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**Subject:** Public comment regarding spay and neuter Food and AG AB 240

Good morning board of supervisors.

The state of California is now recognizing the horrific animal population that is occurring due to the lack of high volume spay and neuter clinics and resources.

I have included a copy of The Measure X proposal, that clearly states how the County can accomplish providing increased spay and neuters.

Please note: There is currently not a non-profit in this County providing no cost low cost high volume spay and neuter clinics. Although Fix our Animals in Richmond exist, they do not have the capacity to serve the whole County. East county is left out of the equation.

Tony Larussa's Animal Rescue Foundation could have provided a low cost high volume Spay and Neuter clinic but that has not been their past model and their future seems uncertain.

If AB240 funding becomes available there is no high volume Spay and Neuter clinic in this County that can utilize it.

Simply passing a resolution supporting does not secure the resource.

As noted in the Measure X proposal the CCAS Municipal shelter would have to provide the service.

The continual expectation of Contra Costa Animal services that small nonprofits can continue to subsidize the shelter is not a realistic expectation. This is the main reason that the million dollar UC Davis Grant from the state general fund was denied to Contra Costa County.

I'm unsure if you realize that between the Measure X proposal and the million dollar Grant, Animal services and your communities and constituents have lost out on almost 2 million dollars for spay and neuter resources.

Animal advocates and 5013c's animal rescues have done extraordinary amount of education, to not only to this board of supervisors but to the 18 contracted cities.

Our county is now turning away animals from the shelter and creating huge animal populations out in the community and increasing the euthanasia rates.

I would suggest to have Beth Ward arrange presentation on how to achieve a county funding Spay and Neuter clinic, based on all the state money available this county.

This cannot just be done with giving funding to a few contracted 5013 C's.(as done for the animal benefit contract)

Spay and neuter clinics resources need to be accessible to all rescues and the public. The reason this process is in effect, is because of lack of adequate spay and neuters.

Private for profit veterinarian services are now owned by Corporations, there is no help here.

And this county has no nonprofit low cost high volume Spay and Neuter clinic.

We need to get beyond this.

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