

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



ITEM: 3.1  
(ID # 24406)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

FROM : ANIMAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: ANIMAL SERVICES: Approve Resolution No. 2024-070, Authorization to only admit cats in need into the shelters and not impound healthy adult cats; All districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2024-070, Authorization to only admit cats in need into the shelters and not impound healthy adult cats; and
2. Authorize the Director of Animal Services, or designee, to implement the resolution.

ACTION: Policy

  
Erin Gettis, Director of Animal Services

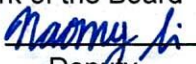
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: March 12, 2024  
xc: Animal Service

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	23/24

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In 2023, more than 10,000 stray cats entered Riverside County animal shelters, more than 60% of cats who are lost return home on their own and a considerable number of cats impounded in Riverside County shelters have not experienced a live outcome. This resolution aims to increase lifesaving by admitting only cats in need into shelters and not impound healthy adult cats. Implementation of these cat life-saving resolutions is already underway and began in January 2024 when the challenge was initiated at a community meeting attended with cat partners.

The departments' goals are to: decrease shelter overcrowding to improve shelter conditions, decrease cat population, increase foster and adoption and implementing trap-neuter-return in the community. The Department promotes trap-neuter-return as a strategy for addressing the issue of feral cat populations. This approach has shown to be successful in managing the number of cats in the community. Cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped for identification and returned into their natural environment. Department of Animal Services will not trap neighborhood cats but will assist residents with trap-neuter-return. This approach not only enhances the well-being of cats by reducing the spread of diseases between neighborhood cats and residents' pets but also plays a significant role in achieving cat welfare in Riverside County.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

This resolution affirms the Department of Animal Services mission "Working Together to Improve Riverside County for People and Animals," and increases the department's lifesaving efforts by providing resources to cats in need and services to all cats.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

There is no financial impact on the County.

**ATTACHMENTS :**

Resolution No. 2024-070

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,  
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Douglas Cordonez Jr. 3/6/2024

  
Bruce G. Fordon 3/5/2024

  
George Trindle, Chief ASST COUNTY COUNSEL 3/6/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-070

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES  
CAT LIFE SAVING THROUGH ADMISSION OF ONLY CATS IN NEED

WHEREAS, Riverside County Department of Animal Services intends to increase cat life saving through shelter admission of only cats in need, therefore, not generally impounding healthy adult cats determined to have access to resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 more than 10,000 stray cats entered Riverside County animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, less than 2% of cats coming into Riverside County shelters are reclaimed by their owner; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that lost cats are 13 times more likely to be reunited with their owners through non-shelter means than when impounded in a shelter and more than 60% of cats who are lost return home on their own; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the cats impounded in Riverside County shelters have not had a live outcome, with limited demand for adoption and rescue placement for the high volume of cats entering shelters; and

WHEREAS, many neighborhood cats, often called feral, that are unsocialized, would be neither appropriate nor happy as traditional pets in a home. In an increasingly urban society, there are few "barn homes" into which these cats can be adopted, and many have adapted to living in the community. These cats have found a source of food and shelter just as other wild animals have; and

WHEREAS, cats are legally allowed to freely roam, and eligible cats can be spayed or neutered, ear tipped, vaccinated, and released into their community through trap-neuter-release programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Animal Services will not trap neighborhood cats, but will assist residents with trap-neuter-release; and

WHEREAS, ear tipped cats will be recognized as those spayed or neutered and vaccinated, and therefore, will be released back into their community; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in impounds of healthy adult cats will enable the department to use resources for cats and other animals impounded who need it. This approach will free critical staff time and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY BRUCE G FORDON 3-11-24  
DATE

1 be more economical, allowing shelters to focus more on increasing adoption rates, improving shelter  
2 conditions, and implementing trap-neuter-return in the community.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
4 does hereby proclaim that healthy adult, free roaming, neighborhood cats will no longer be impounded by  
5 Riverside County Department of Animal Services. Instead of impoundment, Riverside County now  
6 promotes Trap-Neuter-Return for free roaming cats. Through Trap Neuter Return, cats are humanely  
7 trapped, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered by a veterinarian, ear tipped for identification, and returned to  
8 their outdoor home.

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11 ROLL CALL:

12 Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez

13 Nays: None

14 Absent: None  
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16 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of  
17 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

18 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

19 By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
20 Deputy  
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# Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

## Online

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Theresa Han-Sebti

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda # 3.1

### PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support      \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose      \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

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I give my 3 minutes to: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Lisa Kauffman

Address: 13704 Yellowstone Dr.

City: Frazier Park Zip: 93225

Phone #: 208-724-2266 3.1 + 3.2  
Resolutions

Date: 3/12/24 Agenda # Policy Calendar  
2024-069

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW: 2024-070

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Support       Oppose       Neutral

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**From:** Aquia Mail  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 8:08 PM  
**To:** thansebti@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Request to Speak Web Submission



Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use **Meeting ID # 864 4411 6015 . Password is 20240312**. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in at 9:00 am with the phone number you provided in the form so you can be identified during the meeting.

Submitted on March 7, 2024

Submitted values are:

**First Name**

Theresa

**Last Name**

Han-Sebti

**Address (Street, City and Zip)**

51 Vista Encantada

**Phone**

7603335675

**Email**

thansebti@gmail.com

**Agenda Date**

03/12/2024

**Agenda Item # or Public Comment**

3.1- ANIMAL SERVICES: Approve Resolution No. 2024-070, Authorization to only admit cats in need into the shelters and not impound healthy adult cats; All districts. [\$0

**State your position below**

Oppose

**Comments**

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While I laud the goals of Animal Services in euthanizing 5000 cats less this year, not accepting healthy adult cats will have the direct effect of people "dumping" these often unaltered healthy cats which will then go onto to produce exponential number of kittens/cats. Currently, to surrender a cat to Riverside County Animal Service, it costs \$204 per cat. We can show the County Animal Services the streets in DHS where animals, both cats and dogs, are commonly dumped and the small mobile home parks in Indio and Coachella that have more than 80+ cats in their vicinity. If you look at the Riverside County Animal Services website, there are a total of 46 cats available for adoption for the entire County. This resolution does not reflect the reality of this County and will worsen the problem of unwanted cats. Please make unaltered cats equal to "cats in need" then.

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**From:** Anonymous <saraemilyd14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 7:22 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Cat Life Saving Resolution

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to ask that you support and approve the two resolutions listed below that will assist the Riverside County Department of Animal Services in achieving lifesaving rates for cats and kittens in your community, which is the outcome your constituents want to see.

Resolution 2024-069 5,000 Cat Challenge, which will save the lives of 5,000 more cats and kittens in 2024; and

Resolution 2024-070 Cat Life Saving Resolution, which will only admit cats in need into the shelters and not impound healthy adult cats.

Thank you for listening to the voters and for supporting the goals of the Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

Sara Daehn  
812-929-9383

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**From:** Joy Schnapper <schnappy11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 7:33 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Riverside shelter

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Thank you for listening to the voters and for supporting the goals of the Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

This has personally affected me and my family. Our dog was a Riverside rescue by way of Mission Viejo. Life without her would have been dreary and depressing. The happiness she brought to our world can only be compared to taking a black-and-white movie and making it technicolor.

You have the power to make the difference, not just in the lives of animals, but in the lives of the people that love them. I urge you to make a positive, life-changing impact.

Sincerely,  
Joy Schnapper  
949-933-6252

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Karen Stewart <karendstewart@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 11:52 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Resolutions

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Dear Directors,

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Thank you for listening to the voters and for supporting the goals of the Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

Kind regards,

Karen Stewart  
949-285-3007

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**From:** Elaine van Beek <sevanbeek@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 4:58 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** RESOLUTIONS 069 & 070

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
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Elaine van Beek

**KITTY MOM-IN-CHIEF**   
(909) 228-8296

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**From:** rosemary Packard <rosemarypackard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 6:55 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Please help cats

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

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the Riverside County Department of Animal Services  
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Thank you for listening to the voters and  
Department of Animal Services.

Rosemary Packard 714-389-5492  
Sent from my iPad



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**From:** connie knox <cknox925@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 6:49 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: animal services proposal

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Thank you.

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On Monday, March 11, 2024, 6:46 PM, Clerk of the Board <COB@RIVCO.ORG> wrote:

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of your email.

Board Assistant  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
4080 Lemon Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 127  
Riverside, CA 92501  
(951) 955-1069 Fax (951) 955-1071  
Mail Stop #1010  
[cob@rivco.org](mailto:cob@rivco.org)  
website: <http://rivcocob.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/RivCoCOB/>

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**County of Riverside California**

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<[cob@rivco.orh](mailto:cob@rivco.orh)>:

No mx record found for domain=rivco.orh

----- Forwarded message -----

I respectfully ask that the supervisors review carefully these 2 proposals. This is not done to save free roaming cats and kittens in Riverside this is a maneuver to avoid reporting the number of cats go into the shelter and the number who actually come out alive.

This is a tactic espoused by Best Friends animal society and they are attempting to spread it across the country. Julie Castle the executive at Best Friends put a stake in the sand about 7 years ago claiming they were going to make the entire country a "NOKILL. Well no surprise to anyone paying attention that was a big claim and then the pandemic has made the plight of our four legged friends worse than ever before, we are killing dogs and cats at record breaking numbers and unfortunately Riverside is at the top of that list.

So if you can't make it work you change the formula, you stop taking in cats so you do not have to report the number of animals you kill. If you don't take them in you leave to the citizens of Riverside to figure out what to do about stray unfixed cats or kittens. The citizens can pay to spay or neuter, pay to vaccinate, pay for vet visits and of course there are those who will just kill them by any means possible. I hope you will take my e mail into account before you approve these measures. You can also talk to animal rescue organization in the county to get the true story.

I would be happy to talk to anyone on your staff if you have questions.

I have volunteered at several rescue organizations including Best Friends in the past. I foster puppies and kittens and I know this is not who we are, it is our responsibility to care for helpless animals and to make a very concerted effort to educate the public on the benefit of spay and neuter.

One last comment what happened to low cost spay and neuter at animal services

Connie Knox  
6263546925

Thank you for your time.

or in the worse case start mass killing them anyway they can.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPad

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**From:** Suzy Sayre <suzy\_sayre@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 5:58 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Resolutions 2024-069 and 2024-070

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Suzy Sayre  
714296-8760

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**From:** Ellen Heger <ellenjheger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 5:44 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Resolution 2024-069, Resolution 2024-070

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Ellen J. Heger  
949-854-0283

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**From:** jeff mangiapolenta.it <jeff@mangiapolenta.it>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 5:42 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Saving Cats

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Jeffrey A. Berman

(310) 433 5566

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**From:** Mary Watkins <forgottenfelines77@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 4:44 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting—submitted question

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Clerk of the Board:

It is my understanding that county, CVAC, no longer wants to intake friendly cats and/or kittens? Not sure on kittens, but this is what I have heard. We were told at the meeting that even if we come across a "friendly" cat, TNR it and return it. Here is my problem with all of this and my question:

- 1) The shelter (CVAC) has the means to get them spayed/neutered, vaccinated and farmed out to Petsmart and/or Petco. We do not.
- 2) People GO TO the shelter to find an adoptable pet. They don't just "come to us". We have to have a "following", post, screen, incur the expense of the spay/neuter and vax ourselves with no help or aid from county funds.
- 3) So what I am hearing is it on the "community" and independent rescues shoulders to pick up the cat out of a horrible situation where they are lost, hungry or sick, incur all of the costs with that and then try our best to get it spayed/neutered and then put back on the street.
- 4) In conclusion, I strongly feel the least you can do is allow us to bring these cats in to you in traps and get a free spay/neuter and vaccinations.

I'm not sure if I am understanding your new rules correctly, but it's so sad. Every time I open FB or nextdoor, there is a new person trying to "rehome" their cat or give away kittens! Having an option where they can drop off to the county shelter, where you have the resources to farm out, spay/neuter, vaccinate and house, seems like something a county shelter should be able to provide.

Meanwhile, my small little rescue posts, begs, and hopes for enough donations to be able to continue to help. It would seem better if we could work together?

Mary Watkins  
Forgotten Felines Rescue

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sonya Russell <snyhwkns@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 3:19 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Two Resolutions for Consideration

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that you support and approve the two resolutions below today that will assist the Riverside County Department of Animal Services in achieving life saving rates for cats and kittens in your community which is the outcome your constituents want to see.

Resolution 2024-069 5,000 Cat Challenge, which will save the lives of 5,000 more cats and kittens in 2024; and

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I have personally adopted 2 pets from the Riverside County Animal Shelter. Jax was adopted in August of 2018 and Zoey in July of 2023.

Both will be with me until they cross the rainbow bridge. They are family and arguably treated better than most children.

It was hard for me to return to the shelter after adopting Jax and seeing so many sad faces. But, I lost my senior dog Ernie, age 14, and was ready for another pet to love.

There were so many precious dogs. I wish I could have taken them all. Most were stressed and probably wondered how they ended up there. What did they do wrong? The truth is they didn't do anything wrong. This is a human problem. Pets are not disposable. You don't return them when they become too much work or when they get older and their human neglects to purchase health insurance for them and cannot afford treatment. We don't deserve their unconditional love. It's the same for cats and kittens.

Please do the right thing and save lives. **We are their voice.**

Thank you for listening to the voters and for supporting the goals of the Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

Respectfully,  
Sonya Edwards  
1287 Grossmont Dr  
Riverside, CA 92506



Sonya Russell-Edwards

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**From:** Donna "Betty" V <donna60@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 2:56 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Dept of animal services

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Donna Valerio  
7604491938  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Marlo Clingman <mdclingman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 2:50 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Resolution 2024-069 & Resolution 2024-070

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that you support and approve the two resolutions below today that will assist the Riverside County Department of Animal Services in achieving lifesaving rates for cats and kittens in your community which is the outcome your constituents want to see. I live in Cathedral City and my goal is to get the city to fund their own shelter to reduce the burden on RCDAS, but in the meantime I support any efforts extraordinary or otherwise to improve the save rate at RCDAS. I am in full support of any proposed solutions by Best Friends Animal Society and Humane Animal Support Services.

**Resolution 2024-069**

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and

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**Marlo Clingman**

She/her  
Dallas Animal Services - Marketing Coordinator  
Best Friends Animal Society - Volunteer  
817.791.8030

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**From:** elizabeth Miller <eliz.miller@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 2:44 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** We are 90 for Riverside

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elizabeth Miller  
951 787 6880

Have Courage, Be Kind  
Walk in Love and Truth

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**From:** Jackie Lamirande <lagunajackie@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 2:40 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Please support achieving lifesaving rates for cats and kittens in your community

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

As an animal welfare advocate who has enjoyed over 30 years working and volunteering in the animal welfare community in Riverside. I am writing to ask that you support and approve the two resolutions below today that will assist the Riverside County Department of Animal Services in achieving lifesaving rates for cats and kittens in your community which is the outcome your constituents want to see.

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**Jackie Lamirande**

*"Be the change you want to see in the world" - **Gandhi***

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**From:** Deidre Braun <dbraun@dc.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 2:19 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Save the animals

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Deidre Braun  
760-485-4828

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**From:** Ashley Bonilla <abonilla35@student.mtsac.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 2:18 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** We Are 90 for Riverside

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From: Ashley B.  
909-997-1723

**Lopez, Daniel**

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**From:** Aaron Andrew Kenna <aak224@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:15 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board

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Aaron Kenna

858-900-3179



**Lopez, Daniel**

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**From:** Michael Bittner <bittnercpa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:53 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Shelters

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Mike Bittner  
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