

**Fwd: URGENT: RE: BOS Meeting, Aug. 16th, 2016**

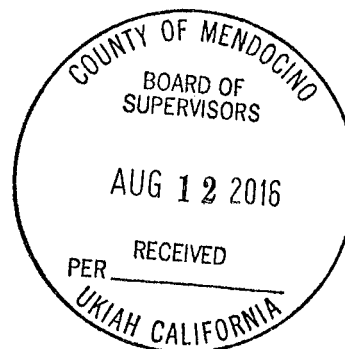
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8/16/16 BOS meeting related correspondence, item 5(c).

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\*PLEASE re-open an Animal Shelter in Fort Bragg area - this is urgently needed and has been ever since the County abandoned this coastal community and closed the Summers Lane shelter in 2009.\*

Since the closure, I have been doing cat rescue, fostering & re-homing here on the Mendocino Coast, and spend thousands & thousands of hours and dollars, 24/7, helping abandoned, abused, injured, homeless, unwanted, unaltered and feral cats. I am just one of many "volunteers" who do the same thing... there are just as many here who also rescue & foster dogs.

The situation here in the county \*and\* in the city is very bad and getting worse every year: our phones ring daily; volunteers give-up due to financial & physical strain; and animals are suffering & dying while the County continues to delay any action that could help us.

When people do not have a shelter to take animals to, or to call for help, the result is most often quite grim ... we "volunteers" see it all the time\*. SEVEN LONG YEARS IS ENOUGH!\*

\*Consider scheduling a meeting soon of all the animals groups over here (Eileen Hawthorne Fund for Animals, SOS, Second Chance, FIV Cat Rescue, Daisy Davis Pit Bull Rescue, Sweetpea's Sanctuary, Coast Cat Project) as well as the Mendocino Coast Humane Society and the City of Fort Bragg (who also has no shelter or officers). Working together to solve this serious situation is really the best way to go.\* \*Many grants are available for just such collaborative community efforts, so could be the answer to the County's financial concerns.\* \*I would love to help!\*

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