

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day - no walks, no play, no joy which naturally leads to negative effects on their mental well being as well as physical. Dogs are social animals and to be confined with no break is cruel and abuse. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. This is what all of LA would want. Don't let it lapse July 1.

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Name: mia terry
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. These animals are getting a second chance at happy homes through these shelters. The least we can do is treat them humanely and allowing them outside to play and socialize. Thank you, Mia Terry Sherman Oaks