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Cc: Barb Lee

Dear Supervisors,

Last week I sent each of you a letter explaining in detail why I support the construction of a new county animal shelter. I'll reiterate my reasoning briefly here:

- The current arrangement is inadequate and inefficient, with services scattered among three locations.
- The current arrangement costs the county approximately \$140,000 a year. This is a waste of tax dollars.
- The current arrangement will come unraveled in January, 2011, when the lease is up.
- The county has already invested approximately \$1 million in property, a CEQA review, and an architectural design for a new shelter.
- The county has allocated funds for the construction of a new shelter.
- The county is obligated to build a new access road for the property at the Y whether or not a new shelter is built. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000.
- The construction industry is hungry right now; it is an extremely favorable time to be putting a project out to bid.
- The county has a moral obligation to care for abused and abandoned animals. Local non-profits do not have the member or funding base to provide this service.

I understand this matter is on the agenda for the next BOS meeting on June 29. I plan to attend, and hope and hope I will see my supervisors decide to do the right thing!

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