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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 12:06 PM **To:** Wrinn, Michael < <u>Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG</u>>

**Subject:** CT Humane Society proposal

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I am contacting you today in support of the CT Humane Society proposal to build a new facility at 863 Danbury Road. I have lived in Wilton for more than 30 years and have seen many changes – some good, some not so good.

I believe this project would be a service not only to Wilton, but also to the State and of course, animals in general. I know there have been objections ranging from odors to traffic to barking dogs. All the same objections we hear every time a dog part is proposed. These are nonsense, and frankly don't reach the level of the same issues caused by the playing fields (substitute screaming kids for barking dogs).

A new human center would provide low-cost services to underserved populations, as well as offer job and volunteer opportunities,

Wilton has a reputation of caring and service. Now is not the time to renege, not when the project is both affordable and responsible.

Thank you,
Antonia E. Wiseman

From: Nicola Davies <<u>nicoladavies@outlook.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 12:17 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <<u>Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG</u>>

Subject: Letter in Support of CT Humane Society moving to 863 Danbury Road

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I am writing in support of the CT Humane Society (CHS) proposal to build a new facility at 863 Danbury Road. Our family have lived in Wilton since 2005. I also volunteer with the Connecticut Humane Society and have done since 2016. One day I will probably be affectionately called a crazy cat lady, but for now I am part of CHS's dedicated band of foster volunteers.

CHS's current location in Westport is outdated, its creaking HVAC systems are inefficient, and the building takes a lot of effort to maintain. I was so excited to hear that our hometown of Wilton was first choice for the new location for the organization. Animal shelters have come a long way in my lifetime - spay and neuter programs have vastly reduced the number of unwanted animals in Connecticut and the organization has been able to offer many other ways to benefit communities. One I am particularly excited about is the that a new facility will be able offer education for all ages through classrooms, camps, and animal training opportunities. How I would have liked my children to have attended guinea pig owning classes before taking the plunge into rodent owndership.

I often find myself at the Westport shelter picking up kittens or bringing them back for vet checks, I would like to reassure Wilton and potential neighbors of the new facility that an animal shelter is not a noisy place filled with barking dogs. My street contains more barking dogs than I have ever heard at the shelter. A dog outside being exercised is a happy dog sniffing around and getting attention from humans. I would be happy to take any Wilton resident to CHS's current facility and show them around outside to demonstrate just how noisy it isn't. I know from experience that CHS are very responsible stewards of the land, and all animal waste would be picked up immediately by whomever was outside with a dog. It would be a much less dangerous proposition than walking on the NRVT and dodging the plastic poop bags. CHS moving to Wilton is a real opportunity for our town and community, volunteering with animals is so rewarding, they give you nothing but love and don't ask for anything in return.

I sincerely hope that the Connecticut Humane Society moves to Wilton, they will bring jobs, caring and compassion to our town.

Sincerely

Nicola Davies, 3 Salem Road