

Communication from Public

Name: Karn Myers

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 12:00 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: My nonprofit veterinary clinic, FixNation, provides spay/neuter services through the City of Los Angeles voucher program. These vouchers are a lifeline for sterilizing shelter animals, companion animals and community cats, playing a crucial role in preventing overcrowded shelters and reducing the public and shelter backlog in spay/neuter procedures. I strongly urge the City Council to increase the current reimbursement rates. A long overdue adjustment to the City's spay/neuter voucher rates would allow more veterinarians to participate in the program. At present, only 29 clinics accept these "free" vouchers, a sharp decline from 85 in 2015. The last increase to reimbursement rates was in August 2015, and since that time the cost of veterinary care – including staff salaries and essential medications – has risen significantly. The current reimbursement rates fall far below the actual cost of providing these services, making it financially unfeasible for many vet clinics to continue participating (particularly clinics like FixNation, which provides more than 18,000 spay/neuter surgeries each year, the majority of which are free services for community cats). Although the City's 2024 budget allowed for an increase in voucher reimbursement rates (based on a 2022 fee study of shelter clinic providers), this increase has yet to be implemented. A recent proposal from the CAO's office suggests rolling out lower-than-planned rates incrementally over multiple years, but by the time those phased-in rates take effect, they will already be outdated by 3 to 6 years. Without the full and immediate implementation of the approved budget increase, the City will remain stuck in a cycle where local residents struggle to afford sterilization for their pets, veterinarians are unable to accept City vouchers and shelter euthanasia rates continue to rise due to an unmanageable demand for spay/neuter services. Approving the full increase would immediately improve access to affordable spay/neuter care, allow more veterinarians to participate in the program and provide desperately needed assistance to Angelenos in need. We urge you to act now to support this much-needed change, not only for the well-being of Los Angeles pets and community cats but for all those who love and care about them.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariana Lui

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:42 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I support city funding for spay/neuter services. Many animals suffer unjustly in the streets. If we spay/neuter stray animals, we can prevent suffering for thousands of innocent animals. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Pia Ricci

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:43 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please fund more spay and neuter programs for cats and dogs

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:46 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I am urging you to not cancel or reduce funding for animal spay/neuter services. Cost of living and vet prices have skyrocketed and this is an essential service that needs to be accessible to all. There is an animal overpopulation issue and it is inhumane and dangerous to let these animals breed out of control and end up on the streets. Many hard working people are volunteering their personal time and money to reduce the numbers of stray animals in our neighborhoods but we can't keep up without help. I urge city leadership to prioritize this issue.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Chafin
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:47 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: The city of LA must not deny animals access to spay/neuter. LA is in a crisis with homeless animals, especially after the fires.

Communication from Public

Name: May Santi

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:49 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please support spay and neuter efforts by local rescues, staffed mostly by volunteers and concerned citizens, don't cut funding now, now needed more than ever. Thanks

Communication from Public

Name: Trina Malone

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:07 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep support for spay & neuter funding to curb the overpopulation of stray cats and dogs in Los Angeles. It hurts us all when there are animals uncared for and providing ample access to spay/neuter low priced or free clinics is the only way to prevent needless suffering. Please maintain or increase funding for this program and let's prevent the suffering!

Communication from Public

Name: Meagan

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:44 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please fund spay/neuter services! They are crucial for keeping our animals safe and help with overcrowding of shelters.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a volunteer at LA Animal Services, I am dismayed by the lack of low-cost spay/neuter services in Los Angeles. Warehousing cats and dogs in shelters is inhumane and unacceptable. Mayor Bass and the City Council can and **must** do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Mahoney

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need more money to be spent on TNR and Low Income Spay and Neutering throughout the city. With so many pet owners of every income level, it is the Low Income communities that need this funding the most. In the year 2000 it cost \$35-\$65 to neuter or spay a cat. Now it starts at \$200 and can go as high as \$900 or more just to spay a cat. There are not enough services for low income pet owners in this price spiral. Organizations like Luxe Paws do TNR and low cost Spay, neutering and vaccinations for costs a fraction of the \$200/cat going rate now. They serve low income neighborhoods with a partnership with a mobile clinic which also relies on the funding for TNR and Low income Spay and Neutering. They, organizations like Luxe Paws, are efficient, dedicated, and tireless in their efforts to lower the stray cat and dog population in Los Angeles and send the domesticatable ones into adoption. The community benefits from these programs in a quality of life way and a disease abatement way that also saves money down the line by lessening the homeless, stray cats and dogs of Los Angeles. It is programs like these that touch the voters in a most intimate of family ways. Our pets are Family now. Many low income families save these strays from the street to begin with. So incentivizing the continued care is good for the city as well in future tax dollars from food and dog services. So I urge you to fund Spay and Neutering in the Animal Services Budget for the coming year as an investment as well as a necessity. Thank you for reading. Best, Bill

Communication from Public

Name: Doreen Barnes
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:10 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please continue funding for spay/neuter programs!! We must keep up all the work being done, a pause would be a major set back.
Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan N.

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:11 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please prioritize funding for spay and neuter programs. Animal control is incredibly important and humane, and TNR makes a massive difference!

Communication from Public

Name: Cassie Latshaw

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:21 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles I implore the city to do everything in their power to enable pet owners to spay and neuter their pets. A companion animal is often not just a family pet but, for many individuals, a way to feel safer. We rely on our pets and want to ensure a long and healthy life for them but unfortunately the high cost of spay and neuter prevents us from taking an important first step in their care. Humankind domesticated these animals and we now, as a community, must fulfill our obligation to care for them.

Communication from Public

Name: Gretchen

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:25 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my extreme frustration and embarrassment over the lack of support for spay and neuter funding in our city. The homeless cat population in Los Angeles has reached alarming levels, and it is crucial that we address this issue proactively. The dedicated members of our community are tirelessly working to trap (TNR) and care for these cats to prevent their suffering and potential euthanasia. However, it is unfair to place the burden solely on residents who are already doing everything they can. We need strong support and funding from the city for spay and neuter programs to help control this crisis. The cost for basic spay and neuter procedures has skyrocketed to hundreds of dollars, making it unaffordable for many families. It is our responsibility to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Dumping animals in shelters, only to have them euthanized, is not a solution. Moving animals out of state does not address the root of the problem. Los Angeles continues to face the harsh reality of thousands of innocent animals being euthanized due to a lack of resources. Our city shelters should serve as a safety net for animals in need, not a place where lives are lost. I urge you to reconsider any proposed budget cuts related to these vital services. Investing in spay and neuter programs is essential for the welfare of our community and the animals we share it with. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope to see a commitment to preserving and enhancing these vital services.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Etzel

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:56 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing as a concerned and invested resident of Los Angeles to strongly advocate for the continued city funding of Luxe Paws and their community-based spay and neuter program. This initiative is not only vital to the well-being of our city's animals but also a key part of building safer, cleaner, and more compassionate neighborhoods for all Angelenos. Luxe Paws is a grassroots volunteer effort that has proven time and again the power of targeted, community-driven animal welfare. Luxe Paws provides critical Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services, low-cost or free spay/neuter resources, and connections to urgent care for sick or injured animals—particularly community cats who are often overlooked by traditional systems. Here's why continued city support is essential: Prevention Is More Cost-Effective Than Reaction - Investing in proactive spay and neuter programs significantly reduces the burden on city shelters. Each unspayed female cat can lead to hundreds of kittens over just a few years. Without intervention, many of these animals end up on the streets, in overcrowded shelters, or worse. Luxe Paws helps stop this cycle before it begins. By preventing thousands of unwanted litters, their work saves the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in potential shelter costs, euthanasia, and public health interventions. It's fiscally responsible and humane. They Meet the Community Where They Are - Unlike larger agencies that struggle to reach underserved neighborhoods, Luxe Paws is embedded in the fabric of the communities they serve. Their model is built on trust, local knowledge, and quick action. They train and empower volunteers, engage residents in direct solutions, and operate with transparency and heart. When neighbors see an injured kitten or a growing colony, Luxe Paws is who they call—not just because they'll respond, but because they already have. This local-first model works, and it's deserving of full city support. They Fill a Critical Gap in City Services - While L.A. Animal Services works hard with limited resources, there is a documented gap when it comes to consistent, accessible TNR and spay/neuter support—especially in high-need areas. Luxe Paws fills that gap, working hand-in-hand with businesses, community, and city partners to reach animals and communities most in need. Pulling funding from Luxe Paws would not just disrupt their

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Communication from Public

Name: Adam Romney

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:59 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who is active in animal rescue and foster care I can say with confidence that the city is in dire need of funding for spay/neuter services. An overpopulation of cats and dogs is an issue for the local environment, and our quality of life, not to much needless suffering of the animals themselves. Please do the right thing and fund these services.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Weiss

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:10 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Please fund the spay/neuter program. Currently shelters cannot handle the constant influx of animals. Animals are being killed daily for no other reason than they don't have room and cannot afford to keep feeding them. These are perfectly healthy animals. Spay and neuter programs will help reduce the continual reproduction of stray animals who already have problems surviving. Many people who own pets cannot afford to spay or neuter. Animals are healthier when they are spayed or neutered. The animals cannot speak for themselves. Please fund spay/neuter programs. Thank you for your time and consideration. Laurie Weiss

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Fisher

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:22 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funding for TNR efforts that a tiny group of volunteers are willing to undertake. Donations from the public can only go so far with rising veterinary costs. We need to help stop the stray cat and dog population. It's getting out of control. Please help fund.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Mellinger

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:31 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We need to increase the voucher for the LA city voucher for spay/neuter to reflect increased veterinary costs. The city needs to reach more animals. We can't be a humane city until we take all of the animals into account as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Bryan
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:56 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles must fund spay and neuter to ensure our animal population is safe and in control. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ethel Mayville

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:03 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Spaying and neutering LA's cats and dogs is where animal welfare begins. And, animals are a huge part of LA's mental health. It is imperative that organizations doing this work continue to get funding. Please, please, do not pull funding!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Kate

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:23 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We'll never achieve a humane LA until we address the animal overpopulation crisis with a proven strategy. Residents of LA cannot carry the burden. LA city needs to make a targeted spay/neuter investment that reaches more LA city animals. We have a moral obligation to protect those that can't protect themselves, warehousing them in shelters, allowing them to breed and transporting them out of state isn't a solution. Please fund spay/neuter. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynda Ramirez

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:27 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: LA Country needs more resources for FREE SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS ASAP! This is beneficial and essential in keeping the, Cat and Dog population down. Our animal shelters our unnecessarily over crowded due to unwanted litters. The simple solution, offer FREE SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS. Currently there is, little to no resources for, FREE SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS. Our community cats, that are cared for by tireless volunteers, are suffering tremendously. Let's please keep LA HUMANE!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Strickland

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:29 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to implore you to continue city funding of Luxe Paws. Without their vital efforts, the stray cat population crisis in Los Angeles will become ever more dire. We cannot adopt our way out of this problem. We must continue to address the root with spay/neuter resources. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely, Megan Strickland

Communication from Public

Name: Aimee K Munton
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:12 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

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Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Wojinski
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:15 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD13 and neighborhood animal welfare advocate and community volunteer , I strongly urge you to fund and make adjustments to the following : 1. increase (adjust) the amount of the spay/neuter voucher to reflect increases in cost to the general public as well as to providers. Increasing the value of the voucher will also attract more providers and make it so that individuals wanting to spay or neuter their pets are not met with unaffordable up charges or a lack of providers. 2. adjust the income level required to receive a free voucher (not a discount voucher) so that it reflects current HUD low income limits OR make an adjustment from 29K to 75k per year for eligibility. 3. continue to fund the Citywide Cat Plan, so that the community members who have been SUCCESSFULLY using this program for free roaming cats in the city of Los Angeles , continue to have access to funding to fix the cities cats, using city funding and not their own paychecks. We have a moral obligation to reduce the number of animals both entering shelters, and being euthanized AND to help those being left to suffer and procreate endlessly in the streets. The only thing that reduces either of these populations is proven to be a free and/or subsidized spay/neuter for every animal in need. The more subsidized spay/neuter, the fewer animals entering shelters, the more cost effective it will be, given the budget crisis the city is facing. Taking a few simple steps to make sure the domesticated animals in the City of Los Angeles have access to spay and neuter is the least we can do for them. We have a responsibility to them and changes must be made to the funding priorities to insure that this happens.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Lowman

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:15 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please help us make TNR affordable, easy, and fully supported by our city. Our four legged citizens deserve the help you can provide.

Communication from Public

Name: Tanner Hayes

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:03 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass — Do not further defund the city's animal welfare services. The organizations that rely on this funding already struggle to handle the over one million stray pets in our city. I have seen firsthand in my neighborhood how these organizations struggle to curtail a growing issue, and removing funding will only serve to exacerbate the problem, and make LA a harder place to live for its animal and human residents alike.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Jennifer Petsch

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:58 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Ball

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 09:44 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I urge you to fully and immediately implement the proposed increased reimbursement rates for the Los Angeles City Spay and Neuter Voucher and City Wide Cat Program. There is an emergency taking place regarding animal welfare in this city. We should no longer tolerate animals languishing in overcrowded shelters. Adoptable animals being euthanized for lack of space is appalling. Abandoned and feral domestic animals suffering on the street and reproducing unchecked is unacceptable. Spay/neuter programs are effective at reducing the population that leads to these conditions. Unfortunately, too many Angelenos cannot afford the full cost of pet sterilization, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the City's voucher program due to low reimbursement rates. Although L.A. law requires dogs and cats to be sterilized, many families with a voucher find themselves waiting months for an appointment because of a shortage of participating veterinarians. Similarly, rescue organizations are left scrambling for spay/neuter appointments for abandoned and feral animals in their care. Increased reimbursement rates would allow more veterinarians to participate in this program, providing immediate relief to pet owners and rescue organizations. Animals reproduce very quickly so every day that this is delayed only worsens the crisis. I acknowledge that the City is facing a very serious budget shortfall with many inevitable cuts to come; however, I urge you to consider that reducing animal suffering is one of the most pressing issues we face. In addition to dogs and cats, I also urge you to include rabbits in the increased reimbursement rates, as rabbits are the third most frequently abandoned animals in our shelters, reproduce very quickly, and are frequently being abandoned outdoors throughout our city. Sincerely, Danielle Ball (LA resident and TNR/Foster volunteer)

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela Castillo
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 09:45 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, As a High Volume High Quality Spay and Neuter Surgeon (HVHQSNS) veterinarian, I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation and expansion of spay and neuter programs in our city. These programs stand as beacons of responsible pet ownership and are crucial for controlling the population of stray and unwanted animals. Spay and neuter initiatives not only prevent the suffering of countless animals but also have significant positive impacts on our communities. Here's why: 1. ****Overpopulation Control****: By preventing unplanned litters, we reduce the number of animals that end up in shelters, thus decreasing euthanasia rates and easing shelter overcrowding. This contributes to a more sustainable and humane community where every animal has a chance at a loving home. 2. ****Public Health and Safety****: Fewer stray animals mean fewer incidents of animal-related traffic accidents and bites. Spaying and neutering can curb aggressive behaviors and decrease the transmission of diseases, keeping both animals and citizens safe. 3. ****Economic Impact****: Reducing the stray population translates to lower costs for animal control and public health services, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars. Investing in these programs is both fiscally responsible and socially beneficial. 4. ****Enhanced Community Well-Being****: Areas with strong spay and neuter programs often enjoy a stronger sense of community and improved quality of life. Responsible pet management fosters neighborhood harmony and shows our compassion for all living beings. Your support of spay and neuter programs is vital to fostering a humane and balanced ecosystem in Los Angeles. Let's commit to continued investment in these essential initiatives, ensuring that our city remains a leader in innovative animal welfare practices. Thank you for considering the well-being of our furry companions and the overall health of our community. I urge you to advocate for and support policies that prioritize these essential services. With sincere appreciation, Daniela Castillo DVM (678) 877 0957

Communication from Public

Name: Cassandra Cook
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:33 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and Honorable Councilmembers, I'm writing as a concerned resident to urge the City of Los Angeles to prioritize and properly fund targeted spay and neuter programs. For decades, these programs have proven to be one of the most effective strategies to reduce shelter intake, euthanasia, and animal suffering. Unfortunately, the city's spay/neuter voucher value has not increased since 2015, despite veterinary costs rising over 60% in the last decade. This has made it nearly impossible for many residents to afford these critical services, leading to increased animal overpopulation, overcrowded shelters, and inhumane outcomes. Warehousing animals or transporting them out of state is not a sustainable or humane solution. If Los Angeles is to truly become a "Humane City," we must address the root of the problem with proven, preventative action. I respectfully urge the City to make a meaningful, targeted investment in accessible spay/neuter services that reach more animals across our communities. We have a moral responsibility to protect the most vulnerable. Please act now.

Communication from Public

Name: Ely

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:38 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Spay and Neuter works , please have it more available for pet owners to prevent so much more dogs and cats ending in the shelter .

Communication from Public

Name: Joana Barboza
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:49 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please assist with spay and neuter of homeless animals in the city of Los Angeles I

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Zimmerman
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:50 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please fund spay& neuter programs. It will help with so many things including the amount of animal abuse that seems to be more rampant.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Gettinger
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 10:41 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles and someone who witnesses the daily reality of our city's stray and feral animal population, I urge the City Council to prioritize funding and support for spay and neuter programs. These programs are not just about animal welfare—they're about public health, safety, and fiscal responsibility. Every day that we underfund these services, we allow the cycle of overpopulation, suffering, and euthanasia to continue. Community members, rescue organizations, and volunteers are stretched to the brink trying to fill the gaps. It's time for the city to step up. Proactive spay and neuter initiatives save lives—and they save taxpayer dollars in the long run. Let's be a city that leads with compassion and responsibility.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 11:16 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We must keep our spay/neuters to be accessible to all of our communities. Every animal deserves to be treated humanely.

Communication from Public

Name: Jan Nowinski

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 09:01 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please choose to fund spay/neuter services for & through our city shelters ~ this is the only solution to reduce the number of unwanted animals dying on our streets and in the shelters ~ PLEASE!