

AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION. Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the County of Madera for the purpose of qualifying an initiative measure **BUILD A NEW MADERA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER WITH AN AFFORDABLE NONPROFIT VETERINARY CLINIC, EXPAND AND CONSOLIDATE ANIMAL SERVICES TO THE CITIES OF MADERA AND CHOWCHILLA, THE MADERA RANCHOS, AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EASTERN MADERA COUNTY.**

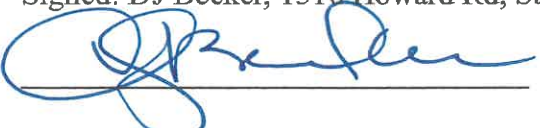
The reason for the proposed action is as follows: **Madera County and the City of Madera are overwhelmed with stray, starving, and suffering homeless animals.** The existing Madera County shelter and Animal Services Department is underfunded, undersized, and in disrepair, and is not accepting most stray animals.

THERE ARE NO OTHER REALISTIC, AVAILABLE, CONSISTENT FUNDING SOURCES FOR IMPROVING OR EXPANDING THE CURRENT MADERA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. Without the passage of this measure, with the affordable SPAY-NEUTER VETERINARY CLINIC it provides, our many homeless animals will continue to reproduce, starve, and suffer.

The passage of this measure will build, consistently fund, and operate a new, multi-acre animal shelter complex and a consolidated animal services department, and build, staff, and operate a new, separate, nonprofit, spay-neuter VETERINARY CLINIC with affordable services to help animals, reduce suffering, and reduce the growing stray animal populations. The cities of Madera and Chowchilla urgently need updated, more effective animal ordinances and expanded, improved animal control services. Updating and consolidating animal ordinances and animal control service departments improves efficiency, services, and improves public safety. Two residents have been killed by packs of roaming large dogs in the last five years, another 74-year-old man was mauled nearly to death in Chowchilla.

With the passage of this one-quarter of one percent (1/4%) sales tax increase measure, or about \$5 a month per person, Madera County will consistently raise between \$5 and \$6 million annually, depending on sales tax revenues. The funding of this measure shall be restricted solely for these local purposes listed herein, audited annually, and its implementation and use shall be subject to the oversight and approval of the residents' Founding Oversight Board.

Signed: DJ Becker, 1516 Howard Rd, Ste. 506, Madera, CA 93637 3/12/26


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