



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
City Manager, City Clerk

FROM: Council Member Kozachik

SUBJECT: Greyhounds and Anabolic Steroids

I request the following item be agendized at the *September 11thth Study Session*:

In 2008, the City of South Tucson residents overwhelmingly passed Proposition 401. That Proposition was aimed at improving the quality of care being given to the racing greyhounds out at Tucson Greyhound Park. It covered items such as the type of food that can be fed to the animals, size of cages, amount of exercise they're given on a daily basis, and the application of anabolic steroids for the purpose of performance enhancement or to suppress estrus.

Ninety Eight local veterinarians signed onto the Proposition. Unfortunately, the Proposition is only valid within the boundaries of the City of South Tucson, and so it is legal within the City of Tucson for veterinarians to drive across the City limits, administer anabolic steroids to the racing greyhounds and then drive them back into South Tucson. In fact, there is good evidence that that is occurring.

For the study session of September 11th, I have invited two speakers to address this subject. They are both well versed in the physical impacts the long term administration of anabolic steroids have on animals. I am requesting a 30 minute discussion of this topic, and I will be offering a motion that the City of Tucson adopt a prohibition against the administration of anabolic steroids within our City limits for the purpose of performance enhancement or to suppress estrus in racing greyhounds.

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