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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Wanda Wong from District 2 and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

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We need collaboration and communication restored between SJACS and rescues, fosters and volunteers.

It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Wanda Wong

District 2

Dawn Piazza
Mon 10/9/2023 4:43 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Dawn Piazza from The Willows, San Jose, CA and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you, Dawn Piazza

Geri W ∢

Mon 10/9/2023 4:54 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff.

My name is Geri Weitzman from Mountain View and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you, Geri Weitzman PhD

Call for Audit of SJACS

Nicole Lorusso
Mon 10/9/2023 5:49 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff.

My name is Nicole Lorusso, I am a former resident of San Jose with close ties to the city and the animal advocates that live there and help the animals in need within San Jose and the surrounding areas. I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Nicole Lorusso

Sandy G

Mon 10/9/2023 6:26 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff ~

My name is Sandy Goulart, fellow animal lover, advocate and independent animal rescuer, from District 8 and I am writing to urge you to **vote YES to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services** (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to VOTE YES to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Sandy Goulart

Animal lover, advocate and independent animal rescuer District 8

Vote YES for SJACS Audit

Lina Li <

Mon 10/9/2023 6:54 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Lina Li from District 4 and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you.

Lina Li District 4

Please vote YES on San Jose Animal Care Services Audit

chris guio <

Mon 10/9/2023 7:03 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Chris Guio, and I have fostered dogs from the San Jose Animal Care Center, as well as helped run playgroups there. I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Chris Guio Rescue Volunteer

Amie Jan

Mon 10/9/2023 8:04 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Amie Jan from District 6, and I have been a volunteer at the San Jose Animal Care Center since November 2022. I am writing to urge you to vote YES to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Amie Jan SJACC Volunteer San Jose - District 6

Maki Hirata <	
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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff.

My name is Maki Hirata and I'm a foster for San Jose Animal Care and Services and Silicon Valley Pet Project and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

The Community has been asking for more transparency from shelter management and staff and we are not getting it. This lack of transparency and communication has exacerbated issues at the shelter, including proper protocols not being followed. With two batches of kittens I've personally fostered through SJACS, I have my own experiences that made me question SJACS's capability to care for their animals.

SJACS has protocols and procedures that need to be adhered to, currently many critical ones are not being followed.

We need collaboration and communication restored between SJACS and rescues, fosters and volunteers.

It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Maki Hirata

A volunteer foster and concerned citizen

Please vote yes to audit SJACS

Yujung Shen < > > Mon 10/9/2023 9:46 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Yujung Shen living in Santa Clara county Cupertino and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you, Yujung Shen Cupertino

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Linda Tran from Berryessa/District 4/Scritch Kittens and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Linda Tran North SJ (Berryessa) / District 4

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Barbara Sunseri
Tue 10/10/2023 8:44 AM

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Hello,

My name is Barbara Sunseri, I am the president of The Villages Dog Club in the The Villages Country Club.

It is our opinion that there should be an audit of conduct of the San Jose Animal Care Shelters. Thank You,

Barbara

Barbara Sunseri

Sunil Seepuri <

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is **Sunil Seepuri** from **Sunnyvale** and I am writing to urge you to vote **YES** to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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We need collaboration and communication restored between SJACS and rescues, fosters and volunteers.

It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Sunil Seepuri, Sunnyvale

Vote Yes on SJACS audit

Kelsey Colson < Tue 10/10/2023 9:55 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Kelsey from D9 and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Kelsey Colson D9

Krithika Giridharan < Tue 10/10/2023 11:15 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff.

My name is Krithika Giridharan, living in Santa Clara and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Krithika Giridharan

Santa Clara resident

Ani Elmaoglu < ______>
Tue 10/10/2023 11:19 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Ani Elmaoglu from District 9. I volunteer with the dogs at San Jose Animal Advocates, as well as fostering for local rescue organizations. I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACSare continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

Because of lack of proper care and rescue outreach, dogs are languishing in their kennels for months before seeing the light of day out of their kennels. They need staff experienced in science-based behavior training to assess the needs of the dogs, instead of labeling them as aggressive or feral.

SJACS also needs a medical team that is pro-rescue, rather than trying to treat all animals in-house, causing them to die in their kennels or opting for unnecessary euthanasia.

The Community has been asking for more transparency from shelter management and staff and we are not getting it. This lack of transparency and communication has exacerbated issues at the shelter, including proper protocols not being followed.

SJACS has protocols and procedures that need to be adhered to, currently many critical ones are not being followed.

We need collaboration and communication restored between SJACS and rescues, fosters and volunteers.

It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit,

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Ani Elmaoglu District 9

Karen <

Tue 10/10/2023 11:38 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is (your name) Karen Kagoo and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Your name

Karen Kagoo

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Karen Kagoo

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Janet Marena
Tue 10/10/2023 2:00 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Janet T Marena from San Jose/ Shadow Brook and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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Janet T Marena

Shadow Brook 1 San Jose

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Respected Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Sangeetha Lakshminarayanan from **District 2** and member of <u>Sustain our Shelters</u>, Volunteer for <u>The Perfect Dog</u> and SJACS, am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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Sangeetha Lakshminarayanan

DEANNE FOWLER <

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Thank you, Deanne Fowler

Yes on SJACS audit

Meaghan Banks-Innes <

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Meaghan Banks-Innes, a resident of Spartan-Keyes. I am writing on behalf of myself, my husband, and our two rescue dogs to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

I volunteered for SJACS for over a year. I resigned as a volunteer this month. I simply could no longer handle management's ineptitude, the dysfunction and lack of caring from staff, the heartbreak of seeing miserable dogs slowly lose their minds in captivity, and the retaliation management wreaked on anyone who tried to improve the situation. Volunteers and staff have tried to improve conditions from within, and been fired for their pains - which I believe violates San Jose's whistleblower policy and the First Amendment. The animals need you to act NOW.

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Thank you, Meaghan Banks-Innes San Jose resident

Alyssa Houk <

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Thank you, Alyssa Houk

Campbell, CA

Kate Sitter <

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Kate Sitter. I've lived in the Willow Glen area of San Jose for 44 years. I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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Thank you,

Kate Sitter Willow Glen



Gavin Newsom snould respect as he appoints her successor.

Feinstein's political career began with her election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1969. She was a critically needed calming influence on her home city as she succeeded Mayor George Moscone in 1978 after he and Supervioriginal opposition to samesex marriage and support of the death penalty, she would eventually reverse course. The decision she said she regretted the most was her 2002 vote to authorize the Iraq war.

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Letters to the editor

Fostering shelter cats helps keep them safe

Re; "Crifics: Cats at shelter in peril" (Rage A1, Sept. 24):

I read the article in the paper Sept. 24 and agree that animal care at the San Jose Animal Care Center is poor.

I've been in the kitten room dozens of times. Kittens are in cages with dirty litter, unchanged water, old food and poop on their fur. Once we fostered a pair of kittens that were five days overdue on their needed medicine. We fostered them for a month and found them a nice home. We recently fostered a kitten and saved its life. When we picked it up, we were told it was eating on its own. We brought it home and it refused to eat. We fed it through a syringe for a week. It would have died at SJACC.

The care at the SJACC is poor. The city needs to hire professional management, more veterinarians and veterinary technicians. We will continue to foster to help kittens.

- Audrey Sitter, San Jose

Enforce decorum at board meetings

Re: "Board chair goes on offensive after flap over Pride on the matter of an LGBTQ flag display at a public school and related issues. But this is not the only serious question that is involved.

Proper conduct of public meetings and interruptions by adherents of both sides of the controversy are also of concern. The First Amendment guarantees "the right of the people to peaceably assemble" for "redress of grievances." My experience is that most people at public meetings are well-behaved and attentive and are present to listen, learn and perhaps offer their own opinions. These properly-behaved people are being denied their constitutional rights.

The solution is to ban disrupters from further meetings, and also ban board members who disobey the Constitution, the law and the rules of procedure. A remedial course in high school civics should also be required for those banished.

> - John Cormode Mountain View

New gun law a step toward controlling guns

Re: "Newsom's tougher gun laws include a new tax" (Page AI, Sept. 27)

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Sean Sitter <

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Please Vote "YES" on SJACS Audit

Rupali Raju <

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Thank you,

Rupali Raju

A concerned constituent

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Lisa Reigel <

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Lisa Reigel from College Park and a member of the PAWS Committee for the Rotary Club of San Jose. I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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Lisa Reigel
College Park Neighborhood Association
Member and Co-Chair, PAWS To Consider Committee - Rotary Club of San Jose

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff.

My name is Kaushik Narayanun from San Jose/Cottle Road and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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Thank you,

Kaushik Narayanun

Please Vote YES on SJACS Audit

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Dear Toni,

My name is Lenoir Kieve and I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

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Please vote yes for audit of SJACS

Valerie Merklin <

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Valerie Merklin and I am currently a resident of District 10 (previously I lived in District 6 for about 10 years). In memory of my sweet dog Lilly, who just passed away a couple of months ago, I am writing to urge you to vote yes at your meeting this afternoon to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

I adopted Lilly from SJACS in 2013, and it was a wonderful experience. Lilly was healthy and the staff were terrific as they helped me through the process of adopting her. At that time, my understanding was that SJACS had very high standards and also a very high adoption rate, both through direct adoptions and by working closely with many local rescue partners for animals that may have special needs. I was proud to tell anyone about my great experience at our shelter adopting Lilly. So it is heartbreaking that over the past several months I have heard many horrifying first-hand accounts from local animal rescue organizations that I do volunteer work for and support that conditions at SJACS are declining and animals are dying as a result.

Please vote yes for this audit, proceed with having it done immediately, and follow-up to take any measure needed to improve conditions for the animals and to restore collaboration and communication between SJACS and local rescues, fosters and volunteers. Our great city deserves to have a premier animal shelter that other cities could look to as a model of excellence.

Thanks very much,

Valerie Merklin



Vivian OConnell <

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

My name is Vivian OConnell and I live in Willow Glen, District 6 San Jose. My husband and I are long time volunteers and supporters of a number of rescue organizations in our community. We have fostered and adopted many animals from these organizations, and from the San Jose shelter. Our community of friends is largely comprised of people who are deeply involved in animal rescue.

I am a co founder of a local nonprofit rescue organization and have deep experience in animal welfare.

Volunteers and concerned citizens have been reaching out to the council for many months now on behalf of the animals that are being turned away from the shelter, as well as those that are being warehoused for far too long, many without proper medical care. The increasing number of animals dying in their kennels is deplorable.

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Thank you,

Vivian OConnell

Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff,

As a participant in the stakeholders group meetings with City and Shelter leadership I would ask that you reconsider the proposed audit of Animal Services, and instead look for a third-party mediator/facilitator.

I am concerned that committing to an audit which will disrupt the already agreed-upon audit workplan, likely be a lengthy process leading to additional frustration, take up additional staff time to respond and participate when resources are already stretched thin, and reduces the opportunity for community/stakeholder involvement in the process and final recommendations.

If an audit is approved to go forward, I would ask that it be limited in scope to just the shelter data.

There is opportunity for improvement in the stakeholder process but the addition of outside resources to facilitate and lead the process continues the collaborative process allowing the community to have a voice.

Thank you,

Dinah Hayse

Vote YES to Audit SJACS

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Staff.

My name is Kevin OConnell and I live in Willow Glen, District 6 San Jose. My wife and I are long time volunteers and supporters of a number of rescue organizations in our community. We have fostered and adopted many animals from these organizations, and from the San Jose shelter. Our community of friends is largely comprised of people who are deeply involved in animal rescue.

Volunteers and concerned citizens have been reaching out to the council for many months now on behalf of the animals that are being turned away from the shelter, as well as those that are being warehoused for far too long, many without proper medical care. The increasing number of animals dying in their kennels is deplorable.

I am writing to urge you to vote yes to proceed with an audit of the San Jose Animal Care and Services (SJACS).

As you are aware from news reports and local rescues speaking out in recent months, the conditions at SJACS are continuing to decline and animals are dying as a result. There is an outbreak of Panleukopenia Virus among the cat population that has been devastating. It has a 90% mortality rate.

The Community has been asking for more transparency from shelter management and staff and we are not getting it. This lack of transparency and communication has exacerbated issues at the shelter, including proper protocols not being followed.

SJACS has protocols and procedures that need to be adhered to, currently many critical ones are not being followed.

We need collaboration and communication restored between SJACS and rescues, fosters and volunteers.

It would be inhumane to stand by and allow the conditions at SJACS to continue without doing due diligence of an independent and thorough audit.

I urge you to vote yes to proceeding with an audit to be done immediately.

Thank you,

Kevin OConnell