Carol Pedersen Addendum to Public Comment May 7, 2019

## Pet Retention Programs

Pet Retention programs under No Kill are aimed to help people get the services and information they need to keep their pets.

That means quickly and efficiently:

- \*\*Getting information to people about low-cost spay/neuter in their areas
- \*\*Referring people to low-cost vets or programs that help low-income folks get vet care for their pets
- \*\*Giving people lists of animal-friendly rentals in the community
- \*\*Working with the community to establish pet pantries to help people with obtaining pet food for their animal family members
- \*\*Making sure multilingual communities have resources in languages other than English about all of the above programs
- \*\*Having a volunteer-staffed Animal Help Line so people have someone to reach out to when they encounter a challenge that might prompt them to surrender their pet -- someone who can help them resolve the problem, which may be easy to solve with the right information and resources

Our shelter animals are OUR pets. At any time, your pet could get out, by a door left open by a guest or scared by fireworks or other environmental stimuli. And he or she could end up at the LB shelter, and they can end up being euthanized because people like Councilwoman Mungo are not taking the time or are not interested in learning the facts about good sheltering.