

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen & animal rescuer of LA County, I hereby ask all Councilmembers to OPPOSE making the West Valley shelter a hybrid or closing it completely. I want West Valley Shelter to remain fully open and operational as an INTAKE municipal shelter. This shelter is paid for by OUR tax dollars. Brenda Barnette never officially announced this plan to the West Valley community and was caught lying about her budget and about LAAS shelters turning rescuers away during COVID. She also is never held accountable. She ordered 2 ice machines w/LAAS money, and has had problems telling PAWS where the actual machines are. So where did that money and the machines go? I want her investigated and replaced. She gaslights, lies and does not easily work with shelter staff or rescue. No one shelter should be closed. You should reduce shelter hours by 1 hour across all 6 shelters instead. The community NEVER gave permission to use our tax funds this way. I will push for this to be investigated if the hybrid plan is pushed through bc the community does not want the shelter closed or hybrid. Tarzana City Council also opposes. Please listen to your constituents.