

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



ITEM: 3.2  
(ID # 24404)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

FROM : ANIMAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: ANIMAL SERVICES: Approve Resolution No. 2024-069, Authorization to support the 5,000 Cat Challenge and save the lives of 5,000 more cats and kittens in 2024; All districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2024-069, Authorization to support the 5,000 Cat Challenge and save the lives of 5,000 more cats and kittens in 2024; and
2. Authorize the Director of Animal Services, or designee, to implement the resolution.

ACTION: Policy

*Erin Gettis*

Erin Gettis, Director of Animal Services 3/4/2024

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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: *Nancy Li*  
Deputy

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<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, Riverside County had one of the highest shelter intakes of cats in the nation. In February 2024, the Riverside County Department of Animal Services launched an initiative called the 5,000 Cat Challenge with the goal of saving the lives of 5,000 more cats. To improve the chances of survival for cats, the department is working to achieve this goal by supporting community education, fostering and adoption, volunteer work, cat rescue and trap-neuter-return. 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.

Collaborating on initiatives such as fostering programs, adoption, volunteering, and cat rescue is instrumental in assisting the Department in reaching its goals of cat lifesaving and ultimately finding them forever homes. Fostering and adoption serve as excellent choices for individuals seeking to nurture and care for animals, while also ensuring that they are placed in a safe, stable, comfortable and stress-free living environment.

**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. 2024-069

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Douglas Cordonez Jr. 3/5/2024

   
Bruce G. Fordon 3/4/2024 George Trindle, CHIEF ASST COUNTY COUNSEL 3/5/2024

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-069

2 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES  
3 5,000 CAT CHALLENGE  
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5 WHEREAS, Riverside County Department of Animal Services has launched an initiative in 2024  
6 called the 5,000 Cat Challenge with the goal of saving 5,000 more cats lives in 2024 over 2023; and

7 WHEREAS, The reason for this action is due to Riverside County having one of the highest shelter  
8 intakes of cats in the nation for 2023 and the desire to see more cats leave shelters with a positive live  
9 outcome; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Animal Services seeks to accomplish this goal through community  
11 support and programming including trap-neuter-vaccinate release, shelter-neuter-vaccinate release, foster  
12 care, adoption, and working with cat rescues;

13 WHEREAS, Riverside County Department of Animal Services is committed to the launch of the  
14 5,000 Cat Challenge in February 2024, as a County-wide campaign with a goal to save the lives of 5,000  
15 more cats and kittens in 2024 than the total number saved in 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2023 more than 11,000 cats entered Riverside County animal shelters and these  
17 cats are in need of focus to increase lifesaving initiatives; and

18 WHEREAS, alternatives to shelter intake will be explored to keep cats in the home or community  
19 when admission to a shelter is not the best choice; and

20 WHEREAS, programs will be implemented to managed admission of cats to match the shelter's  
21 ability to assure humane care and safe movement through the shelter system to an appropriate outcome for  
22 every cat possible; and

23 WHEREAS, barriers will be removed, and partnerships forged, to expand the pool of adopters; and

24 WHEREAS, foster programs will be expanded to care for the high volume of kittens brought to  
25 Riverside County shelters through increasing the opportunities for finders of kittens to foster and recruiting  
26 more foster volunteers immediately ready to take young kittens; and

27 WHEREAS, healthy eligible cats will be returned to their neighborhoods of origin once spayed or  
28 neutered, ear tipped, and vaccinated; and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY B. FORDON 3-11-24  
DATE

1           **WHEREAS**, Animal Services will match the number of cats cared for at any one time with the  
2 capacity required to support the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare for all cats in the shelter; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the residents of Riverside County and rescue organizations are encouraged and needed  
4 to support the 5,000 Cat Challenge through involvement in activities such as adoption, fostering,  
5 volunteering, and trap-neuter-vaccinate release assistance.

6           **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
7 does hereby proclaim its support for the 5,000 Cat Challenge and embraces the key initiatives above  
8 necessary for successful cat lifesaving.

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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: Naomy Li  
20 Deputy



# Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

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: 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

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

Support       Oppose       Neutral

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

Support       Oppose       Neutral

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

# BOARD RULES

## **Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:**

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

## **Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda/Public Comment:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. Donated time is not permitted during Public Comment.

## **Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:**

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

## **Individual Speaker Limits:**

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin to flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

## **Group/Organized Presentations:**

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the bottom of the form.

## **Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:**

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman, may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.