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**To:** [CityClerk](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about the new "NO KILL" Policy at Riverside Animal Shelters  
**Date:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:04:13 AM  
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[2 cats ACCIDENTALLY dumped in desert in 100+ weather .pdf](#)  
[Mary Martin killing everyday but WEDNESDAYS .pdf](#)

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Good Morning.

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the meeting today in person, but I wanted to make my concerns known to your committee about the direction of the shelter and the empty promises made by your new director Mary Martin.

I've attached two disturbing updates about the shelter that has been widely shared with the taxpayers and animal advocates over the last few weeks. If any of you feel these are false or somehow inaccurate, PLEASE reach out to us to set the record straight.

Taxpayer CONCERNS:

1. **Mary Martin has declared that no cats will be seen or taken in ~ after 2 cats ( A1864139 and A 1864854) were "ACCIDENTALLY" dumped in the desert in 100+ weather. "Accidentally" dumped.....hours after being spayed, with no cone, no food, water, pain medication or follow up.**

**WE KNOW THIS WAS ANYTHING BUT AN ACCIDENT.** Shelters all across California are doing this on a regular basis, Kristen Hassen, your 2+ million dollar consultant calls it "community cat program", "return to field" "community sheltering. Cats living their "best lives" in their new outdoor home like in Mexico. Animal advocates are well aware of rhetoric that you all fell for and gave her 2 million dollars to boot.

We also know that Manny Perez traveled to Pamona, CA to the Best Friends conference and can fill you in on the cat dumping scheme. Gary Weitzman, CEO from San Diego Humane Society who recommended Mary Martin has dumped 20,000 friendly, tame cats on San Diego streets to die. This was all exposed in the lawsuit Pet Assistance vs San Diego Humane Society. California shelters are collecting millions....paying their directors salaries equal to, or double in some cases to manage the shelters. And we know, even as there is a \$40 million from Riverside taxpayers to care for the lost animals.....THIS SCHEME of Best Friends ( Mary Martin's former employer) and Kristen Hassen is being followed.

2. **ZERO PRIORITY FOR SPAY AND NEUTER TO FIX THIS.** Mary Martin has cancelled the last THREE spay and neuter clinics. Cats are roaming the streets UNALTERED TO REPRODUCE. THIS IS A CRISIS UNFOLDING and there is ABSOLUTELY NO WILL to find an alternative. She is just "sorry". More "sorry".

3. Mary Martin has now shared publicly **she will be killing the lost and orphaned animals of Riverside EVERY DAY BUT WEDNESDAYS.**

**THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF SHELTER WE WERE PROMISED AFTER ERIN GETTIS LEFT. IT IS MORE OF THE SAME, and it is happening on your watch. WHY?**

Christine

**Per our Director:**

**At this time, with our capacity at an all-time high, euthanasia will be performed at both the Western Riverside and San Jacinto shelters every day excluding Wednesdays. It is a terrible situation and we appreciate you trying to help, but there will not be extensions on dogs at this time.**

**Is this from Mary Martin our new “no kill” director?**

**Riverside Animal Services sent this notification of the upcoming slaughter of the homeless animals of Riverside. It was sent out to community members.**

**NOW KILLING EVERYDAY but Wednesdays?**

**NO EXTENSIONS for more time to save lives?**