

Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Re: March 27, 2012 Board Agenda Item #25 – Animal Shelter Site Negotiations

Members of the Board,

We would like to thank the Board for moving quickly on the direction you established at your last meeting. Clearly there are many aspects of each property for staff to analyze. With availability of adjacent land for livestock, adequacy of each site to accommodate all the functions inside and out, and acquisition and renovation costs to be evaluated, many unknowns remain. With the posting of this Agenda Item and identification of sites under evaluation, we would like to provide the following.

From a review of property descriptions on line, assuming other criteria could be met, the Capitol Avenue building seems to provide space for the animal shelter, as well as area to move some currently leased County offices into, or to lease out to another use, compatible with the animal shelter. Other factors remain uncertain, but building size is a positive feature.

The Product Drive property raises the space concerns we cited at the March 20th meeting, and in our March 18, 2012 correspondence, and in fact increases our “13,000 square foot parameter” concerns considerably. We see that this building only has 10,400 square feet where it matters most – on the ground floor, where all of the animal functions need to be. While a new design could place Animal Services Officer spaces on a second floor, the building program has well over 10,000 square feet in animal functions, alone. Public entry/lobby and information counter spaces are additional essentials on the ground floor. We, therefore, again urge you to include building expansion as part of any evaluation of this building’s feasibility.

Thank you for your continued attention and consideration. We appreciate it.

Sincerely,

/s/

Barbara Lee
Animal Shelter Coalition for El Dorado County