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Testimony in Support of Animal Services Expansion Request: With Request that this be read into the official record.

My name is Jill Anderson and I am the Co-Founder of Shadow's Fund, a nonprofit animal sanctuary located in Lompoc. We have partnered with Santa Barbara County Animal Services for over 10 years, focusing the majority of our resources in North County.

I would like to go on record in support of the requested budget expansion. Animal Services provides critical support to the homeless, abused or neglected animals in our community, to pet owners and upholds public health and safety. To do that well, and to ensure that we are sheltering our animals to the standard that is expected in this County, Animals Services must be adequately and appropriately staffed.

I do want to express concern about the proposed restructuring of the Lompoc shelter. Stakeholders have not yet been apprised of the proposed restructuring or the anticipated impact on North County, though a conference call is scheduled for June 10th. If the current budget expansion is to be paid for through a restructuring of the Lompoc shelter, then I would like to go on record as emphatically expressing my hesitation to offer support and would urge The Board of Supervisors to make certain that stakeholder input is solicited before making any final decisions.

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