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Hello,

My name is Julielani Chang. I am a Davis resident, an animal advocate, a pet dog certified trainer and UTP board member.

I am writing this heartfelt plea as a concerned member of our community, deeply troubled by the overcrowding of the Yolo County Shelter. The welfare of our beloved animals is at stake, and I implore you to take action to address this critical issue. It is vital that we establish spay and neuter services and renovate or build a new shelter to cater to the needs of displaced animals and serve our communities more effectively.

The over capacity is a grave concern that cannot be overlooked. Every day, innocent lives are lost due to overcrowding and lack of resources. By offering spay and neuter services, we can tackle the root cause of this problem. These services will play a pivotal role in controlling the local animal population, preventing unwanted litters, and ultimately reducing the number of animals entering the shelter.

It is evident that our current shelter facilities are struggling to cope with the growing demand for animal care and welfare. The space constraints and 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. A renovated or new shelter is urgently needed to accommodate the increasing number of displaced animals and ensure that each one receives the care and attention they need during their stay.

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. Furthermore, 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.

I implore you to allocate the necessary resources to establish spay and neuter services and renovate or construct a new shelter as a long-term goal. 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 for your attention to this pressing matter.

Julielani Chang



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