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DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A NO KILL PHILOSOPHY

Your agenda team has struggled with the scheduling of animal welfare issues. For the Board meeting on April 4, 2007 we are suggesting a short time for the commissioners to take two minutes to express their views on the no kill philosophy. Obviously, the board as a whole makes decisions.

We all know that the local, state and federal funding situation is in flux. Senior staff is actively working on the presentation of the proposed Lane County Budget, which will be released to the Board, budget committee and public on April 26, 2007. LCARA's budget, of course, will be a component of the overall Lane County Budget. The entire month of May 2007 will be taken up with twice weekly and potentially lengthy meetings of the Lane County Budget Committee, of which all commissioners are members.

We are also concerned about the failure of the board to direct a "no kill/all adopt" approach at LCARA . We hope commissioners will take a brief moment to give staff the direction it needs to develop a "no kill/all adopt" approach, instruct staff to report back to the board in writing on how a no kill philosophy, consistent with the budget and consistent with collective bargaining agreements in place, no later than June 15, 2007.