On behalf of the Board of CARMA (Companion Animal Rescue & Medical Asst., Inc.), we support efforts to plan, build and equip a shelter for Sandoval County. For 20 years CARMA, an all-volunteer, no-kill, non-profit animal rescue, has rescued animals in Sandoval County but the numbers are too great for small rescue groups to handle. Without a County shelter, the large number of animals at-risk in our community have nowhere to go. A County shelter can form the nucleus of a range of services for community animals including temporary housing until foster or adoptive homes can be found. A shelter can attract funds to assist with spay/neuter programs, to educate about humane treatment of animals, and to coordinate joint efforts with municipalities and private rescue groups to help. We appreciate the vision of the Commission and strongly support efforts to fill a huge gap in services to animals in Sandoval County through the creation of a shelter.