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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1527, SALE OF STATE PROPERTY: PORTION OF "COW PALACE"
VETO REQUEST

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger :

We urge you to veto SB 1527, because it is not the most advantageous option to advance California's interest in maintaining increasingly scarce public facilities for large-scale events involving animals or other users outside the "business class" users of conference facilities but nonetheless of critical significance to California.

SB 1527 would mandate a sale of a portion of the property at what we believe would be a depressed price and result in development not necessarily coordinated with the long term interests of preserving the Cow Palace for California. We believe the Cow Palace Board of Directors is in a better position to directly control the development of the targeted 13 acre parcel while maximizing the value of all related transactions and preserving and improving the entire Cow Palace site for the benefit of both the local community and California.

THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) is a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation founded in 1991 to seek positive, humane solutions to the challenges of detrimental animal public policies, legislation and regulation through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

Please veto SB 1527.

Very truly yours,

SHARON A. COLEMAN
President, The Animal Council