

Communication from Public

Name: Jinnie Hostetler
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:49 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT cut funding to LA shelters! The animals depend on you!

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Name: Will Davidson

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 07:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to insist that arguably the greatest city in the world should have no issue whatsoever caring for the most vulnerable creatures it is charged to protect. Please commit to increasing the sterilization fund, preferably by a significant percentage. Thank you.

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Name: Laura Derecki

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:48 PM

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Name: Barbara

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please help our animals. It's not their fault that people dump them or don't take care of them. It is not their fault and if owners are found that dumped the dogs/cats they should be fined. There should be a fee for surrendering an animal and told that if you dump the dog/cat and you are identified, you will be given a hefty fine. Please HELP

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Name: Nancy Buchanan
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:03 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to support programs for spay and nueter in Los Angeles--we need this so much!

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Name: Maria Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep funding the animal shelters and to be able to spay and neuter them please !!!! It's insanity if we no longer get this help please it means more litters. ! Please

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Name: D. Simms

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am the Neighbor of Mayor Bass' "Campaign Manager." We met "in person" at more than one of her Campaign Events nextdoor - from where I and Others did "Canvassing" for her in an around our Neighborhood. When I asked Mayor Bass if she Supports "Animal Rescue" including low-cost & free "Spaying & Neutering" of LA's Dogs & Cats (Both "Pets" & "Feral" ones) - she told me she Cares about & Supports Animals & Animal Rescue. Please Do NOT make "Budget Cuts" to LA Animal Services - which would be Terrible & Cruel & Lead to More Unnecessary KILLING of Lost, Found, & Stray Cats & Dogs (& Other Animals), etc.! I hope you can find New "Revenue Strategies" - such as Increasing Taxes on people and businesses with Higher Incomes, etc. so you can Increase - NOT Cut the Budget for LA Animal Services - which is so needed & is such an important issue for Most Voters in Los Angeles! Thank you so much! Sincerely, D. Simms, MA

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Zak

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to express VEHEMENT disagreement with Karen Bass' plan to slash funding for animal services, including the closure of animal shelters in the city. The LAPD don't need any more money for their overpriced toys.

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Name: Linda Mendez

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:08 PM

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Linda Mendez Registered Veterinary Technician

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Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely abhorrent that the council would consider reducing or eliminating funding for animal control and welfare. Now, more than ever, people cannot afford to care for pets and to cut funding only increases the likelihood they will inhumanely kill them or dump them. You want the city to be even more overrun with feral animals, spread disease, increase car accidents, or increase injuries to people from stray animals, then the way to do it is by following through on your plans to kill funding. All you will be doing is driving up costs everywhere else and causing even more suffering. This isn't the answer to your money problems. Do better.

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