

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Jody Paul and I've been an LA resident for over 30 years. I love LA. I've worked as a writer and producer for over 25 years and volunteered at North Central Shelter in DTLA for over 5 years. It's come to my attention that the shelters are turning away stray adult cats. Despite the fact that they are legally required to take them in. The public has been told that cats are free roaming and that they should leave them where they found them. They can fend for themselves. They cannot. They can't fight off coyotes and stray dogs, navigate traffic, and people who want to use them for dog fighting, nor spay and neuter themselves. This is a terrible message to send to the public. It tells them cats are disposable. It also has created a cat overpopulation crisis in our communities on top of the dog crisis in our shelters. Rescues cannot do it all. That's why we pay taxes. We fund these shelters. However, they are not sheltering. LA Animal Services needs to take in cats across the board. At all shelters. Not inconsistently. And they need the resources to hire more ACTS. And emergency funds to navigate this very real overpopulation crisis that came on the heels of the pandemic. Anything else is irresponsible from the elected officials in our community.