

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



FROM: Supervisor Venable

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 23, 2004


SUBJECT: Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to the Ramona Animal Shelter, the Animal Friends of the Valley, and the Riverside County Animal Control to conduct spay and neuter clinics.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the transfer of \$15,000 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558 to the Department of Animal Services spay and neuter fund to conduct spay and neuter clinics;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process total payment of \$15,000 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to Department of Animal Services Fund No. 11109-781220-4200600300-HS600006 spay and neuter fund to conduct spay and neuter clinics;
- 3) Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase the Riverside County Animal Control spay and neuter budget Fund No. 11109-781220-4200600300-HS600006 by \$15,000; and,
- 4) Direct the Department of Animal Services to enter into contracts providing Ramona Animal Haven and Animal Friends of the Valley \$5,000 each to provide spay and neuter services in the areas they serve.

BACKGROUND: There are many more homeless companion animals than there are homes for them in Riverside County. Without a caring human, these animals are subject to a life of suffering and painful death. In spite of the valiant efforts by humane groups such as Ramona Animal Shelter and the Animal Friends of the Valley, as well as the Riverside County Animal Services Department, to find these animals homes, thousands of healthy dogs and cats find their way into a shelter are euthanized in our County every year. Recent statistics indicate euthanasia was performed on over 2,000 adoptable dogs and over 1,400 adoptable cats in the Riverside County/City Shelter alone between June 2003 and May 2004. One of the main ways to curb this tragic situation is to reduce the number of homeless animals. This can only be done through altering a vast majority of companion animals.

It would cost approximately \$160,000 to fully subsidize the cost of altering all the animals adopted annually from just the Riverside shelter using that site's spay and neuter clinic. In an attempt to assist our own County shelter, and the two private sector shelters that serve my district, with the task of providing affordable spay and neuter clinics, I wish to use Third District Developer Agreement dollars to underwrite some of the costs associated with these clinics. It is intended that this money be used to alter companion animals and therefore reduce the euthanasia rate in these shelters. The department and these shelters are encouraged to use these limited funds to leverage other revenue sources and serve areas with the greatest need. I urge the Board to support my request.


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