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## Testimony in Support of Animal Services Expansion Request

My name is Jean Silva. I am a member of BUNS (Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter). Since 1992, I have been one of your volunteers at the Santa Barbara County Animal Services Shelter in Goleta. I ask that your board fund the Animal Services expansion request for a full-time veterinarian. The three county shelters take in over 6,000 animals each year. All shelter dogs, cats and rabbits are spayed or neutered before adoption. Most of these animals require additional veterinary care. Animal Services has 1 half time contract veterinarian overseeing care for all three shelters. Converting this position to full time is the right decision.

Additionally Animal Services staff commits, in the proposed budget, to the "Analysis and Re-engineering of program operations based on Renew '22 principals." I ask that your Board support extending participation in this effort beyond the staff. Re-engineering program operations should directly involve the local non- profits who are part of the community network of animal care which supports Animal Services.

Thank You

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