

For general public comment

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 3:06 PM

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**Subject:** Please fund Immigrant Legal Services

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that you address the urgent and expanding needs of our immigrant community members. Specifically, I ask the Board to honor requests from both the community at large and the Measure X Advisory Board to provide additional money to fund critical supports and services through Stand Together Contra Costa (STCC). STCC is vastly underfunded and urgently needs additional money to fund more attorneys to provide representation in deportation hearings and help with community engagement.

Public Defender Offices in counties with high immigrant populations, including ours, have immigration attorneys on-staff (See Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside, San Bernadino, Santa Clara, Fresno, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, Sonoma, Ventura, Yolo, and Santa Cruz). Deportation filings are at historic highs and Concord is due to open a Deportation Processing Center by 2023 with approximately 20 new courtrooms. Stand Together Contra Costa is the only program providing pro bono

deportation defense legal services in Contra Costa County and yet it only has three immigration attorneys providing free deportation defense. STCC cannot even meet the demand currently let alone address the rapidly increasing needs of our immigrant county residents.

As someone whose family members fled religious and social persecution in Europe and immigrated to the US, it breaks my heart to think of the 110 families currently on the waitlist for representation that will face deportation without any representation.

We are a country of immigrants and I ask that you think of your own family who immigrated here and put yourself in the shoes of those families, many of whom don't speak English, facing confusing and complex deportation hearings all alone.

Please fund additional positions at Stand Together Contra Costa to ensure that immigrants are given access to legal services and other critical community engagement services.

Sincerely,

Diana Honig  
Co-Chair, Multifaith ACTION Coalition Health Care Task Force

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**From:** Clerk of the Board  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** John Gioia; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor\_Burgis; SupervisorMitchoff; District5  
**Cc:** Monica Nino; Jason Chan; Beth Ward  
**Subject:** FW: Written public comment for item number. Animal Service to submit contracts to Cal animals and Petco love.  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20220816-075211.png

The email below was received in the Clerk of the Board's office.

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**From:** Lisa Kirk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:05 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us>  
**Subject:** Written public comment for item number. Animal Service to submit contracts to Cal animals and Petco love.

Good morning Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Just to give you some background on the Cal animal grants.  
A private Foundation Korets Shelter Medicine affiliated with UC Davis received appropriations through AB 132 for approximately 50 million. The appropriations will go through the legislative budget financial review in March of 2023. The period reviewed, would be from 2018-19 to 2023.

I have included the newsletter in this public comment. 19 municipal shelters have already gotten a award letters. I was under the impression per Animals Services comments that they had indeed already received a grant. The award letter is not included in the staff report.  
This is also the organization that recommended that municipal shelters stop their intake of domestic animals. Kate Hurley the director of the program made these recommendation on a zoom meeting with non profit rescue groups and CCAS in October of 2021. Following these recommendations ccas close to the intake of healthy cats and kittens closed the return to field program and reduced spay and neuters for Community Cats. Programs for spay and neuters for own pets seems to come and go at CCAS.  
In this newsletter it says that spay and neuters will be a priority.  
The most urgent need in this County at present is the resource of SN for all domestic animals.  
Spay,neuters,vaccines adoption and medical treatment of healthy cats and kittens has now been placed on to animal non-profit rescues. We are lacking both the resources and the funding  
I would urge this board to direct Animal Service, to include spay and neuters in these granting opportunity. Before submissions of these grants that the be submitted to the Board of supervisors for review and comments from non-profit stakeholders.

The Petco Love granting period ends August 30th. I have included a screenshot of title of this Grant. The granting period for additional funding for spay and neuters has already passed and awards were done in June. Could you please verify with animal services if they applied for the spay and neuter grant? Or are they're applying for Petco love grant for the period ended August 30th . Only large breed dogs enrichment? And did they apply for the sn grant under Petco Love? If not why?

I will also like to remind you of the proposal from animal services for Measure X. It stated there were 176 ,000 dogs and 450, 000 cats in this County, needing spay, neuters and vaccine programs. It also stated that animal services had recommended four mobile clinics .The staff report for these grants has an absence of language regarding spay and neuters. Since this resolution is to approve submitting grants, I'm also sending this public comment as a public information request Act requesting a copies of both the Cal Animal and Petco love Grant submitted applications. This would give the Board of supervisors and the public a better understanding of what is going to be funded.

If these grant referenced in the staff report have already been submitted, then there should be no delay in this request.

If these Grant applications are not yet submitted I'm asking if the Board of supervisors to bring them back for a review of the public.

Also I hope there is support for providing additional spay and neuters for all domestic animals in this County through Animal Services for the upcoming round of funding for Measure X

Thank you Lisa Kirk [REDACTED]

<https://www.californiaforallanimals.com/2022/08/allthenews-the-cal-for-all-animals-newsletter-v1i2/>



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# #allthenews: The Cal for All Animals Newsletter v.1 i.2

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Over **\$7,500,000** awarded so far!

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We are so excited to announce the completion of the Open Grant application review: We have awarded *over 6 million dollars in shelter grants*, bringing the total dollars awarded through California for All Animals to over \$7,500,000 since its launch on Valentine's Day 2022!

Details are still being finalized and will be released as soon as they are available, but we want to keep you informed every step of the way.

Proposals were assessed using a formula that weighted impact, community vulnerability, and need. The social vulnerability index<sup>[1]</sup> helped identify shelters in areas of high vulnerability, while shelter data such as annual intake, euthanasia rates, helped measure potential impact. Shelters and animal control agencies located within the highest vulnerability index regions were prioritized as well as programs that provide free or low-cost services to keep pets in homes.

### **Funding has been prioritized**



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- Spay/Neuter surgeries for shelters
- Access to veterinary care in communities
- Shelters in areas of high vulnerability
- Increasing outcomes such as foster, adopt and return to home that remove barriers and promote inclusivity and equity
  
- Humane housing for animals in shelters such as double-compartments for dog kennels
- Reducing euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals
- Resources to keep pets in homes, allowing animal control agencies to offer services as an alternative to impoundment

Expanding access to spay and neuter services was paramount this funding cycle and will remain a priority for the life of this program. As many of you know and are experiencing firsthand, length of stay in the shelter is climbing, while medical capacity and adoptions are declining, two factors that are contributing to shelter bottlenecks and reducing positive outcomes for animals entering shelter systems. Initiatives that support shelter-community integration and prevent unnecessary shelter intake, such as community/volunteer engagement and family-led rehoming, were selected outside the shelter, while initiatives that support animal well-being, such as double compartment housing or behavior, training and enrichment programs, were favored inside the shelter to reduce the length of stay for animals experiencing an emergency and for whom the shelter is the right place to receive care.

Last but certainly not least, initiatives that reduce the number of barriers between pets and people were prioritized. Examples include expanding access to affordable pet care; removing restrictive, fear-based adoption policies that are not supported by science and not in line with equity and inclusion; waiving reclaim fees; streamlining foster/volunteer onboarding (including making orientations and training available online); and introducing field service initiatives that focus on strengthening the human-animal bond and the relationship between community and animal services, or provide problem-solving resources to help community members keep their pets or support those willing to foster short-term.

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[1] Natural disasters and infectious disease are a significant threat to a community's health. Some populations are especially at risk during public health emergencies because of factors like socioeconomic status, household composition, minority status, or housing type and transportation. To help public health officials and emergency response planners meet the needs of socially vulnerable populations in emergency response and recovery efforts, the Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (GRASP) created and maintains the CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index (CDC/ATSDR SVI).

**The Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)** uses U.S. Census data to determine the relative social vulnerability of every census tract. The SVI ranks each tract on 14 social factors and groups them into four related themes. Each tract receives a separate ranking for each of the four themes, as well as an overall ranking.

### **Read more on the CDC's SVI website**

**([https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/at-a-glance\\_svi.html](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/at-a-glance_svi.html))**.

## **Copy, Paste: Off the Shelf Website Copy for Your Animal Shelter**

Do you know what's on the homepage of your website? Could you easily navigate to a page that tells community members what to do (and what *not* to do) if they come across a dog, healthy free-roaming cat, kitten, or sick or injured animal? Or what to do if they've lost their pet? Could your parent, grandparent, or neighbor find that information easily? It's a great time for a website check-up: Is yours working as well as it could for you *and* your community?

Not everyone will visit your website before calling or coming to the shelter, but many will. And if you're a municipal shelter, chances are your pages are among the most viewed on your county website! Your shelter website can do more than convey essential information. It's an extension of your building that reaches beyond your doors and into the community, and it's an

opportunity to tell your story and have a hundred meaningful conversations all at once—with finders, fosters, volunteers, and donors.

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To make it easier for you to refresh your website and align your messaging with tried and true practices, we've created a sample shelter site filled with copy and templates you can reuse and adapt! This sample site highlights the best ideas and resources from your partner organizations and peers and was designed to help you accomplish four important goals:

**Share lifesaving information with your community.**

You know which actions and interventions will allow you to serve the largest number of pets and people in the Right Place, at the Right Time, providing the Right Care, to the Right Outcome; make sure you share these practices with your community! We've included step-by-step suggestions for finders of cats, dogs, and kittens, and tips for people who have lost their pets. The sample site also demonstrates how to make it easy for visitors to discover support and resources available to them within the shelter and community, from videos for kitten-finders to guidance on pet rehoming, and it spotlights the convenience of making appointments for non-emergency services—recognizing that appointments can improve the quality of service as well as animal health and well-being in the shelter. Don't forget to consider translating key materials into the languages spoken in your

community.

**Equip staff with resources to h  
with community members.**



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Decision trees and SOPs are must decision fatigue and helping public-facing staff communicate effectively whether on the phone, via e-mail, or in-person. When website messaging coincides with these proven policies and practices, staff can supplement conversations by easily directing community members to helpful pages that share more information on available free or low-cost clinics or other support services, offer research-based overviews of hot topics, answer frequently asked questions, and more.

Your website is an opportunity to proactively and transparently tell a new story that more accurately reflects community-centered shelter programming and goals at every level, one that emphasizes what we know to be true: The well-being of animals and the people who care for them is interconnected.

**Tell your story.**

As Kristen Hassen has written, **[the dog pound is dead](https://www.humananimalsupportservices.org/blog/dog-pound-is-dead/)** (**<https://www.humananimalsupportservices.org/blog/dog-pound-is-dead/>**), yet many people don't understand the full scope of shelters' work today. Your website is an opportunity to proactively and transparently tell a new story that more accurately reflects community-centered shelter programming and goals at every level, one that emphasizes what we know to be true: The well-being of animals and the people who care for them is interconnected. Building communities in which people and pets are supported is an essentially collaborative endeavor. Throughout the sample site, we've included language and photos that reflect this. As you think about how to convey your organization's particular story, ask, Who are you, and what work do you aim to do? What matters to you and to your community, and what common values and beliefs shape your work and the way you show up in your community?

**Invite and empower your community to collaborate with**