

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Mai Bandele, and I represent LA Central Animal Hospital, a long-standing community veterinary clinic in Downtown Los Angeles. I want to express my strong support for the City's recent increase in spay/neuter voucher reimbursement rates and to emphasize how essential this update is for sustaining access to affordable care across our city. Our clinic serves a high-volume, underserved population, and we are developing a Veterinary Technician Training & Retention Initiative to help address staffing shortages that limit voucher utilization. By equipping more trained professionals to perform these surgeries efficiently and safely, we can help the City meet its goals to reduce shelter intake and improve community animal welfare. We would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Animal Services, the Community Animal Medicine Project, and other coalition partners to strengthen the impact of this program and ensure its long-term success. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to animal welfare in Los Angeles.
Warm regards, Mai Bandele