



# Coachella Valley Animal Campus

## COMMISSION AGENDA

### **Animal Campus Commission**

#### **City of Indian Wells**

Councilmember Ty Peabody

#### **Vice-Chair**

Councilmember Dana Reed  
(Alternate)

#### **City of La Quinta**

Councilmember Steve Sanchez  
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
(Alternate)

#### **City of Cathedral City**

Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Mayor Ernesto Gutierrez (Alternate)

#### **City of Coachella**

Councilmember Denise Delgado  
Vacant (Alternate)

#### **City of Desert Hot Springs**

#### **City of Indio**

Councilmember Lupe Ramos Amith  
Scott Trujillo (City Staff Representative)

#### **City of Palm Desert**

Mayor Pro Tem Karina Quintanilla

#### **Chair**

Mayor Kathleen Kelly  
(Alternate)

#### **Palm Springs Animal Shelter**

Dan Rossi, Executive Director

#### **Friends of Palm Springs Animal Shelter**

Ex- Officio, Tamara Hedges- President

#### **City of Rancho Mirage**

Councilmember Meg Marker  
Councilmember Lynn Malotto  
(Alternate)

#### **County of Riverside**

V. Manuel Perez, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Alexis Perez, Board Assistant

#### **Animal Samaritans**

Len D. Betz, President  
Ex-Officio, Tom Snyder, CEO

#### **County Staff**

Director DAS, Erin Gettis  
Asst. Director DAS, Kimberly Youngberg  
Executive Assistant, Kasey Saldarelli

PLEASE NOTE THAT ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA MAY RESULT IN ACTION TAKEN BY THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Coachella Valley Animal Campus Commission is as follows:

### **Commission Meeting**

**Thursday, November 02, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **In Person:**

**Coachella Valley Animal Campus  
72-050 Pet Land Place  
Thousand Palms, CA 92276**

#### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (CHAIR)**

CHAIR: KARINA QUINTANILLA, CITY OF PALM DESERT

#### **3. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA**

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS, YOU WANT ADDED TO THE AGENDA, THE BROWN ACT REQUIRES THAT YOU DO SO AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 03, 2023, MINUTES

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR ANY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **7. ACTION ITEM**

➤ CONSIDER ADDING ADDITIONAL NON-PROFIT EX-OFFICIO MEMBER TO COMMISSION.

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8. **ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR ANY MEMBER WISHING TO ADDRESS THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION TO DO SO.

9. **RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES:** KIM YOUNGBERG;  
ASST. DIRECTOR.

➤ DEPARTMENT UPDATES (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

10. **ANIMAL SAMARITANS:** Tom Snyder, CEO

➤ ADOPTION ALLIANCE UPDATE (STANDING ITEM AGENDA)

11. **PALM SPRINGS ANIMAL SHELTER:** DAN ROSSI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR:

**Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (In Person) Coachella Valley Animal Campus.**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

For copies of agendas and past meeting minutes please visit  
: [www.rivco4.org/web/cvacc](http://www.rivco4.org/web/cvacc)

Accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act are available upon request.

Please contact Kasey Saldarelli via email at [Ksaldare@rivco.org](mailto:Ksaldare@rivco.org), 72 hours before the meeting, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



*Department of Animal Services*

*Erin Gettis, Director  
Dr. Kim Youngberg, Deputy Director*

**SUBMITTAL TO THE COMMISSION MEMBERS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION**

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** October 27, 2023

**FROM:** Erin Gettis, Director of Riverside County Animal Services

**SUBJECT: Consideration to add additional community organization members to the Commission**

At the August 3rd meeting, Commission Chair Karina Quintanilla requested staff research consideration of adding additional community organizations to the Commission and the process required.

The Animal Services Commission was created by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on April 13, 2004. At that time the Board outlined in the bylaws the membership as follows: 1) Voting Commissioners: includes the Board of Supervisors District 4 office designee, and appointed members (representatives from County Animal Services contract cities: Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage), and 2) Non-Voting Commissioners: includes Ex-officio members for community organizations. Attached to this memo are bylaws for the Commission for your reference. Below is an excerpt from the bylaws that discusses the process for adding community organization members to the Commission.

The Animal Campus Commission shall consist of one (1) elected official appointed by the respective City Council of each signatory city, known as a commissioner. The County Supervisor the Fourth District, or their designee, shall serve until his/her successor has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Voting Membership is limited to a County representative and the representatives of a city contracted with the County of Riverside Department of Animal Services.

Ex-officio membership may be granted to, or removed from, a community organization by commission action. Ex-officio members serve voluntarily and do not have the right to vote. The President of Animal Samaritans SPCA, Inc. or his/her designee, Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter and Palm Springs Animal Control shall also serve on the Animal Campus Commission in an ex-officio capacity.

As outlined in the by-laws, community organizations can be added to the Commission as Ex-officio members by Commission action. Three organizations: Animal Samaritans SPCA, the Friends of Palm Springs Animal Shelter, and Loving All Animals are already ex-officio members representing non-profit community organizations on the Commission. Should the Commission determine it is important to add additional community organizations to the Commission as Ex-officio members, suggested motion wording has been prepared below:

**MOTION: That the Coachella Valley Animal Campus Commission approve adding community organization: (Name of organization) as an Ex-Officio member of the Commission.**