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Hi,

Can you please submit my comments for the study session this afternoon:

Good afternoon, city council members

I am writing as a Palm desert resident, my concerns about the Coachella animal shelter in the mismanagement from the county of Riverside and the mistreatment of animals...it is unacceptable that my taxpayer money is going toward this horrific situation that's not getting better, the numbers might look better, but that's because they are not even accepting stray, animals or or surrenders...Why are we not looking to have our own shelter in Palm Desert like Palm Springs? We have a lot of money from all the developments that you have approved and we have a local community that cares and loves for their animals, but we have to have a better foster program and we have to make sure that we are enforcing spay and neuter laws... Why did the county of Riverside give a \$2.1 million contract to Kristin Hansen, without any other competing bids? that money could've been use for more spay/neuter programs. She has a terrible reputation in the rescue community and county personnel did not even do their due diligence to research her. All she does is encourage shelters not to take animals so the numbers look better. Her contract needs to be cancelled immediately. When you question her on Facebook, she blocks you. That's not acceptable! With the heat over 115°, we can't have stray animals. . Please question what's going on at the shelter with one of the highest kill rates in the country and the county of Riverside is currently being sued for the horrible practices that they have implemented at the shelters. We ask you to do better and to be our voices.

Thank you,

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Sent from my iPhone