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Subject: 2/27/24, Agenda item 32

Yolo county board members,

I am writing as a concerned Yolo county resident urging you all to support item 32 on the board agenda on 2/27/24 meeting. This item regards increasing the spay/neutering capabilities in Yolo county. Investing in this action now will decrease the number of stray and feral animals in the county and will save money in the long term. Investing in preventative measures now will save money and the impact on the Yolo county animal shelter for years to come. This proposal uses no monies from the general fund.

Currently the burden of animal spay/neutering has been shifted to private citizens who have no where to take the animals to be spay or neutered. The current system requires Yolo county residents to take animals to the Sac SPCA between -

1-4 am and is a financial burden to private citizens trying to mitigate large cat and dog populations. There are people camping out overnight in line at the Sac SPCA to try to secure a spay/neuter spot for non Sacramento county residents. We should not be asking Yolo county residents to take these animals out of county to address the spay and neuter crisis.

The county shelter needs a large scale effort in place to support the citizens who are the boots on the ground, doing this hard work of trapping and trying to contain animal cat and dog feral and strays.

Thank you,

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