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County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
Attn: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: New Vision for Animal Services and Jurisdictional Contract Fee Options Presentation

Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Goleta for the item titled "New Vision for Animal Services and Jurisdictional Contract Fee Options Presentation" that the Board of Supervisors will be considering on May 18, 2021, the **City strongly supports the staff recommendation for a status quo budget, or a flat 2% jurisdictional contract increase for FY 2021-22 for one year for the six participating full-service cities, which includes the City of Goleta.**

As is the case for many jurisdictions, the City of Goleta has suffered a loss in revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff and the City Council are striving to maintain the levels of service that were provided before the pandemic. Goleta's residents and small businesses have also suffered, and many are on the cusp of losing their homes and businesses.

As a municipality, the City of Goleta is doing its part to stabilize the economy and prevent homelessness. The struggle is community-wide, and we will continue to work with our partners, including the County, on addressing the issues. We respectfully request the Board to keep the rates for Animal Services at the status quo so that Goleta can focus its resources on helping the community recover from the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Paula Perotte
Mayor, City of Goleta