

# Burien Animal Care & Control

*Providing Humane Law Enforcement to the Citizens of Burien*

January 27, 2011

Dear Burien City Council:

Burien Animal Care & Control has come a long way in the six months since its origin. We have established a known presence in the community, an overall successful opinion from its citizens, and helped hundreds of animals throughout the city.

Although I am very happy to have been a part of this program and its development, I have decided to change directions professionally. The current animal control program I believe should exist and have established will not be sustainable without increased City support and it has become very clear that this is beyond the level of service the City is currently interested in providing. This dilemma has put a very large strain on me professionally, personally, ethically and financially. I feel now that the program has a solid starting foundation it is time for the City to pursue other options and/or contractors to continue its operation.

I will be glad to participate and assist in this transition, but in my newly developed professional experience, I feel the City should begin this process immediately so as to attempt to switch management prior to the summer busy season. In addition, the Animal Control Officer Training Academy will be offered in March and an ideal opportunity to train any new parties. I will continue to provide the services of my contract in the interim.

Sincerely,



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