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Subject: Letter to the JTP for the YCAS

Dear JTP Members,

I am writing to you in support of a new animal services building. It is badly needed and has been for over 20+ years! Nothing has been done in rectifying the situation beyond talk. It's an abomination for a county that cares for animals.

I am a long-time Yolo County resident, an animal advocate, a dog owner of rescued dogs from the Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS), and concerned citizen involved in the effort to get a new shelter. Sadly, I have observed no movement towards this effort despite the many citizens throughout the county having made their desire for this known over the past several years. 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 ventilation, 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 and need. 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.

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. Currently we have a very poor animal services which is known about my many. I must acknowledge, though, that I am overjoyed to hear West Sacramento is now on board with this need along with the cities in the county.

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. Let's make a move on building an animal shelter in Yolo County!!

Sincerely,
Cindy Schneider

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