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MEETING DATE: 11/31/11

SUBJECT: Multnomah County Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Mult County Animal Shelter  
funding

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Tom Skinkoff

ADDRESS: 9934 SW Terwilliger Blvd

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97216

PHONE: DAYS: 503 625-4818 EVES: 503 971 404-7390

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Molt Co shelter is a really well run animal shelter. They are mandated by the county to take all incoming animals in need of homes. It is very hard to be a no-kill shelter when they must take all animals in need of homes.

I have experience volunteering at Project Pouch in McLaren Youth Facility and also run a doggy-day care in Sherwood, OR.

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): MCAS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Kim Singer

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

WORKS W/ ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS

CONTINUE FUNDING

CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY TO NO KILL REQUESTS

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SUBJECT: Multnomah County Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

Multnomah County Animal Control

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: James Kyle Zeider **ZEIDER**

ADDRESS: 13100 SW Summit Ridge St.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Seaside, OR 97224

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503-626-2485 EVES: cell 503-807-6062

EMAIL: Zeider1@comcast.net FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

Require BACKGROUND CHECKS ON

RESCUE GROUPS

I WORKING W/IS NOT CORRECTLY LICENSED

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

Animal control

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Connie Theil

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEETING DATE: 5/21

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Animal Services

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Daniela Iancu

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97217

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Continue Multnomah Co Animal Services

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Camilla Welhaven

ADDRESS: 2235 SE Brooklyn

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97202

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503 237 8886 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: Camilla @ Antmisbehavior.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

Animal services funding

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: JENELL OREGON DAKSHUND RESCUE

ADDRESS: P.O. Box # 820082

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland Oregon

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

EVE: 503-313-3220

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

*Animal Services*

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: *Britta Savaresco*

ADDRESS: *1200 SW 61<sup>st</sup> Drive*

CITY/STATE/ZIP: *Portland, OR 97221*

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: *503-522-9989* EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: *brittabava@yahoo.com* FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_ *WORKS w / AGENCIES*

*PLACED ≥ 1,000 CATS*

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): Animal Control  
-continue funding for MCAs

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Amy Sacks

ADDRESS: 2520 SW Buckingham Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PODX OR 97201

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503 758-3145 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: amy@pixieproject.org FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): MCAS support  
for keeping existing staff & funding

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Stephanie Collingsworth

ADDRESS: 2534 SE 118th Ave

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PDY 97266

PHONE: DAYS: 503-933-3357 EVES:

EMAIL: FAX:

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

HCAS funding  
in support of continued funding

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Angela Lindao LINDAO

ADDRESS: 910 SW Maplecrest Dr

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97219

PHONE: DAYS: 503-233-3378 EVES: 503 807-9134

EMAIL: adlindao@hotmail.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

Multnomah County Shelter  
ANIMAL

FOR: ☒ AGAINST: ☐ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: LISA WYATT

ADDRESS: 28 SE 28th Ave #411

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 323-828-3369 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: lisa@lisaWyattphoto.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Animal Services

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ☒ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Jon Gramstad

ADDRESS: 1306 NE 153

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PORTLAND, OREGON 97230

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503-421-2270 EVES: same

EMAIL: j.gramstad@comcast.net FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

will present

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Animal services

SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Barbara Spears

ADDRESS: 3762 SE Market

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97214

PHONE: DAYS: 503.421.3169 EVES: 503.234.2115

EMAIL: barbara.spears FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: @comcast.net

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): MCAS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: James A Splidsboel

ADDRESS: 3511 NE Fremont

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503-348-4668 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: jetjim3@msn.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

MCAS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Erica Murczek

ADDRESS: 3104 NE 24th

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland OR 97212

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503 282 4278 EVES: same

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM):

Mult. County  
Animal Shelter

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Janet Amundson

ADDRESS: 3130 NE Alameda Terr.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: PHd. OR. 97212

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503 282-6366 EVES: same

EMAIL: janetsartstudio@ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: gmail.com

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_

mcas - animal shelter

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Laura Hinrichs.

ADDRESS: 12 SW 148<sup>th</sup> Ave.

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Beaverton, OR

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503-350-1576 EVES: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: L. Hinrichs @ comcast.net FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: I volunteer at mcas. They care  
very much for their animals, & try hard to save as  
many as possible. They <sup>have</sup> been criticized unfairly over <sup>the</sup> years.  
I would like to see them get a new animal shelter -  
(up to date!) to benefit animals, clients - increase adoptions  
& have more animals returned to owners.

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): MCAS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: X THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Denise Hampton

ADDRESS: 6618 N Smith Ct

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Portland, OR 97203

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS: 503-348-7209 EVES: same

EMAIL: denisehampton@gmail.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 31, 2011

Greetings,

Outlined is my perspective on animal control and euthanasia in Multnomah County and the proposed increased budget with status quo policies.

To give you a little background, over the past 7 years, I have volunteered for three local no-kill shelters and one national no-kill organization. My volunteer work has encompassed multiple aspects including hands-on care, chairing large fundraisers, managing public relations, creating & managing operating budgets, and developing forward thinking programs to increase the number of animal companion lives we can save each year. I am also a property tax-paying citizen with licensed pets in the county.

Throughout this country and in Canada, numerous municipalities have successfully implemented no-kill initiatives that have been welcomed warmly and supported by the community both in encouragement and financial donations. It is time for our county and city, notably a forward-thinking and progressive community, to develop a program that is no-kill. We are behind the times – and frankly change is needed.

As I've found in animal rescue, change can be hard and sometimes not comfortable. We need to step-up to develop a safe place for animals in our county. You might ask: How can we possibly afford to implement such a plan? Progressive, forward thinking management will be the key. We cannot ignore this issue each year and continually increase the budget to support rising costs while euthanizing the same number or more animals each year. No-kill shelters in Portland have significant donor bases – because their cause is supported. I cringe when paying for my indoor-only cat license fee. I'm not sure if it's going to euthanize a healthy animal, to feed/medicate a sick animal, or to support someone's (from my perspective) overpaid salary.

Please think about your own family pets – if other cities in this country can provide a safe haven for lost, abandoned, or neglected animals with a high adoption rate, we can too. There is a plan in place, nationally, with strong leaders at the helm to eliminate the euthanasia for healthy & adoptable pets by 2015.

I ask you to allocate the time and energy needed to help make this a reality in our forward thinking community. As mentioned, it's a reality in MANY other communities and it's time for change right here in progressive Portland/Multnomah county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Denise Hampton". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Denise Hampton

Concerned Multnomah County Citizen

Phone: 503.348.7209

Email: denisemhampton@gmail.com

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SPECIFIC BUDGET TOPIC (DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM): MCA S

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FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE BUDGET TOPIC

NAME: Scott Beckstead

ADDRESS: PO Box 288

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Multnomah County Board of Commissioners  
Portland, Oregon

### RE: MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Dear Chair Cogen and Commissioners:

Animals hold a cherished place in the hearts of Oregonians, and perhaps nowhere is that more true than in Portland and the surrounding communities of Multnomah County. The citizens of Multnomah County take pride in their humane, progressive values, and they wish to see those values reflected in the priorities of their local governments.

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), I am writing to urge you to sustain those values with continued funding for Multnomah County Animal Services (MCAS) at a level that allows it to extend its record of progress and success in addressing the county's animal welfare concerns. As an advisor and advocate for local, publicly-funded animal care and control agencies, The HSUS understands that counties are often forced to make hard choices between those entities and other worthy programs. It is our position that prioritized funding for MCAS is not only a responsible policy choice for the county's animals; it is also fundamental to the health and safety of the county's citizens, and essential to the realization of their vision for a humane and compassionate community.

The HSUS has the deepest respect for the hard work that public animal care agencies like MCAS undertake on a daily basis. MCAS is the only animal shelter in the county with an open admissions policy, which means that it must accept every animal that comes through its doors. It cannot be selective and only take those animals with a reasonable chance of being re-homed. It must take them all, whether they are sick, aggressive, lovable, old, or stray. With this mandate, it is MCAS's duty to provide humane care for every animal that enters the facility. Although every animal shelter, whether public and private, has its shortcomings and challenges, we see a great deal of commendable progress in MCAS's efforts to promote humane values and provide high-quality services

to the community. MCAS is making a determined, good-faith effort to adapt its programs in a responsible manner to save as many animals as possible.

Some critics of MCAS are advocating for decreasing or even eliminating the agency's budget because animals are euthanized at levels they find unacceptable. This approach is not appropriate, and will not achieve the desired outcome of declining euthanasia rates. Instead, the elimination of funding for MCAS's animal management program will leave some animals out in the cold. A city of Portland's size needs an open-admissions shelter.

While The HSUS agrees that every animal care agency should be actively striving to reduce and eliminate the euthanasia of adoptable animals, we understand the practical realities and hard choices that MCAS faces in doing its job each day. All of us look forward to a day when Portland can end the euthanasia of all healthy and treatable animals, but we disagree that the curtailment of funding support will hasten that day. The better approach is to join forces to find solutions that save as many lives as possible with the resources available to us.

We commend MCAS for taking an active leadership role in the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland, formed in 2006. As a leading agency in the Alliance, MCAS has contributed to a 44 percent reduction in euthanasia of animals from the Portland area over the past four years (see [www.asapmetro.org](http://www.asapmetro.org)). That translates to over 14,000 animals saved. We expect that trend to continue.

MCAS's operations reflect a fundamental understanding of the Multnomah County community's desire to save lives and provide good homes for healthy, adoptable animals. It does so while attending to the equally important tasks of protecting the community's interests, from mundane concerns like barking dogs, to the scourge of animal fighting and criminal animal abuse and neglect, to the practical challenges of pet overpopulation and dangerous exotic pets - in short, to the whole range of issues involving animals in the community.

Strong coalitions are essential to solving community problems, and animal welfare concerns are no exception. MCAS's Mike Oswald has demonstrated an ability to work with others and an unfailing "can-do" ethic rooted in a deep and abiding concern for the well-being of animals. He serves on The HSUS's Companion Animal Advisory Board, a body which promulgates guidelines for animal care agencies throughout the United States.

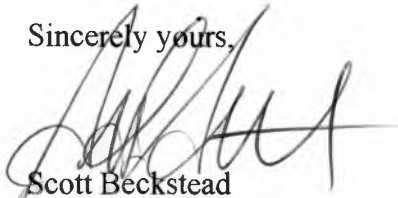
The important work of county-centered animal services can only be accomplished with a level of funding commensurate to the broad assortment of demands and challenges that

MCAS manages. We believe that MCAS will continue its good-faith effort to reduce euthanasia so long as it has the resources to do so. Accordingly, we urge this body to *increase* funding to MCAS. We understand that hard economic times may tempt some to look at reducing funding for MCAS. Such cuts, however, could lead to safety and liability concerns, animal suffering, increased euthanasia rates, angry citizens, and long-term financial and public image problems that could far outlast current economic conditions. We note that the MCAS budget per capita is \$7.07. As a general guideline, funding levels for public animal services should be approximately \$8.00 per capita for a responsible community animal services program.

There is strong evidence that MCAS is on the right path. It continues to seek to provide temporary shelter to infirm and homeless animals, to decrease euthanasia of adoptable animals, to re-home healthy and treatable animals, and to provide quality service to the community. Can it do better? Of course. Every agency and every organization can improve its programs and impact. But to do better, such an agency must have resources. Through reliable funding at appropriate levels, we believe MCAS will continue to work with Portland's sheltering partners to achieve its vision "to end the euthanasia of social, healthy, and treatable cats and dogs in our local shelters by collaborating on spay/neuter programs, educational, and outreach efforts, and the promotion of humane alternatives for feral cats," which is essential to building a more humane society that we can be proud of.

We appreciate your considering our views, and would be pleased to elaborate further upon them at the discretion of the committee membership.

Sincerely yours,



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