



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**For Agenda Of:** January 9, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Sarah Aguilar, Animal Services Director (805) 698-0212  
**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a \$20,000 Cash Donation to Santa Barbara County Animal Services from a community member for cats and kittens entering the Santa Maria Shelter

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget  
Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to accept a \$20,000 cash donation to Santa Barbara County Animal Services from a community member to be used to enhance the quality of life and expand medical support of cats and kittens entering the Santa Maria Shelter; and
- B) Approve budget revision BJE 0009434 (Attachment A) in the amount of \$20,000 for the unanticipated revenue from a community member to be designated for future use in the Animal Services program at the Santa Maria Shelter; and
- C) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Sections 15061(b)(3), since the activity is covered by the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Agenda for the Board to authorize the Public Health Director to accept an unanticipated and generous donation of \$20,000 from an individual community member to be used to enhance the quality of life and expand the medical support of cats and kittens entering the Santa Maria Shelter.

**Background:** An individual community member has generously gifted \$20,000 to Santa Barbara County Animal Services as the donor is unable to bring a cat into their new home and wanted to support their favorite species. They wish the funds to be used to provide additional medical support, care, and an improved experience for cats and kittens entering the County's animal shelter system. The donation will be designated for the care of cats and kittens at the Santa Maria shelter.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Accepting the unanticipated gift in the amount of \$20,000 does not impact mandates, service levels, or general fund contribution. A budget revision in the amount of \$20,000 is necessary to amend the adopted FY 2023-2024 Animal Services program budget for the unanticipated revenue (Attachment A). The funds will be designated for future use for cats and kittens at the Santa Maria Animal Shelter.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit [PHDGroupContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDGroupContractsUnit@sbcphd.org) when ready for pickup.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A - Budget Revision Request (BJE #0009434)

**Authored by:**

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