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The comments below are for the Yolo County Board of Supervisor's March 7, 2023 meeting regarding item #25 Animal Services Transition. Please be sure our comments are read at this meeting and entered into its minutes.

We are copying Supervisor Jim Provenza as he is our representative on the board.

Thank you,

Evelyn and Peter Dale

Comments to be read at the Yolo County Board of Supervisor's March 7, 2023 meeting:

Please approve item #25 Animal Services Transition. It is an important step in the right direction.

As noted in the brief, maintenance is needed. This is not surprising since the facilities were built in the 1970s so they are old and worn out as well as outdated.

According to the Animal Services Comparative Survey conducted by CAO staff, "Yolo County maintains both below-average and at-median per capita expenditures and comparable service offerings despite operating with fewer FTEs than peer jurisdictions." Based on this assessment, it seems reasonable to use the Animal Services Reserve Account to cover costs associated with identified deferred maintenance needs. This overdue maintenance would also bring YCAS closer to the substantially better animal services that were identified in the survey.

Negotiating a new veterinary services contract with UC Davis is essential. Yolo County needs to get what it pays for with a new contract that provides YCAS with reliable, regular veterinary services.

As also noted in the Animal Services Transition brief, improving YCAS has been discussed a great deal for many years. It is time to move things forward for the betterment of the people and animals in Yolo County. We, therefore, urge our Yolo County Board of Supervisors to move things forward and agree to support the Animal Services Transition.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn and Peter Dale

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