

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



**ITEM: 3.12
(ID # 30472)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 02, 2026

FROM : ANIMAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: ANIMAL SERVICES: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-078, Waiving the Accounting and Authorizing the Director of Riverside County Department of Animal Services, or Designee, to Accept the Distribution from the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett Dated October 12, 2023, and to Execute Any Necessary Documents; All Districts. [\$5,000.00 Total Funds - Donation/Trust Funding 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-078, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Waiving the Accounting and Authorizing the Director of Riverside County Department of Animal Services, or Designee, to Accept the Distribution from the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett Dated October 12, 2023, and to Execute Any Necessary Documents, to:
 - a. Accept the donation from the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett in the amount of \$5,000.00;
 - b. Waive any and all accounting of the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett to expedite the distribution of the donation to RCDAS in the amount of \$5,000.00; and
 - c. Authorize the Director of RCDAS accept and administer the bequest and to execute any necessary documentation.
2. Authorize the Director of Animal Services, or designee, to administer this donation made to or in favor of the Department of Animal Services.

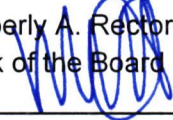
ACTION:Policy


Kim Youngberg 5/13/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 2, 2026
xc: Animal Services

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$5,000	\$ 0	\$5,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Donation			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	26/27-27/28

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In March of 2026, Riverside County Department of Animal Services (RCDAS) received notification from the law firm of Banks, Garcia & Janis, Attorneys for Executor of the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett (Estate), Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STPB01252, informing RCDAS that it was named as one of several beneficiaries of the Estate dated October 12, 2023 to receive bequest in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 25355, the Board may accept or reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to the County for any public purpose.

This donation will go into the Department's Care Fund and will be used to help stray and abandoned pets. This will address the immediate need to provide a safe, stable and permanent home for homeless and abandoned animals.

Staff recommend that approval of Resolution No. 2026-078 which authorizes the Director of RCDAS, or designee, to accept and administer the distribution from the Estate.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This donation will have a positive impact on the residents, and homeless and abandoned animals of Riverside County. The funding of donation enables the Department of Animal Services to promote their adoption into loving homes by directing these funds to build resources in areas of greatest need.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. K. Barnett Bequest Email from Banks, Garcia & Janis
- B. Resolution No. 2026-078


Douglas Cordonez Jr. 5/25/2026


Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 5/19/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-078

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
WAIVING THE ACCOUNTING AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF RIVERSIDE
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE
DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ESTATE OF KELLI S. BARNETT DATED OCTOBER 12, 2023,
AND TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.**

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2026, Riverside County Department of Animal Services (“RCDAS”) received correspondence from the law firm of Banks, Garcia & Janis informing RCDAS that it was named as one of several charitable beneficiaries of the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett (“Estate”); and

WHEREAS, Jami Feezor, Executor of the Estate, through its attorneys Banks, Garcia & Janis, requested RCDAS to execute a waiver of accounting, as approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (the “Board”), in order to file a Petition for Final Distribution in Case No. 25STPB01252 with the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles (“Court”) without providing an accounting, in accordance with Probate Code section 10954; and

WHEREAS, under California law, the Executor must provide an accounting to the named beneficiaries of the decedent’s will to include a list of all assets the Executor received (such as money, houses, and cars, etc.) on behalf of Estate, and a list of all money spent from the Estate; and

WHEREAS, by waiving this accounting, the Executor will provide the Court and the County of Riverside with a list of the property that will be given to Kelli S. Barnett’s named beneficiaries and may not need to explain why this list is different from what Kelli S. Barnett owned at the time of death; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside may not be able to change its mind and ask for an accounting after the Court orders the Executor to distribute Kelli S. Barnett’s assets to the beneficiaries of the Estate; and

WHEREAS, Banks, Garcia & Janis provided RCDAS with evidence of Kelli S. Barnett’s will, through which the Estate proposes distribution to RCDAS in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Lisa Sanchez* 5/14/2024
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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code section 25355, the Board may accept or
2 reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to or in favor of the County for any public purpose; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the donation of these funds will promote the adoption of homeless and abandoned
4 animals into loving homes and building resources in areas of greatest need.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED**, by the Board
6 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California (the "Board"), in regular session assembled
7 on June 2, 2026, at 9:30 A.M., or soon thereafter in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located
8 on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, that this
9 Board hereby authorizes and accepts the donation from the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett in the amount of
10 \$5,000.00.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** that the Board of
12 Supervisors of the County of Riverside, on behalf of its Department of Animal Services, a named
13 beneficiary under Kelli S. Barnett's will previously admitted to probate, hereby waives any and all
14 account by Jami Feezor, as Executor, in the Estate of Kelli S. Barnett, including any and all requirement
15 and necessity to file a final accounting, in support of the request that the Probate Estate of Kelli S. Barnett
16 be brought to a close without any accounting.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** that the Riverside County
18 Department of Animal Services Director, or designee, is hereby authorized to accept and administer this
19 bequest made out to or in favor of the County of Riverside, through its Department of Animal Services,
20 and to execute any necessary documents including, but not limited to, receipts and acknowledgements,
21 related to the donation.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-078

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
5 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE WAIVING THE ACCOUNTING AND AUTHORIZING
6 THE DIRECTOR OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES,
7 OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE DISTRIBUTION FROM
8 THE ESTATE OF KELLI S. BARNETT DATED OCTOBER 12, 2023,
9 AND TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

10 ROLL CALL:

11 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

12 Nays: None

13 Absent: None

14 Abstain: None

15 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
16 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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20 By:  _____

21 Deputy

From: staff@bankslaw.net
To: [Sandoval, Irina](#)
Subject: Re: Donation from Law Offices of Banks, Garcia, and Janis
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 11:09:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[BarneKelEst 260303 PLD Waiver of Accounting - RIVERSIDE CO ANIMAL SHELTER.pdf](#)

Good morning Irina,

Thank you for your email. Yes, our office is probating the estate of Kelli Barnett, Los Angeles County Case # 25STPB01252, of which your organization is the beneficiary of a specific bequest of \$5,000. The reason for our message is to inquire if you would be willing to waive a formal accounting to expedite the process. Attached is the Waiver for review and signature, please complete the blank spaces with the Name and Title of the person authorized to sign and sign where indicated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Kimberly Garcia
ext. 148

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*Thank you for your cooperation.
Banks, Garcia & Janis*

From: Sandoval, Irina <ISandova@Rivco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:17 AM
To: staff [bankslaw.net](mailto:staff@bankslaw.net) <staff@bankslaw.net>

Subject: RE: Donation from Law Offices of Banks, Garcia, and Janis

Good afternoon,

I was passed along a message from Kimberly from your office in regards to a donation for our Department of Animal Services. Was there a document we need to fill out? If so, you can forward it to me and so I can reach out to our County Counsel to review it and fill out on our behalf.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We truly appreciate the donation.

Thank you and have a great day!

Irina Sandoval

Contracts & Grants Analyst
Riverside County Department of Animal Services
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From: HOLLIS, ASHLEY <AHollis@Rivco.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 3:28 PM
To: Sandoval, Irina <ISandova@Rivco.org>
Subject: Donation from Law Offices of Banks, Garcia, and Janis

Hello,

I received a call from Kimberly with the attorney's office. She was calling regarding a donation that is being made to the Department of Animal Services; however, the donation is currently in probate, and she is requesting a document be signed to expedite process. Please reach out to her at 909-980-0677 ext:148 or staff@bankslaw.net at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

Ashley Hollis

Animal Services Representative
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Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

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