

Agenda Item 4b

Backup submitted by Commissioner Ryan Clinton

The Human Animal Support Services ("HASS") initiative includes planning and implementing the following programs:

- Supporting and encouraging owners of pets to rehome their animals rather than burdening the shelter system.
- Supporting and encouraging persons who find pets to return the animals to their owners.
- Supporting pet owners who want to keep their animals by providing, if necessary, veterinary medical and behavioral support.
- Working to find outcomes for animals before they enter the shelter system (or as soon as possible thereafter).
- Improving services to traditionally underserved communities and those that may lack the resources necessary to utilize existing shelter services.

HASS does not include:

- Closing intake.
- Long waiting periods for adoptions, owner surrenders, or stray intake.