



March 22, 2019

Ms. Wilma Quan-Schecter, City Manager
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno CA 93721

RE: 2019/2020 Budget Request

Dear Wilma:

We are grateful for the opportunity to present the following request for additional yearly funding to our contract for animal control services to the city of Fresno.

As you are aware, the Central California SPCA (CCSPCA), established in 1946 and located in Fresno County, California, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit humane society. CCSPCA is an OPEN DOOR SHELTER which means that it accepts every animal, every day, 365 days a year, regardless of age, health, or behavioral issues. **Our animal intake for the fiscal year 2017/2018 was 26,600.**

As is true for most non profit organizations in California's Central Valley, funding is critical for daily operations and for us to fulfill our mission to provide protection, placement, and education to ensure responsible animal care in the way of providing the animal control contracts for the city of Fresno.

This mission is achieved by responsibly, compassionately, and humanely enforcing animal-related laws; providing a safe environment and medical treatment for unwanted, stray, abused and neglected animals; educating the public about responsible companion animal ownership; returning lost pets to their owners; and finding new owners for the adoptable animals at our animal center.

The one factor that has influenced the animal control operation of our organization since last year's budget request that causes us to submit this request for additional funding is that of the mandated minimum wage increases:

2019 Mandated Minimum Wage Increase

- Took effect on January 1, 2019.
- Increased from \$11.00/hour to \$12.00/hour.
- **Asking for an additional \$121,098 in annual funding to cover the remaining 6 month period of July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.**

2020 Mandated Minimum Wage Increase

- Anticipated to take effect on January 1, 2020.
- Increase from \$12/hour to \$13/hour.
- **Asking for an additional \$124,572 in annual funding to cover the 6 month period of January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.**

Details of our request are attached.

Therefore, we respectfully request an additional \$245,670 for a total annual budget of \$4,233,921 to cover the mandated minimum wages increases and maintain the existing level of services per the current animal control contract.

In advance, we thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Should you have any specific questions about our proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Linda Van Kirk
Executive Director

Attachment