

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisors Tavaglione & Buster      **SUBMITTAL DATE:** January 13, 2004

**SUBJECT:** COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES  
AUDIT

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**                      That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1)      Establish a select committee to review the forthcoming Department of Animal Services Audit;
- 2)      Appoint two Board members to serve on the committee;
- 3)      Appoint four Riverside County residents to the committee to represent the community at large.

**BACKGROUND:**      On December 16, 2003, the Board of Supervisors directed the Executive Office to solicit proposals for an independent, expert audit of the Department of Animal Services. A request for proposals has been distributed to national and local organizations with expertise in assessing animal control operations. January 23, 2004, has been set as the deadline for proposals to be submitted to the Executive Office.

The City of Riverside, which contracts with the county for animal control services, has agreed to participate in a review of the audit. The Riverside City Council already has appointed two council members to participate in that review.

To fully involve the community, we suggest that the Board of Supervisors establish a select committee consisting of two members of the Board of Supervisors and the two Council members from the City of Riverside. Further, seven members of the community should be appointed to assist in the review – four appointed by the Board and three by the City Council.

The committee should review the audit once it has been completed and recommend steps that should be taken to improve Animal Services operations at the shelter in Riverside and elsewhere in the county.

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