail sales of live animals for the pet trade.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

Linda [REDACTED]

San Francisco resident and voter