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Hello -

My name is Cindy Schneider and I am writing to make a whole-hearted plea to move forward in building a new, or at a minimum renovating the old, animal services building. It is long overdue.

As a very long-time Yolo County resident, an animal advocate and dog owner of rescued dogs from the Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS), and concerned citizen involved in the effort to get a new shelter for over 20+ years, I have observed no movement towards this effort despite the many citizens throughout the county having made their desire for this known. Enough signing petitions and voicing our concerns repeatedly to city mayors and county Board of Supervisors.

It is evident that our current shelter facilities are struggling to cope with the growing demand for animal care and welfare. The space constraints, poor conditions, and inadequate resources have a profound impact on the well-being of the animals making it difficult to provide them with the attention, care, and comfort they deserve. By investing in a modern, well-equipped shelter, we can create a safe haven for our animals, offering them a better chance of finding loving homes. Additionally, a new or improved facility will boost community engagement and volunteering efforts, as more people will be drawn to support a shelter that puts animal well-being at the forefront of its mission.

The benefits of these proposed initiatives extend beyond saving animal lives. By curbing the number of stray and abandoned animals, we can reduce the burden on taxpayer funds spent on shelter management, medical care, and euthanasia procedures. A thriving animal shelter can enhance the reputation of Yolo County as a compassionate and responsible community that prioritized the well-being of its residents both humans and animal alike.

As members of this community, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the voiceless and vulnerable animals have a chance at a better life!

Thank you.

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