

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Wells

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:47 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As humans, it is our responsibility to be good shepherds to the earth and its animals. One of the most humane and responsible things we can do is to massively decrease domestic animals living on the streets through Spay/Neuter programs. Animals are living, and breeding, and often times dying and suffering on the streets. Spay/neuter programs can reduce these numbers by supplying vaccines to control the spread of disease and also from preventing more animals being born into a life on the street. There are not enough fosters and adopters for them all, it is our responsibility to do something and spay/neuter programs are the answer. Many community cats are loved and cared for, but at times they spay/neuter medical costs can leave many behind. It is our duty to care for them by providing care and a solution to reduce the suffering on the streets, and spay/neuter programs can do just that. This was a problem created by humans, it is up to us to fix it. We can fix it by offering spay/neuter programs and continue to fund them.

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Pieh

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing as a concerned and invested resident of Los Angeles to strongly advocate for the continued city funding of Luxe Paws and their community-based spay and neuter program. This initiative is not only vital to the well-being of our city's animals but also a key part of building safer, cleaner, and more compassionate neighborhoods for all Angelenos. Luxe Paws is a grassroots volunteer effort that has proven time and again the power of targeted, community-driven animal welfare. Luxe Paws provides critical Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services, low-cost or free spay/neuter resources, and connections to urgent care for sick or injured animals—particularly community cats who are often overlooked by traditional systems. Here's why continued city support is essential: Prevention Is More Cost-Effective Than Reaction Investing in proactive spay and neuter programs significantly reduces the burden on city shelters. Each unspayed female cat can lead to hundreds of kittens over just a few years. Without intervention, many of these animals end up on the streets, in overcrowded shelters, or worse. Luxe Paws helps stop this cycle before it begins. By preventing thousands of unwanted litters, their work saves the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in potential shelter costs, euthanasia, and public health interventions. It's fiscally responsible and humane. They Meet the Community Where They Are Unlike larger agencies that struggle to reach underserved neighborhoods, Luxe Paws is embedded in the fabric of the communities they serve. Their model is built on trust, local knowledge, and quick action. They train and empower volunteers, engage residents in direct solutions, and operate with transparency and heart. When neighbors see an injured kitten or a growing colony, Luxe Paws is who they call—not just because they'll respond, but because they already have. This local-first model works, and it's deserving of full city support. They Fill a Critical Gap in City Services While L.A. Animal Services works hard with limited resources, there is a documented gap when it comes to consistent, accessible TNR and spay/neuter support—especially in high-need areas. Luxe Paws fills that gap, working hand-in-hand with businesses, community, and city partners to reach animals and communities most in need. Pulling funding from Luxe Paws would not just disrupt their work—it

would widen this gap and undo years of progress. The result would be more strays, more suffering, and more costs passed on to city departments and residents. Their Impact Is Measurable and Meaningful The numbers speak volumes. Since their founding, Luxe Paws has helped over 17,000 homeless cats and kittens. But beyond the stats, their impact is visible in cleaner neighborhoods, healthier animals, and empowered residents. Their work helps reduce noise complaints, litter issues, and the heartbreak of residents who feel powerless watching animals suffer on their streets. This Is a Matter of Public Health and Safety Uncontrolled animal populations can lead to public health concerns—spreading disease, increasing injuries from unneutered males, and contributing to unsanitary conditions. Supporting Luxe Paws is not just an animal issue; it's a public health priority. In Summary Luxe Paws represents the best of what L.A. can be—innovative, compassionate, and collaborative. They work tirelessly, often on a shoestring budget, to create real, lasting change in our neighborhoods. Pulling city support now would be short-sighted and devastating; not just to the animals, but to the residents who rely on them. I urge the City Council to continue—and ideally expand—funding for Luxe Paws' spay and neuter program. In doing so, you invest not only in the health and safety of animals but in the well-being and resilience of our communities. Thank you for your time and commitment to making Los Angeles a more humane and livable city for all. With gratitude, Heidi Pieh 90029 Animal activist and proud cat foster mom

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Name: Melanie Cebula
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:06 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please continue funding spay / neuter for community organizations like Luxe Paws

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Name: Vera Iwanoff

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 12:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, It's time to take meaningful action to protect the welfare of animals in Los Angeles. Spay and neuter programs are critical to preventing suffering, reducing shelter overcrowding, and creating a more humane city for all. Animals deserve dignity and care—and our commitment to their wellbeing reflects the heart of our community. Restoring funding to these essential services isn't just the right thing to do, it's a reflection of the values we hold as Angelenos. Please lead with compassion and make this a priority. The animals—and the Angelenos who care about them—are counting on your leadership. Sincerely, Vera Iwanoff

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline Graham, DVM

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 12:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Spaying female dogs and cats is the most cost effective, efficient and humane way to control the overpopulation of pets. Boys don't have babies! Spend all funds and resources on spaying females. The problem of strays, hoarding, rescuing, rehoming, sheltering, treating for injury and illness can all be prevented by making sure all dogs and cats are wanted and have homes. The costs, financial, emotional, time are outrageous and unnecessary. If the city cares only about money - providing spay services is the most economical way to reduce the need for shelters, animal control officers, and all of the costs of caring for the unowned animals. Please, do the right thing and provides access and affordable spay services to our city.

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Name: Emily Garcia

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 02:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't allow for the huge cut to animal services. Even now there is so much need for spay, neutering, shelters in LA, especially in the low income area where I live. I want to see less stray animals on the street not MORE. I want to see less euthansia in LA not MORE. We and our animals deserve better than this. Please!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 06:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Provide more spay / neuter vouchers , prevent all this killing of young dogs and cat due to over population.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Kiesche

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 07:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been a volunteer at several Shelter systems since 2017, but I am here speaking as an individual in my own individual capacity. Please do not cut any funding to spay neuter programs and or to animal services in Los Angeles. Yes. Have more efficiency. Remove toxicity. Root out “bad apples.” Say “so long” to any sloths. Yes. Be better. Demand more accountability. Hit reset. Reboot. Restructure. But do not do less. It says a lot that since 2017 the only two times I’ve seen the system not underwater, was COVID-19 and the January 2025 fires. If I was in charge of a vessel that was constantly sinking, I would figure out how to fix it. Do more. Demand more. More spay and neutering, more education, enforcement, outreach, more involvement... I’ll close with two quotes. The second one being slightly altered. “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” Mahatma Gandhi And... To my fellow Americans: ask not what your shelter system will do for you, but what we together can do for the betterment of animals in our city.

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Name: Katherine Cole
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Comments for Public Posting: Fund spay/neuter for L.A.

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Name: Jen

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Comments for Public Posting: More funding for shelters. More funding for spay and neuter programs. These dogs/ cats deserve a second chance at life.

Communication from Public

Name: WeHo Community Cats

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 08:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Prevention, is the best medicine. Spay Neuter is the most humane and cost effective solution to prevent litters of kittens and abandoned cats from overflowing our shelters. Please PAWticipate in this PAWsitivity. Together we can FIX this.
Renee & Mj West Hollywood Community Cats

Communication from Public

Name: Tess Citron

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Comments for Public Posting: As a shelter volunteer, I am horrified by the proposed budget cuts to animal services. The failure of the city to implement affordable spay & neuter programs and to crack down on illegal backyard breeding has created a massive pet overpopulation problem, and cutting the budget will lead to further suffering and death of the animals in our already overcrowded shelters. I often see the visiting public recoil at the current conditions - the sounds, smells, and sights of animals doubled and tripled up in dirty kennels are heartbreaking and overwhelming. They're a blight on our city, and we need to do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Muir

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 08:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE help fund more Spay / Neuter projects + locations for animals, especially cats. The city needs more such resources, especially vouchers to facilitate people getting their pets + neighborhood animals spayed + neutered. This is the most crucial part of the solution to reducing animals on the streets + improving their care + quality of life in the long run. No amount of Shelter Space will solve this dilemma, if animals are reproducing in the streets. Please Fund local grass roots Spay + Neuter projects.