

Communication from Public

Name: Tatiana Owen

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:29 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not reduce funding for the spay/neuter/release programs. There are dedicated volunteers all over the city who work for free to care for feral cats who would otherwise breed, overpopulate and be subject to harm. These volunteers are performing civic duty out of the goodness of their hearts. Please continue to support them and don't cut funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Tania Balah

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:33 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to fully and immediately implement the increased reimbursement rates for the Los Angeles City spay and neuter voucher program. As you know, our City is facing a severe shortage of spay and neuter for dogs and cats, resulting in overcrowded shelters and avoidable animal euthanasia. Legislators, veterinarians, and animal welfare experts agree that expanding spay and neuter services is the most effective way to address this crisis. To help families who cannot afford these essential services, the City has long offered a voucher program. Unfortunately, the reimbursement rates have remained unchanged since 2015. Recognizing that these outdated rates no longer cover the actual costs of spay or neuter surgeries, the City Council voted unanimously in 2024 to increase the voucher reimbursement rates. While this decision was met with widespread approval, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) has yet to approve the budget increase. This leaves families and rescue organizations without access to vital spay and neuter services, leading to unwanted litters and thousands of shelter animals at risk of euthanasia. Although Los Angeles law mandates that all dogs and cats over four months old be spayed or neutered, many pet owners are not able to afford to do so. The spay and neuter voucher program is the solution. By fully implementing the voucher rate increase, you will immediately improve animal welfare across our City. More veterinarians will join the program, more families will receive essential assistance, and fewer animals will face euthanasia. Together, we have the opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on the well-being of pets and families throughout Los Angeles. Sincerely, Tania Balah

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Name: Katrina

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The shelters are already suffering as it is. To cut the budget even further when reimbursement rates have not changed since 2015 - mind you, that's ten years ago! - is going to do more harm and no good to our community. We need these spay and neuter voucher programs to be able to provide essential assistance to pet owners and to relieve some burden in our overpopulated shelters from unexpected litters and unnecessary euthanasia. Access to spay and neuter resources is vital, especially now more than ever with communities still trying to survive crisis after crisis from the pandemic to wildfires. Their welfare is our welfare too. The Council unanimously voted to increase the voucher reimbursement rates in 2024. Now approve the budget increase and help your communities in need.

Communication from Public

Name: Vylétté Fagerholm

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council I am writing as a deeply concerned resident to urge you to prioritize and increase funding for animal services in our city—specifically spay and neuter programs, shelter operations, and animal welfare outreach. Our community is facing a growing crisis of animal overpopulation, abandonment, and strain on underfunded shelters. Without proactive investment in spay and neuter initiatives, we are seeing the heartbreaking consequences: more stray animals, increased shelter euthanasia rates, and rising public safety concerns. These issues not only impact animal welfare but also public health, neighborhood safety, and city resources. Supporting these services is not just compassionate—it is cost-effective and essential for a sustainable and humane future. I respectfully and urgently request that animal services funding be considered a core priority in upcoming budget decisions. Our city must lead with compassion and responsibility by supporting the professionals and volunteers who work tirelessly to protect both animals and our community. Thank you for your time and service Sincerely Vylétté Fagerholm

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Roman
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:18 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: DEAR COUNCILWOMAN YAROSLAVSKY AND LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO FULLY AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM. AS YOU KNOW, OUR CITY IS FACING A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF SPAY AND NEUTER FOR DOGS AND CATS, RESULTING IN OVERCROWDED SHELTERS AND AVOIDABLE ANIMAL EUTHANASIA. LEGISLATORS, VETERINARIANS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE EXPERTS AGREE THAT EXPANDING SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. TO HELP FAMILIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES, THE CITY HAS LONG OFFERED A VOUCHER PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 2015. RECOGNIZING THAT THESE OUTDATED RATES NO LONGER COVER THE ACTUAL COSTS OF SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERIES, THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN 2024 TO INCREASE THE VOUCHER REIMBURSEMENT RATES. WHILE THIS DECISION WAS MET WITH WIDESPREAD APPROVAL, THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) HAS YET TO APPROVE THE BUDGET INCREASE. THIS LEAVES FAMILIES AND RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT ACCESS TO VITAL SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES, LEADING TO UNWANTED LITTERS AND THOUSANDS OF SHELTER ANIMALS AT RISK OF EUTHANASIA. ALTHOUGH LOS ANGELES LAW MANDATES THAT ALL DOGS AND CATS OVER FOUR MONTHS OLD BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED, MANY PET OWNERS ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO SO. THE SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM IS THE SOLUTION. BY FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE VOUCHER RATE INCREASE, YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY IMPROVE ANIMAL WELFARE ACROSS OUR CITY. MORE VETERINARIANS WILL JOIN THE PROGRAM, MORE FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE, AND FEWER ANIMALS WILL FACE EUTHANASIA. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

MAKE A DIRECT AND POSITIVE SINCERELY, BRITTANY
ROMAN DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING KITTY BUNGALOW
CHARM SCHOOL FOR WAYWARD CATS

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa McCarthy
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:34 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Karen Rico

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Name: Lizmarie G.

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the funding! Its already low, and even though it needs to be raised, the current funding is still needed!

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Name: Breeanna Judy

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I've used the city's spay & neuter program in the past to help minimize colonies of cats in different neighborhoods I've lived in. This is one of a million, I am sure, essential causes that the city has. But this is a small budgetary item all things considered. And it's a humane thing to offer, to help these cats & kittens from having their populations expand. Plus it helps gets the cats & kittens off to the streets and into homes. Many new cat parents can't afford initial care and spray/neuter services for rescues and strays they bring home, but are willing and do assume guardianship of cats/kittens. Please don't cut the budget on this line item.

Communication from Public

Name: Michon Roth

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The idea that a city as large as Los Angeles has no spay or neuter program for the innumerable amount of animals here is beyond embarrassing and absolutely unacceptable. Karen Bass has suggested yet again cutting the budget to Animal Services which is already strapped, where healthy puppies and kittens are being euthanized and the only answer is to prevent these births. Most people cannot afford the cost of spaying or neutering their pets. The city must help! And in the long run, it will save money. Set up a program now. Our city and our pets deserve it.

Communication from Public

Name: Audry Mason

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider giving more funds and assistance to TNR programs instead of reducing them! Thousands of cats are suffering and over population is an ever increasing issue. People are giving their own time and money to help at great expense to themselves. Please do better for your county!

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Schram

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a very important program. Please do the right thing and continue the funding. It needs to be increased not decreased.