

Lisa Driscoll

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Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: LETTER TO MEASURE X ADVISORY BOARD: JANUARY 31, 2022 MEETING

Dear Lisa:

Will you please forward the following letter to the Measure X Advisory Board for the January 31, 2022 meeting:

Dear Advisory Board Members,

RE: AGENDA ITEM #3, 12 MILLION UNALLOCATED FUNDS

I am very concerned about the welfare of our community cats, also known as feral or homeless. Since 2019 there has been a cut or reduction in vital services by Contra Costa Animal Services including Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) and Return To Field (RTF). The current TNR waitlist is 60 days, with a 2 cat maximum per person. The closure of the Pinole Shelter has increased the lack of resources in West County.

The Contra Costa Animal Shelter in Martinez has restrictions and accepts cats that are sick, injured, unweaned or under 2 pound kittens. The healthy homeless cats and kittens that aren't in this category often have nowhere to go.

I have been a cat and dog rescue volunteer for over 20 years and have experienced the diminishing resources in West County. The number of cats and kittens dumped increases year after year and the cat population continues to explode.

Non-profit rescue groups and volunteers have been over-burdened trying to help our community cats. We desperately need your help.

I am asking the Advisory Board to help the community cat crisis in Contra Costa County with a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Please allocate a portion of the Measure X, 12 million in unallocated funds to Contra Costa Animal Services. Specifically to reinstate cut or decreased programs that benefit community cats, whose rights have been forgotten.

I would like to know why the proposal from Beth Ward, Director of Contra Costa Animal Services Department, was rejected when Measure X funding is still available. I request that the proposal is accepted and considered for funding.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration. Thank you very much.

Laureen Lober
Animal rights advocate and rescue volunteer