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State Senator Cortese remarks regarding re**building fund for LA** devastating fires

"In an impactful, bi-partisan effort, it was a proud moment this week when I joined my California Senate members in unanimously passing \$2.5 billion dollars for the people of Los Angeles to fast-track fire clean-up, rebuild their homes, businesses, schools and much more following the catastrophic fires," said California State Senator Dave Cortese (D-Silicon Valley).

The money will come from the general fund and is expected to be reimbursed by the federal government.

San Jose breaks ground on seventh tiny home facility

By **Joyce Chu** San José Spotlight

an Jose will add a seventh tiny home site to its temporary housing stock, giving dozens of people a roof over their head come fall.

After more than two years, the Cherry Avenue tiny homes project is about to begin construction, with a planned opening in September. The \$18.3-million project will provide temporary housing for 136 homeless residents. This facility, which sits on Valley Water property, is funded by \$9 million from the state, \$7 million from Measure E — funds diverted from permanent housing- and \$2.4 million in philanthropic donations, including \$1 million from real estate developer John Sobrato.

"These projects don't happen in a vacuum, and they don't happen by luck or chance," Deputy City Manager Omar Passons said



Valley Water Director Jim Beall speaks at the Cherry Avenue tiny home groundbreaking site in San Jose on Jan. 21. The facility will sit on Valley Water land. Photo by Joyce Chu.

Tuesday at the ground breaking. "They require political will."

Two years ago, Valley Water Director Jim Beall proposed a change in the water district laws that would enable Valley Water land to be used to support housing for homeless residents camping along its property. The board of directors ap-proved the change.

"This is just the first one," Beall said at the press conference. "We're going to look at other surplus properties and other opportunities to collaborate."

DignityMoves is the developer and will receive up to \$15 million to design and construct the site. The nonprofit helped raise the philanthropic funding.

"We raise philanthropy for lots of our projects," DignityMoves CEO Elizabeth Funk told San José Spotlight. "It takes, quite frankly, somebody like us to go around, pass the hat and try to pull some of that (funding) together."

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Former San José Councilmember **Devora Davis joins Canyon Snow Consulting as VP of Government Affairs**

ormer San José Councilmember Devora (Dev) Davis, representing ◀ Willow Glen, has joined Canyon Snow Consulting as Vice President of Government Affairs.

In her new role, Davis will leverage her proven leadership and extensive network to provide strategic advocacy for clients in the tech, public sector, and development industries.

As leaders of the women-owned firm, Principals and Cofounders Leslee Guardino and Jennifer Johnson said they look forward to having another accomplished woman on board, underscoring Davis' ability to augment the firm's government affairs capabilities.

"Dev is an exceptional leader with a strong track record of public service and advocacy, a commitment that aligns perfectly with Canyon Snow's 20-year legacy of delivering results," said Guardino. Added Johnson, "Her unique blend of experience in local government, community organizing, and public policy will be invaluable as we continue to See DAVIS, page 3



NEW ROLE -- Former San José Councilmember **Devora (Dev) Davis** has joined Canyon Snow Consulting as Vice President of Government Affairs. Photo courtesy of San Jose Spotlight.





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Trump aligns with California farmers on water wars

By Dan Walters

t would be impossible to overstate the complexity of water supply management in California.

Hundreds of federal, state and local agencies decree who or what is supplied with water, when and how much will be delivered, and the prices recipients must pay.

Moreover, there are policy differences within those broad categories. For instance, local agricultural water agencies and municipal providers to homes and businesses often have different priorities.

The politics of water are even more convoluted, involving not only the public agencies but seemingly countless outside stakeholders, ranging from developers who need water supply commitments for their projects to commercial fishermen who want to protect spawning salmon.

The proliferation of competing agendas explains why it is so difficult to reach the consensus needed to move policy forward. It's not unusual for proposed projects and policies to kick around for years, if not decades, before something concrete occurs.

For example, the proposed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley now seems likely to be built, but only after 70 years of promotion by backers. The long-planned expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa County collapsed recently when the East Bay Municipal Utility District pulled out, citing ever-rising costs.

More than six decades ago, state water officials proposed a canal to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. After gaining legislative approval, a 1982 referendum blocked construction, and 40 years later, a proposed tunnel beneath the Delta remains stalled by a political stalemate.

Operations of existing dams and canals are similarly fraught, particularly divvying up water among farmers, municipal users and flows to protect fish and other wildlife as supplies fluctuate due to climate change.

For years, federal and state authorities have sought to reduce diversions by agriculture — by far the largest water users — to bolster habitat flows. Farmers have resisted. The state has sought "voluntary agree-



ments" from farmers in the San Joaquin River watershed between Stockton and Fresno to enhance natural flows, threatening to order reductions if agreements are not reached. But unilateral action by the state would spark a legal battle over water rights whose outcome could not be predicted.

Another player in California's high-stakes water game emerged eight years ago when Donald Trump became president for the first time. He forcefully backed farmers in their conflict with state water managers, ordering the Bureau of Reclamation and other federal agencies to adopt more agriculture-friendly policies.

Four years later, after Trump was defeated by Joe Biden, the policies were reversed. Just days before Biden's tenure ended, federal and state water managers last month announced a new operational agreement.

This week, when Trump once again became president, he essentially sought to cancel that agreement and reinstate his previous policies. Based on a memo to federal water agencies, he directed them to draft a plan "to route more water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state for use by the people there who desperately need a reliable water supply."

Trump not only cited farmers' needs for a reliable water supply but reiterated his belief that a lack of water deliveries to Southern California made it more difficult to fight deadly wildfires — a contention that has no basis in fact. Los Angeles had plenty of water to fight fires, but hydrants ran dry because the system was designed for fighting individual building fires, not massive wildfires, and was overtaxed.

Despite the media splash, it's doubtful that Trump's decree will be anything more than a relatively brief pause in efforts to resolve California's water conflicts simply because they are measured in decades, not any one president's term.

Dan Walters is a CalMatters columnist.

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support our clients across diverse sectors and drive meaningful impact in the communities they serve."

Davis served as Councilmember for District 6 in San José from 2016 to 2024, where she made significant contributions in areas such as transportation, environment, education, and neighborhood services. As Chair of the Transportation & Environment Committee, Davis spearheaded key initiatives that improved public infrastructure and the city's environmental sustainability.

Before her time in public office, Davis spent 12 years as an education researcher at

Stanford University's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO), where she worked on policies aimed at improving educational outcomes. Her extensive foundation in both the public and private sectors, coupled with her educational background in economics and public policy, gives her a unique perspective on the intersection of government and business.

"I am thrilled to join Canyon Snow Consulting and look forward to helping clients navigate the complexities of government affairs," said Davis. "Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to finding innovative solutions to strengthen our region, and I am excited to bring that same passion and experience to this new role."

Times **News**

Tiny homes

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Community support was also essential for this project to move forward.

"I'm ecstatic that we got the support of the community... with no pushback," District 9 Councilmember Pam Foley, whose district sits within the project, told San José Spotlight. "They were completely embracing what we were trying to do here from the very beginning."

The temporary emergency housing facility is being built across from the Hampton Inn where people are camped along the Guadalupe River. Homeless people within the vicinity will be given priority for residency when it is up and running.

City workers are compiling a list of people who are interested in living at Cherry Avenue.

"We're doing outreach and have our case managers basically identifying who's living in the area and making sure that we're able to offer them a unit when it becomes available," Mayor Matt Mahan told San José Spotlight.

The housing will have central laundry, private bathrooms and an outdoor picnic area. It will include case management, security and other services to help people transition

into permanent housing. The city has not chosen its homeless service provider yet. Once operational, it will cost about \$5 million annually to operate, or \$37,500 per bed.

The Cherry Avenue site is part of the mayor's plan to add 1,000 tiny home beds over the next year to reduce the amount of people living on the streets and along waterways. The city has approximately 500 beds across six tiny home sites.

San Jose has 6,340 unhoused residents, with more than 4,400 of whom are unsheltered, according to Santa Clara County's 2023 biennial count of homeless people. More than 9,900 people are homeless countywide and nearly 4,300 households experienced homelessness for the first time last year — a 24% increase from 2022 — according to county data.

After the Cherry Avenue location is up and running, a no encampment zone will be enforced from Blossom Hill Road to Branham Lane.

"Two years ago, I stepped into this office and pledged that the city of San Jose is going to end the era of encampments," Mahan said at the presser. "We in government have a responsibility for building basic dignified shelter, interim housing and treatment centers... when they're available, people have a responsibility for coming indoors and taking advantage of those services."

Symphony San Jose receives \$1 million for group's endowment from patron Ann Brown

By William Bellou *Publisher*

an Jose Symphony has announced it has received the largest donation in its 23-year history. The million-

dollar bequest came from longtime patron Ann Brown.

Ann Brown, a devoted patron who passed away in 2024. She was a loyal supporter of the Symphony for more than

a decade, often attended concerts with her close-knit group of girlfriends, who continue to attend in her honor.

"Ann's extraordinary generosity will have a profound and lasting impact on Symphony San Jose," said Executive Artistic Director Robert Massey. "These funds will greatly bolster our endowment, which provides a foundation of steady income used

to support our concerts, community initiatives, and education programs for generations to come."

Brown grew up in San Mateo and worked for Four-Phase Systems, a Cupertino computer company acquired by Motorola in the early '80s, and later for Apple.

She attended symphony concerts at the California Theatre with a group of her friends, Massey said, and would sit with them in the balcony. She

especially enjoyed seeing the younger, diverse crowds brought in by the concerts that featured movies with the orchestra performing the score live.

"This extraordinary gift underscores Ann's deep commitment to Symphony San Jose and its mission to enrich the community through the power of music," Massey said.

Her friends, Massey added, plan to continue to attend concerts as a tribute to her — and they were there as a tribute to Brown at last weekend's concert program highlighted by Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite."

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Times In Memory

Nanette Matthews Bringuel

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Resident of Willow Glen

anette Matthews Bringuel passed peacefully on Tuesday, January 7 at the age of 90.

Nanette, known to many simply as "Nan", was born at the French Hospital in San Francisco on October 21, 1934.

Nanette was raised in Oakland by her parents, Nellis and Ethel Matthews and graduated from Piedmont High School in 1952.

She learned to play the piano at an early age and continued playing for much of her adult life. For several years, she



commuted to work in San Francisco at the Federal Reserve Bank.

By the late 1950's, she and her parents moved to Willow Glen. On July 6, 1959, she married John Bringuel, her husband of 58 years until his passing in 2017.

After a few years working at Crocker Bank, Nan became a fulltime homemaker in 1961. Nan and John were active members of the Portuguese American Club for many years. Their social lives revolved around the monthly PAC events, and the countless parties and progressive dinners on Denise Drive.

Nan was a voracious reader, once saying she "would read the ingredients on a cereal box, just to be reading".

Her evening routine for many years was centered on "Jeopardy" and Wheel of Fortune", and in both cases she often knew the answer as fast as the contestants. Nan was an avid fan of the 49ers, Giants, and baseball in general.

Nan was a three-time breast cancer survivor and faced many other health challenges over the last 40 years, but always maintained a positive outlook, preferring to talk about anything or anyone other than herself. She

was a loving grandmother, attending numerous games and events despite her mobility challenges. Nan loved animals and always enjoyed the sleepovers and regular visits of all her gran

Nan is survived by her sons Mike (Andrea) and Jim, and her grandchildren Haley and Josh.

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San Jose university students still battling homelessness

By Lorraine Gabbert

San José Spotlight

Homeless San Jose State University students are struggling to find housing — and worry where they're going to sleep at night as they stress over schoolwork and passing grades.

The Student Homeless Alliance, which advocates for unhoused SJSU students, is pushing to expand the number of emergency beds available and for seven safe parking spaces in garages for those living in their vehicles. But the effort has been slow as the alliance has met with its partners only once this

school year, Student Homeless Alliance President Jaylin Flores said.

The group is working with Associated Students on a resolution to hold university leaders more accountable for providing food and housing assistance for unhoused students. If progress isn't made, she said the group may join with other organizations to rally next semester.

"I, myself, also struggle with making ends meet," Flores told San José Spotlight. "I receive (financial aid), but it's still not enough. A lot of students don't have financial support from their families. It puts up a big barrier for students when they're trying to get their education. If they are unhoused... a lot of these students might feel ashamed. They might feel embarrassed to reach out and ask for help. We're here to push for more resources for these students... so there are sufficient resources to help them."

Flores said school leaders need to take this situation seriously.

"We're going to keep fighting," she said.

Kednel Jean, case management



San Jose State University student **Hannah Perez** (left) and Student Homeless Alliance President **Jaylin Flores** on campus. Perez will serve as the group's president next semester and said it's likely more students face homelessness than are accounted for. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

director for SJSU Cares, said students who ask for help will have a safe place to sleep. SJSU Cares assists students facing economic crisis by providing support and referrals for food, housing and emergency assistance.

"Currently, we do not advertise the number of available beds, as it may create a false impression to students that we will run out of bed spaces," he told San José Spotlight. "We've developed solutions that enable us to rapidly add on- and offcampus beds if a student's needs exceed the current reserve of 12 oncampus beds."

The Student Homeless Alliance successfully fought for those beds and previously asked for safe parking spaces.

"If a student prefers to sleep in their car overstaying in university housing or a hotel, they will be referred to established San Jose city supportive parking programs that meet their needs," Jean said.

A March SJSU Cares survey showed about 2% of nearly 700 respondents lacked a "fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence" within the past year for at least one night, Jean said. According to SJSU Care's 2023-24 annual report, SJSU Cares received 385 requests or referrals for students requiring emergency housing in 2021-22. The number decreased to 345 in 2022-23, and to 315 in 2023-24.

Student Hannah Perez, who will serve as Student Homeless Alliance president next semester, said it's likely more students face homelessness than are being reported.

"When everyone leaves campus there are students that don't have a place to go," she told San José Spotlight. "Not everyone is going to answer a survey and get the resources they need."

Jean said 30 students received a place to sleep through the on-campus emergency bed program in the 2023-24 academic year, with an average stay of 20 nights, and 42 students received emergency housing grants. SJSU Cares placed 30 students in the rapid rehousing program in 2023-24, more than double the 14 students placed in 2022-23.

Although SJSU Cares displays signs on campus and social media, Flores said it should advertise emergency beds with banners in high traffic areas saying, "Are you housing insecure? We have beds available," rather than "a little poster on a pinboard at the back of the building."

With state support from a higher education student housing grant, Jean said the university offered 124 below-market-rate student beds in its new Spartan Village this fall and plans to expand capacity to 535 by spring 2026.

Jean said although these types of housing assistance can make a major difference, housing insecurity remains a serious issue for San Jose State University students. One of the primary challenges is the limited availability of affordable off-campus housing in a high-cost area like San Jose, she said.

"It's important to recognize that addressing housing insecurity requires collaboration, not just from SJSU Cares but also from the broader community," Jean said. "Through these combined efforts, we're making progress, but we know there is still more work to be done to ensure that every student at SJSU has access to stable and affordable housing."





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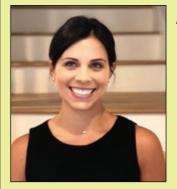
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How prepared is San Jose for disaster?

By Matt Mahan

know our hearts go out to those who have been impacted by the catastrophic fires in LA. The scale of these fires means many of us know someone who has had their entire life thrown into utter chaos

Witnessing this devastation makes us wonder - how prepared are we for a disaster of this magnitude? Specifically, what more can we do to prevent wildfire and protect lives and property if one breaks

These questions have been front and center in my mind these last two weeks. The LA fires are both a poignant reminder of the risks we face here in California and an opportunity for us to conduct an assessment of our emergency preparedness efforts, particularly focused on fire risk, which has only increased over time.

We generally can't predict when or exactly where the next natural disaster will hit, but we can make sure we've done everything in our power to reduce risks,

mitigate impacts and save lives. To that end, I've had many conversations with our City Manager Jennifer Maguire in recent days about our shared commitment to keeping San Joseans safe and what else we can do to increase our preparedness.

Thanks to voters' support for Measure T and the hard work for city staff, much important work has been done in recent years to improve community safety, including the construction of a new state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center, three new fire stations (one of which is already operational), disaster worker training for nearly our entire workforce, updates to evacuation plans, tabletop exercises with key stakeholders, additional vegetation management in highrisk areas like Alum Rock Park, and continued funding for the CERT program, among other investments.

But we can always do more. And the truth is-we can never be too prepared. As we approach budget season and define how our limited dollars will be spent over the next year, I've asked the Administration for an assessment of our current level of wildfire preparedness and recommendations for improvement.

Specifically, I've asked for this analysis to include a

look at our shared public and privatepartner obligations related to: vegetation management near the wildland-urban interface (WUI), including how we are educating and ensuring private property owners follow best practices; water availability and testing of hydrant capacity and pressure; the number of acres of brush in the WUI abated every year compared against the estimated need to create sufficient defensible space; the adequacy of evacuation plans for high-risk areas; roles and responsibilities of partner agencies in responding to wildfires; opportunities to secure State and Federal funding to augment our efforts both as a City and as part of the County; investments we could make in the coming years to further strengthen our readiness; and ways in

which our community can actively participate in safeguarding their homes and preparing for emergencies.

We'll share this analysis with you, and I'll use it to guide my annual budget message, which outlines our priorities for the coming fiscal year. While we work on that analysis, I want to thank our brave San Jose firefighters who made the long journey down to LA to protect fellow Californians in their moment of crisis. We provide this mutual aid with the knowledge that in our moment of need neighbors from across the state will do the same. I was honored to stand beside our City Manager and Fire Chief to welcome our firefighters





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Headhunter 101

By Angela Copeland

n the world of job searching, there's quite a bit of confusion around recruiters. I can't

Letell you how many times I've heard the question, "Are you going to hire a headhunter to help you find your next job?"

Somewhere along the way, we got mixed up about how this process works, and in some situations, it can hurt us.

Let's start at the beginning. When it comes to recruiters, there are generally two types. There are internal recruiters, and there are external recruiters.

Internal recruiters work for a company's human resources department. If you applied for a job online via the company's website, you will most likely interact with an internal recruiter. They screen candidates to see who might be a good fit for the job. They will ask basic questions, such as, "Why do you think you're a good fit for this role?" They are also tasked with asking you the tough questions, such as, "How much money are you looking to make?" An internal recruiter also helps to coordinate the interview schedule.

And, at the end of the process, they are often the person who will present the winning candidate with a job offer.

External recruiters work outside of the company that is hiring. They typically work for a large recruiting company, such as Robert Half, or they may work for a small boutique firm. External

recruiters help companies to source candidates for hard to fill roles, and executive roles.

Internal recruiters are paid directly by the employer as a full time employee. In other words, they receive a normal salary. External recruiters are typically paid a commission when they make a placement. This percentage can vary, but it is somewhere in the ballpark of 25

percent of the candidate's base salary.

An internal recruiter will typically help their employer with all sorts of roles. An external recruiter will often specialize in certain types of roles. For example, as a hiring manager myself, I once used an external recruiter that specialized in web ana-

lytics roles to find a web analyst.

Recruiters are not really working "for you." This is something external recruiters may tell you as a candidate to build the relationship. But, don't be mistaken. Their loyalty is to the employer. Also, recruiters aren't fighting to get you the very highest pay. They are fighting to make a sale. The extra few thousand dollars you are asking for will only make a recruiter a few hundred dollars. It's more important that they make the sale, than getting the highest price.

Note that no recruiter will ever ask you, the job candidate, for money. If a recruiter asks you to pay for anything, this should be a red flag that they are not legitimate. Walk away from any recruiter asking for money to revise your resume or to represent you to employers. There are plenty of legitimate recruiters who will help you for free.

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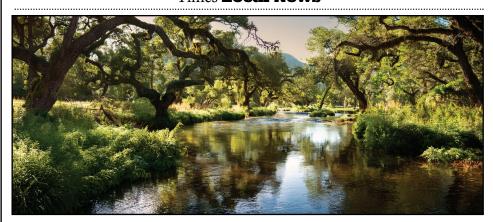
One of **Beethoven**'s most celebrated works, and in fact, the composer's personal favorite of his compositions, the Eroica symphony explores what it means to be human Richard Strauss' Death and Transfiguration depicts the dving thoughts of an artist as he recounts the various stages of his life, all while awaiting the ultimate transformation. And we mark the first Symphony San Jose performance of a work by Arvo Pärt, the most performed contemporary composer in the world (beating out John Williams, John Adams, Thomas Adès, and Philip Glass).

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Times Local News



Valley Water working to maintain streams to protect homes and businesses from flooding

Valley Water crews worked throughout Santa Clara County this past summer and fall, maintaining local creeks as part of our Stream Maintenance Program.

Valley Water is focusing on work in the creeks to enhance the health of our local ecosystems while reducing flood risks that threaten homes and businesses.

Valley Water currently oversees more than 300 miles of our county's 800 miles of streams. Maintaining streams ensures that our 185 miles of flood protection projects remain effective.

Valley Water crews utilize heavy equipment to remove vegetation and accumulated sediment in our creeks, ensuring water can flow downstream effectively. This proactive maintenance reduces the risk of flooding for local properties.

Bank Protection

High and sustained water flows can cause extensive damage to creek banks, eroding existing flood protection improvements and natural elements. Repairing creek banks also helps protect neighboring homes and prop-

erty from damage.

Sediment Removal

Sediment and debris washed downstream can restrict water flow in some areas. During a heavy storm, these restricted-flow areas could cause water to back up, increasing the risk of flooding. Crews remove sediment to allow stormwater to flow through the creeks as designed.

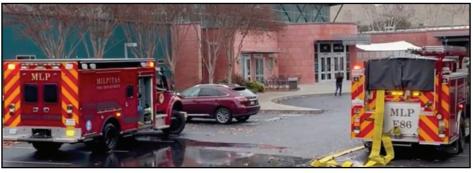
Vegetation Management

Valley Water crews manage over 3,000 acres of instream and upland vegetation annually. Selective removal of instream vegetation maintains flow conveyance in streams and riparian corridors.

Mitigation

Valley Water implements mitigation projects to offset impacts associated with some of the bank protection, sediment removal, and vegetation management work.

If you notice a waterway blockage, don't hesitate to call the Watersheds Operations and Maintenance Hotline at 408-630-2378 or use our online customer service portal at access.valleywater.org.



The Humane Society of Silicon Valley in Milpitas is recovering from a fire that broke out Dec. 16 and destroyed half of the building.

Humane Society of Silicon Valley resumes services

By William Bellou

Publisher

doption services at the Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) are back to normal, except for operating rooms after a fire that broke out on December 16 destroyed half the building and temporarily closed the space.

The crucial operating rooms are so badly damaged, the organization is searching for a surgical unit near the shelter. It's estimated that the damaged parts of the building could take at least a year to complete the repairs.

The shelter's laundry operations were

damaged, along with its medical areas, shelter operation offices and all the animal-holding areas. The adoption area also sustained damages leaving only two-thirds of the floor operational. No one was injured in the fire.

To keep pet adoptions and housing going during that time, the shelter's staff has been relocating animals to foster homes. More than 100 animals found their new homes.

The shelter has reached storage capacity for donations, so the staff is now encouraging monetary donations from the community as the staff figures out the costs associated with demolition, construction and other services including renting storage spaces.

The HSSV consists of more than 150 employees and more than 3,000 volunteers. Last year, the shelter found homes for more than 6,000 animals.

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