



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 15, 2020

The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1347 as Amended on May 6, 2020 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Galgiani:

The County of San Bernardino is please to support SB 1347 which would allow shelters to provide vaccinations, over-the-counter medications, administer first aid, and carry out veterinary instructions without the supervision of a veterinarian or a veterinary premise permit.

San Bernardino County values the important role of veterinarians in supporting the overall health and safety of sheltered pets however, animal shelters face a number of obstacles in obtaining veterinary staff. Many shelters are unable to hire a veterinarian due to fiscal and/or geographical factors. Additionally, shelters have been unable to find a veterinarian willing to accept the professional liability of maintaining a veterinary premise permit for their facility.

SB 1347 permits animal shelters to take essential precautions to protect the health of pets entrusted in their care by ensuring that shelters are allowed to provide vaccinations and other basic care to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports SB 1347. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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