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Subject: Re: April 13, 2026 Meeting Agenda, Budget Workshop, Santa Barbara County Animal Services Restoration Funding
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Clerk of the Board of Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please distribute the attached comment letter from Companion Animal Placement Assistance (CAPA) regarding County Animal Services funding for the April 13 Board of Supervisors' budget discussion.

Sincerely,

Jan Kays
President/CAPA



April 11, 2026

County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Re: April 13, 2026 Meeting Agenda, Budget Workshop, Santa Barbara County Animal Services Restoration Funding

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a non-profit that supports the Lompoc Animal Shelter, the Board of CAPA (Companion Animal Placement Assistance) is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve budget restoration funding for Animal Services that has been recommended by the Health Department in its presentation to the board in February.

Santa Barbara County is fortunate in that there are several non-profits that support Animal Services like CAPA that provide items like collars, leashes harnesses, beds, dryers and washing machines, sheds for food storage, the list goes on - items essential for the operation of an animal shelter, but funding for these items is not in the Animal Services budget.

A budget reduction would not only stress Animal Services, it would stress the non-profits that support the shelters to try to fill that deficit.

An example, beyond the support CAPA provides directly to the Lompoc Shelter, CAPA operates a Pet Pantry. The Pantry provides pet food to pet owners in need to our Lompoc community. In 2025 the Lompoc Pantry provided 45,360 pounds of dry pet food to community pet owners, funded by CAPA for \$18,630 and donations from C.A.R.E.4Paws.

My concern, with an Animal Services deficit, will CAPA have to decide between supporting the animal shelter or the Pet Pantry? The demand on the Pantry is growing, if we have to cut back or close the pantry to support the Shelter, the result will most likely be more stray animals and more surrenders to the Shelter - putting an even greater demand on the shelter.

This is just one small example of the possible result in the reduction in the Animal Services budget. It's unknown the wave of effects it may have on all of our communities and residents.

Please approve status quo/restoration funding for Animal Services. For our community and the welfare of their pets.

Sincerely,

Jan Kays
President, CAPA