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Pima County Board of Supervisors

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the proposed changes by the BOS to PACC drop-off fees for Tucson residents. While I understand the very real fiscal problems facing PACC, this proposed solution is short-sighted at best, and in my mind, criminal in the main. It can only lead to the senseless, horrifically cruel abandonment of unwanted pets on both Tucson's streets as well as in the surrounding desert.

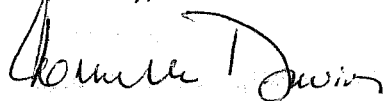
Many good and morally conscious people find strays (and sometimes their litters) on the streets and take them to shelters in the hopes of identifying their family and reuniting them or at the very least in the hopes of finding them a loving home. Just how many people will be unable to now do that due to the \$70 per animal expense? \$70 is not an insignificant cost, even to those like me who are decidedly middle class. This is unconscionable.

I have never, in my 60+ years been outraged and disturbed enough about a proposed policy change to warrant my sending a letter to a government entity; this qualifies.

Humane societies/animal shelters are in the business of providing humane solutions for animal care. If you follow through with the proposed fee, in my mind you should do away with the agency, as it is clear that this step if taken, shows a complete lack of understanding of what must be an animal care facilities' mission statement.

I am not naïve; I understand that all government agencies must operate within certain financial constraints and realities. I myself was responsible for the preparation and administration of Santa Clara County (CA) Social Services Agency IS Software Operations budget for 15 years. While I do not have a solution to offer, I do know that there are other solutions to deal with PACCs fiscal realities short of imposing these drop-off fees for unwanted animals as well as strays.

Sincerely,



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