Re: County Spay/Neuter Program

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

As Co-Chairs of the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee, we request your assistance in allocating city funds to supplement County resources to continue the availability of low-cost spay/neuter program services to residents of your city that utilize the program. According to our records during the period July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, residents from the City of _________ brought ____ animals to the County spay/neuter program at a cost of _______. Your reimbursement of this cost as the funding contribution from the City of _________ would be greatly appreciated.

The County is currently allocating $113,000 in general funding to the FY 2007 program, and needs assistance from each city to continue to make low cost spay/neuter services available to their residents in the future. Future reimbursement from the City for its share of the program will help in this effort.

The Board of Supervisors recently discussed the spay/neuter program, and agreed that regardless of whether or not your city chooses to contribute to the program, residents of the entire county will continue to have access to services. However, residents of cities that opt not to contribute to funding to the program at a level equal to the utilization of program services by their residents, will be required to pay a higher price for services and will be limited to a smaller number of days in a given month on which they may be able to schedule an appointment. So it is to your advantage to financially participate now, and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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