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Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 4:43 PM  
To: Katherine Velez  
Cc: Jankowski, Ted; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
Board of Representatives  
Subject:RE: Stamford Animal Shelter

Thank you for your views. As co-chair of the task force, who has been surrounded by dogs most of my life, I can assure you that we also care about the animals and want to guarantee a humane policy for them. Our task is to assure that the public is also protected and that the city's liability for the animal control center's action is also protected. Many nearby CT cities have different ways of handling these issues and we hope to learn from them on the task force. One of our tasks is also to identify and rank possible sites for the new center. We are aware that this is an issue that the public is following closely.

Eileen Heaphy

On Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 12:55 PM, Katherine Velez wrote:

To Whom It May Concern-

Recently I've been following the situation with the Stamford Animal Shelter and I'm writing to express my deep concern for the city's population of homeless animals. As a tax paying, Stamford resident, a social worker for a local non-profit, a dog owner and animal lover, I am so disappointed to hear of all the turmoil going on. I had been following the shelter expansion news and was hoping we would be getting a nice, new animal shelter in Stamford soon. Instead the shelter director has been let go and brought up on charges, volunteers are not being permitted to care for the animals and there are a lot of allegations being brought forward. I assure you the citizens of Stamford are paying close attention to what is going on. To think of all those poor animals in the shelter right now suffering and to hear that you want to bring back an old kill shelter philosophy is very upsetting. Please consider bringing Laurie Hollywood back to continue her work, and get volunteers in the shelter to care for the animals. I leave you with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi,

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated"

Thank you,

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