

Animal Shelter

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County of El Dorado Planning Commission
Developmental Services Department
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, CA. 95667

Reference: GOV10-0005 / Acquisition of real property and animal shelter facility in Barnett Business Park / Your Notice of Public Hearing on May 13th, dated April 21, 2010.

Dear Sirs;

We are writing to voice our objection to the proposed plan of placing an Animal Shelter in Barnett Business Park. The only building currently existing on the south side of Business Drive and north of the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way is very close to residential properties in Milton Ranch / Barnett Estates, south of the railway. Many of these homes look directly onto the building you describe. Our neighborhood takes great pride in having created a place where folks participate as a community in decisions, maintenance, and social activities. An animal control facility, with barking dogs at all hours of the night and day, would negatively affect already depressed property values and the community that lives here.

An animal shelter needs to be well away from any residential properties as the noise of barking dogs travels a long distance, especially at night. The issues of noise, adherence to regulations, timing of euthanasia, exceeding capacity limits are well documented complaints and the basis of current lawsuits among neighborhoods adjacent to Animal Shelters. There are alternative areas in our county that would be excellent sites for an animal control facility.

Sincerely;

Stu and Susan Richman

Cc: Ray Nutting, Supervisor, Supervisorial District II, El Dorado County

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