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**1-E (ID 23-1775) RESOLUTION** - to Decrease the Animal Intake at the City of Fresno Animal Center

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Robyn Bowman submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Maybe the city should rethink the ridiculous raise they gave to the city council members and use that money towards actually helping resolve issues in Fresno such as the problem you already have with the Fresno animal center. You found millions to waste on poorly designed and implimented bike lanes but you can't find the money to increase capacity at your animal center? That's pathetic! Pandering for optics doesn't achieve anything or solve any real problems. Thank goodness for the organizations that are really helping the situation because without them the problem would be even worse.

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eComment: As a taxpayer, it's inexcusable to me that Fresno doesn't have a solid animal control department. It's disgusting. I'm sick of the excuses that there's no funding when \$20 million was spent building a "coastate of the art" facility. Must have been a nice kickback involved for the board members. But there has been zero actual animal control happening. Zero public outreach or education. We, as private citizens who pay our taxes shouldn't have to be relying on private donations of time and money to get anything done when it comes to treating animals humanely. I'm tired of hearing the excuses that there's no money. How do we have so many stray animals here? How is that dog fighting is still even something that goes on in our city? This is why everyone thinks of us as the armpit or California.

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Maritza Martinez submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: If not the animal center then what options are there to help animals? Restricting intake is a terrible decision because what options will these animals have?

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Guillermina Madrid submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: It is unacceptable that government officials have not found a way to allocate funding and enact the proper legislation to address animal overpopulation in the city of Fresno. I live in the Tower District as well as on a property in the county. Animals are frequently dumped and left to form packs to fend for themselves in the country, on highways, and in impoverished areas. The result is that many cats and dogs die of disease, starvation, and by being hit by cars. This, in and of itself, is also a public health crisis. Grassroots organizations of citizens have done more to solve this problem through TNR and rescue groups than is being done by our own city. They are spaying, neutering, providing education, partnering with veterinarians and pet hospitals, and fostering and placing animals for adoption to combat this very serious problem that is only growing due to negligence from our city officials. Citizens are able to make more of an impact than our city officials while working full time jobs and fundraising from locals. The money is there, but it is being used for purposes that do not solve actual problems in our city. Spaying and neutering is the answer to reduce numbers so why is it that we have not seen a plan put into place to address this on a city-wide level? You wouldn't need to reduce the number of animals accepted into shelters if this was made a priority from the start through strategic planning.

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eComment: Definitely oppose decreasing the number of intakes at the shelter. You need to increase your budget for shelters and find funding to fix the problem of overpopulation of dogs/cats. Reducing the intakes WILL NOT stop the reproduction and dumping of animals. You are trying to put a bandaid on something that is way deeper. Look at all the hard work groups like FRESNO TNR have done to help fix the problem. They provide AFFORDABLE prices to fix cats. They give Fresno county and other residents the much needed resources to fix and release cats. Why can't you work with organizations like them to do the same for other dogs/cats? If they are doing it why not follow the example and provide the man power? If you work with animal activists and others in the community 100% there can be a solution that will eliminate the root of the problem. We can't close the door on the existing strays and surrenders we currently have. I understand they are at capacity but this will continue to be a problem and later on worse if we don't provide affordable spay/neuter and enforce owners to spay/neuter existing pets to control the over population.

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Karen Frazer submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Mayor Dyer said it on a news cast. We need to spay and neuter our pets. And yet we have a clinic where that could happen sit empty. We can't turn away animals that are unaltered.

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Susan Leon submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Fresno has a huge issue with roaming pets and to decrease the intake of pets is unfathomable. What do you suggest we do with them? Do you have other suggestions? What is your rationale for this proposal?

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Sarah Hueck submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I oppose decreasing intake of animals into the City's animal shelter - this is exactly the opposite of what needs to happen in order to help Fresno's many animals in need. Instead, I encourage the City to adopt different strategies, such as providing funding to local animal rescues which are securing sterilization and veterinary care for these animals. Turning away sick, injured, and orphaned neonatal animals is inhumane, and I have been disappointed to see this occur. I moved from the Bay Area to Fresno in 2019 and was shocked to encounter so many stray cats and dogs roaming throughout the city. I would encourage those overseeing the Animal Center to increase outreach in order to fill veterinarian positions (such as, creating a partnership with UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine) and offer competitive pay and school debt relief to incentivize moving to Fresno. Thank you for your consideration.

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Jocelyn Contreras submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I'd rather pay tax money to help animals than everything else that isn't needed. I 100% oppose to this idea.

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Jesus MontanoRamirez submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Decrease? It should be increase we have a big issue with overpopulation of cats and dogs in the city of Fresno! Spay/Neutered programs are needed.

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Andrea Schulz submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Please increase the budget for the shelter and increase the budget for free spay/neuter/vaccinate. Please apply for state, federal and private foundation funds for a SNIP bus. Please increase funding for HALO Cafe and HOPE Clinic. Leaving strays on the street increases danger to the public.

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Kathy O'Keefe submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I have rescued and fostered too many dogs and cats due to owners irresponsibility. Nonprofit organizations trying to have more cats and dogs spayed and nentered are under stress just trying to keep up with this issue. Fresno City and County need more funds and resources, not what is being proposed now. Allocate more funds and commitment.

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Bonnie Kelley submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Fresno is already failing it's canine and feline population. Limiting or closing access to the shelter is not the answer. I don't know what the answer is, but Fresno has to figure out a way to do better for our furry companions/residents. Don't take a step backwards please.

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Gwen Stephney submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This is not the answer. Increasing spay and neuter programs available to the public is much more likely to limit the number of animals. There are wait times of months and only a limited number of programs. If the City can bring in a program to take over or assist with the shelter, then we can certainly fund more programs to get ahead of the population. It's not that adoptions are decreasing. It is that the population is increasing. Please do not move forward with this resolution, as it will not help the problem.

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eComment: We should do everything we can to help the animals in our community. Unlike humans they can not help themselves. We should have more free programs for spay and neuter, so there are no excuses for the over population issues we are seeing now.

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eComment: I oppose this proposal as it is very short sighted. With more animals roaming the streets we will see an increase in the population of strays/ unwanted animals, increase of injured animals (and humans) and allow for the spread of disease. What are the cities long term goals to do something about this issue? We can not adopt, euthanize or ignore (closing shelter doors) our way out of the situation this city is in. Start addressing the cause of the issue (breeding & lack of spay/ neuter options) for a long term and sustainable plan! The people and animals of Fresno deserve better than this!

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Tim Hulse submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This is a horrible stance to stop taking stray into the shelter. The city needs to help us educate and team up with rescue organizations to help get strays into a shelter where they can be adopted out. Please don't bury your heads in the sand over this issue!

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Elyse Mize submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Capacity for care is a horrible stance to take. Turning away strays violates Hayden's law and is a huge detriment to the community. It is a dereliction of duty of the municipality to do this not to mention it is illegal. Take a look at the communities of Bakersfield and El Paso Texas to see the worst of the worst of what this stance does to communities. It is dangerous and inhumane. I'm a co-founder of Fix Front Street in Sacramento, as well as non-profit Fix Our Shelters. We are fighting against this very thing in our locality and across our state. You don't have the infrastructure in place to do this, you are actually making the problem worse. The animals will continue breeding at a higher rate on the streets.

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eComment: If the shelter begins to stop taking in strays, or pets turned over..how with the owners find their pets? It's A disservice to humanity to stop acting with our hearts, but instead our minds and budgets .These animals are significant and should not be distegarded.

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eComment: It is policy damaging to the community. It lacks empathy and humanity. Instead shall be more community outreach and implementing foster programs and public education programs.

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eComment: Under no circumstances should these strays be abandon. Focus on ways to help, not just give up.

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eComment: C4C is inhumane and does not support the reality that we feeders, fosters, caretakers, and trappers are experiencing. Turning away animals with the excuse of not having capacity is criminal. Shelters need to take in all stray animals, leaving them on the streets for the community to care for is NOT the answer. Expand the shelter if needed, but take responsibility!

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## New eComment for City Council on 2023-12-07 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

Shaina S submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council on 2023-12-07 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

Item: 1.-E. ID 23-1775 RESOLUTION - to Decrease the Animal Intake at the City of Fresno Animal Center

eComment: We have seen at other shelters how this does not work. We have seen so many animals turned away that needed help because of this. More animals dumped as well.

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Maria Bessem submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This has failed in other California geographies. Dumped and abandoned animals will increase, as will illness. Please instead, partner with rescues, allow them more partnership as stakeholders. Ban breeding to stem the flow. Use funding for mobile neuter/spay vehicles. Many better ideas that limiting intake. Thank you

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