

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Plescia

**Date Submitted:** 11/10/2020 06:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1177

**Comments for Public Posting:** How dare LAAS propose a \$1.5 million budget for marketing, public relations, website development, etc when they claim they don't have enough money to re-open the West Valley shelter. Honestly, it makes me sick. There are animals that are being permanently injured due to lack of care in the shelter (Aries for example) and yet we should let them spend over a million dollars on this? LAAS needs to fire Brenda Barnette and re-structure to put the animals and the community first. Re-open the West Valley shelter and re-instate the long time volunteers who were "fired" by Barnette. The animals don't have the luxury of having personal issues, they are being named, neglected and euthanized because of the mismanagement of Barnette's management. Councilmembers Koretz and Price, we see you and we will remember you voted to advance this ridiculous proposal to spend obscene amounts of money on unnecessary operation expenses. This department needs to provide proper oversight and transparency.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tina  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the use of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to finance website development, marketing, and public relations contracts. LAAS is so underfunded that it can't even keep two of its shelters open, so it shouldn't be spending \$1+ million on a new website. That money should be spent directly on caring for the animals at the shelter, whether it's warm beds, enrichment tools, repairs of water bowls/heaters/misters, medical care, etc.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please VOTE AGAINST the proposal to use a significant amount of the Animal Welfare Fund donations for a contract with The Glue, LLC. With the significant financial cuts being made to the Los Angeles Animal Services department, donated money should not be funneled into a project aimed at marketing, website development, and other administrative services. The department doesn't even have the money to keep open 2 of its 6 shelters. How can using \$1.5 million in funds donated for and meant to be used for actual animal welfare purposes be justified when the department currently can't even afford extra staff, enough beds for all of their animals, to fix broken water bowls and guillotine doors in the kennels, and resources for city fosters that the shelter has so heavily relied on during the pandemic? Please prioritize the use of the Animal Welfare fund for its intended purpose and what is actually needed during this budget crisis.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not vote for the PAW Committee Glue, Inc. contract for Animal Services. You will be misappropriating \$1.5 million in public donations that should be DIRECTLY helping the animals. You have dogs that sleep on concrete, with no bed. Donations should NOT be used to raise more donations, that is not logical, and since when does a website cost \$1.5 million? Do your other City departments use donations for their website (Metro)? The GM, Brenda Barnette, has destroyed the West Valley Shelter and the North Central shelter - both CLOSED due to COVID - why is that? It is her duty to pick up strays, per Municipal and Civic Codes., so she is violating City codes and now you have a lawsuit against the City, Mayor, and Barnette because she can't do her job. Why are the shelters still closed to the public? Why is ok to leave thousands of animals in the streets? Why is Barnette allowed to kill healthy animals and violate Hayden Law and Food and Agriculture Laws? When will she be held accountable for her gross mismanagement of the shelters? Why does she make \$215,000 a year? Your silence is deafening when it comes to animal abuse and neglect in your own shelters.