

Communication from Public

Name: Corinne A Schnur

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:01 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am stunned that Animal Services are being drastically cut. Loss of the West Valley Animal Shelter would be devastating. Please reconsider. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Grados

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:10 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to strongly urge the City of Los Angeles to immediately implement the increased reimbursement rates for the LA City Spay and Neuter Voucher Program, as previously voted on by the City Council. Shelters across Los Angeles are overwhelmed with stray and surrendered animals. In 2024 alone, euthanasia rates for dogs and cats rose dramatically compared to the prior year. Expanding access to affordable spay and neuter services is one of the most critical solutions to this crisis. Families and rescue groups depend on the voucher program to access life-saving services. Without the updated reimbursement rates, many veterinarians cannot afford to participate, leaving countless animals unaltered and contributing to unwanted litters and overcrowding. Although the City Council voted to approve the increase, the funding has not yet been implemented — worsening an already urgent situation. Every day of delay means more suffering and more unnecessary euthanasia. I respectfully ask the Council to:

- Immediately authorize the increased reimbursement rates for spay and neuter services.
- Ensure that all families and rescues have access to affordable care.
- Prioritize proactive solutions that address shelter overcrowding humanely. By investing in spay and neuter, we save lives, reduce shelter intake, and protect public health and safety. This is an essential, commonsense step forward for Los Angeles. Thank you for your leadership and compassion. Sincerely, Sarah Grados

Communication from Public

Name: Kelli Urode
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:27 AM
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, Kelli Santa Monica
Concerned Citizen, animal lover and adopted dogs from shelters

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Mischke
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:09 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding to help animal rescues. There are so many abandoned dogs and cats that need help.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Maxwell

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't decrease funding for our homeless cat population. Low cost spay/neuter programs are critical. If residents don't have access to them, we'll end up with an even more out of control cat population which will lead to various other environmental issues. Please, the humane thing to do is help these cats so they don't continue to breed and suffer????

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding to an already under-resourced department will have devastating consequences for the animals in our care, the staff and volunteers who serve them, and our LA communities. LA Animal Services plays a critical role in public safety, animal welfare, and maintaining humane conditions in our city's shelters. Cutting this budget will lead to a kind of future we do not want for Los Angeles, and it is the City's duty to not let this happen. We must prioritize compassion and responsibility, even during difficult budget times. I urge you to fully fund LA Animal Services and explore other solutions that do not compromise the lives and welfare of our city's most vulnerable residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Antony Milici
Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 07:12 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: The feral cat problem in Downtown LA is very serious. Without funding for spay and neuter it will only get worse.