

April 6, 2026

Re: Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center FY 2027 Operating Budget

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to share my support for MCASACs FY 27 budget. I've walked dogs at MCASAC for several years and one thing, besides the dogs that keeps me returning are the amazing, dedicated staff who workday in and day out to ensure the safety, security and adoption of all the animals at the Center. Not only are the staff a collaborative, caring and hardworking crew, but they are always looking for ways to make improvements. Over the last several months, they have introduced dog playgroups which significantly enhance the dog's well-being. They also make efforts to train volunteers on different mental stimulation techniques for dogs which are also extremely valuable. Most recently, they have decided to extend animal adoption hours to start earlier on the weekend with the hope that this will encourage more visitors and reduce waiting time by spreading out visitors who come during the day. MCASAC leadership has introduced several new initiatives, and these are just a few examples.

As a born and raised Montgomery County Resident, I fully support funding MCASAC to its maximum proposal level, and even more if funds are available, to continue the amazing and successful work in taking care of our animals and providing families access to families.

Additionally, MCASAC could benefit from increased staffing to meet the daily needs of all the animals. The ability to hire more staff would facilitate ongoing enhancements, including increasing the amount of time that dogs are walked, supporting adoption and foster programs, and contributing to additional organizational responsibilities. The more effective staff can be, the better the animals will be while in the shelter, which in turn leads to higher adoption rates and overall success of these valuable services.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony, and for your continued support of the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Proctor

MCASAC Volunteer