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I am writing this letter as a concerned member of our community deeply troubled by the overcrowding of the Yolo County Animal Shelter. I know you have the ability to address this critical issue.

Please take action to:

1. Establish a spay and neuter service
2. Remodel, build or relocate the shelter

It is evident that our current shelter facilities are struggling to cope. The staff, volunteers and animals deserve better.

I IMPLORÉ you to be the **Board of Supervisors** that takes the initiative to move forward with tackling this issue with ACTION.

As a members of the community it is our collective responsibility to ensure the staff, volunteers and animals have our support.

A volunteer group has started a spay and neuter service for our county. Please reach out to them to collaborate, provide funding to and support their needs. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. What they do works.

As for a building, there are over 100 Commercial Real Estate Listings in Woodland according to a quick internet search. Why can't one of these existing empty buildings be leased, purchased and remodeled? Again, no need to reinvent the wheel if a building already exists and can be remodeled to suit the needs of the Shelter.

If a building is not zoned correctly, then let's get it rezoned. Let's stop putting up roadblocks and be creative thinkers to address this critical issue.

What are you waiting for? There is no need to kick this can down the road.

I appreciate your consideration and am willing to do my part. I have attended several Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency JPA meetings. I have also volunteered at an animal shelter in Sacramento because their volunteer program was well established with good training. I would prefer to volunteer at my local shelter, Yolo County Animal Shelter but I really don't enjoy being in the facility in its present condition.

Additionally, I have adopted 2 delightful older dogs from the Yolo County Animal Shelter that lived many wonderful years in our home.

Thank you for your hard work on this issue.

Yvonne Sumner

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