

Communication from Public

Name: David Shapendonk

Date Submitted: 05/10/2025 11:50 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: When 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" When this comes up for a vote, I am requesting that the council please ask for an amendment to the committee's recommendation, so that rabbits are included in the voucher increases. Please ask that Alternative 1 in the CAO's report be implemented for the "free" vouchers for dogs, cats AND rabbits. Rabbits reproduce at rates FAR exceeding those of cats and dogs. From a cost-benefit perspective, the investment in rabbit neuters is a no-brainer. The city can deal with the problem upfront or deal with overwhelmed shelters later on. Veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the current reimbursement amounts for rabbit spay/neuter vouchers. As a result, NO clinics are currently accepting the free vouchers for rabbits for members of the public. This defeats the main purpose of the vouchers, to help alleviate overpopulation of pets and assist low-income Angelenos.

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Name: Sharon T.

Date Submitted: 05/09/2025 11:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 'HIGH PRIORITY!! Very Important!! Please make sure you include Rabbits, especially because of their high reproduction rate, in the FREE voucher increases to \$250 so veterinarians will accept them from low income Angelenos as payment to fix their pet rabbits!! Also, PLEASE ADD "Rabbits" to read "Dogs, Cats and Rabbits" on said vouchers. Thank you in advance!!'

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Name: Chris Chavez RE: Spay Neuter Voucher Program

Date Submitted: 05/09/2025 12:22 AM

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Name: David Weiner

Date Submitted: 05/09/2025 09:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's insane that the city would even consider dropping rabbits from the proposed reduced spay and neuter fees. Rabbits need spaying and neutering more than any other domestic animals. It's common knowledge that they breed more quickly and prolifically. RESTORING them to the increased vouchers for dogs and cats is a drop in the bucket compared to the savings the city will reap in reduced overcrowding in the future. There are far too many rabbits in Los Angeles, sadly rotting away in shelters with no hope of being adopted and placing untenable strains on rescue groups that are doing all they can. Spaying and neutering is the ONLY way out of this crisis. With shelters badly overcrowded and the city facing an unprecedented budget crisis, we cannot afford to leave rabbits behind on 23-0452. Please act. Thank you.