

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We, the undersigned organizations and veterinarians, urge you to amend the recommendations to include rabbits in the increased reimbursement rates for the spay and neuter voucher program. Rabbits are the third most frequently abandoned animals in our public animal shelters and domestic rabbits are reproducing and being abandoned all over Los Angeles. The situation is urgent. As of today, none of the veterinary clinics accept the free vouchers for owned rabbits. This means that at the current reimbursement amount, the vouchers are not helping the very low-income populations they were intended for. The proposed increase that was recommended by Los Angeles Animal Services and outlined in Alternative 1 of the CAO's report is essential to cover costs and sign on additional veterinarians to accept the rabbit spay/neuter vouchers. Without this increase, there are no resources for free rabbit spay/neuter in the City of Los Angeles. From a cost-benefit perspective, the investment in rabbit neuters far outweighs that for dogs and cats. Rabbits reproduce exponentially: A pair of rabbits can produce hundreds of offspring in just one year. If we do not make this investment in rabbit spay/neuter now, the situation will become much worse and thousands more animals will suffer. This will end up costing the City much more in future years. Thank you for your service to the Los Angeles community. Los Angeles Rabbit Foundation, Michelle Kelly, Rabbit Rescue, Zoon Corner Rabbit Rescue, Bunnyluv Rabbit Resource Center, San Diego House Rabbit Society, Rabbit.Org Inc, House Rabbit Society, Community Animal Treatment Center, Peyvand Silverman DVM, Charles Missetich DVM, Karn Myers with Fix Nation, The Bunny Bunch, Sari Kanfer DVM