

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Ramirez  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 07:06 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reject the budget cuts! Spaying and neutering is important!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeanette Reza  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 06:10 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please help and protect animals!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristen  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 07:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Prioritize spay and neuter for dogs. Our shelters are overflowing and it's heartbreaking

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janet Sepulveda  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 07:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, On behalf of the veterinary clinics and organizations listed below—who collectively have spayed and neutered over half a million cats and dogs in Los Angeles—we respectfully submit the attached letter urging your immediate attention to a matter of critical importance for animal welfare in Los Angeles. As outlined in the following statement, the City’s spay and neuter voucher reimbursement rates have remained unchanged since 2015, despite soaring operational costs and a growing need for spay/neuter services. We hope this submission underscores the urgency of full and immediate implementation of the long-overdue voucher reimbursement rate increase included in the 2024 budget, and the profound impact this action would have for cats, dogs, families, and shelters across Los Angeles. Signed, Janet Sepulveda, Chief Operating Officer, Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) - CAMP (Harbor Shelter, Northeast Valley Shelter, Jefferson Park Shelter)Dr. Elaine Lukic, DVM; Dr. Zach Deegan, DVM; Dr. Jennifer Artinian, DVM - CAMP veterinarians - CAMP Wellness Waggin’ (mobile spay/neuter serving North Central Shelter, East Valley Shelter, West Valley Shelter) - Shelter Vet (West LA Shelter); Dr. Doron Vardi, DVM - Heaven On Earth Spay Neuter Clinic (West Valley Shelter); Dr. Nicole Petschauer, DVM - Dr. David Forster, DVM, Director of WesternU Spay and Neuter Center North Central Animal Shelter - Dr. David Clark, DVM, Director of Clinical Services CVM, WesternU - Dr. Casey Connors, DVM - FixNation - Spay4LA - Best Friends Animal Society - Greater Los Angeles Animal Spay Neuter Collaborative - Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation - Paws For Life - Kitty Bungalow - Peter Zippi Memorial Fund - Better Together Forever - Tipped Ears - Pals N Pets - Purrfect Partners - LA Rabbit Foundation



April 24, 2025

To the Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

We, the undersigned organizations and veterinarians who serve as Los Angeles' City spay/neuter providers, write to you to emphasize the urgent need to increase the reimbursement rates for the spay and neuter voucher program in the City of Los Angeles (the City). These vouchers are essential for the sterilization of shelter animals, owned cats and dogs and community cats, and play a critical role in controlling shelter overcrowding and easing the public and shelter backlog in spay/neuter demand.

A long-overdue increase in the dollar value of City spay/neuter vouchers would increase the number of veterinarians willing to accept the vouchers. Currently only 29 veterinary clinics accept the "Free" vouchers—a significant drop from 85 veterinarians in 2015. The reimbursement rates have not been adjusted since August 2015, when the Board of Animal Services Commission last passed an increase which was implemented. These outdated rates no longer align with current service costs, which have significantly increased over the past decade, especially salaries and drug costs. The financial gap between the reimbursement rates and clinics' cost of surgery limits the number of veterinarians who can afford to participate.

In 2024, the City budget included an increase in the spay/neuter voucher reimbursement rates based on the breakeven cost of surgery calculated from a fee study survey of shelter clinic providers conducted in 2022. However, this increase is still awaiting implementation. A recent proposal from the office of the CAO to incrementally implement rates lower than initially proposed, over multiple years, would mean that by the time those decreased rates are in place, they will already be 3 – 6 years out of date.

Without the full implementation of the 2024 budget's voucher rate increase, the City will continue to experience a vicious cycle: families unable to afford to spay or neuter their animals, veterinarians unable to afford to accept City vouchers, and thousands of shelter animals euthanized due to spay/neuter shortages.

By approving the voucher increase, you would play a key role in driving immediate, positive change for animal welfare in our City. More veterinarians would be able to participate in the voucher program and the City would assist more families in need.

Together, we can make a direct impact on animal welfare and the well-being of pets and families across Los Angeles.

In partnership and gratitude,

- CAMP (Harbor Shelter, Northeast Valley Shelter, Jefferson Park Shelter) Dr. Elaine Lukic, DVM; Dr. Zach Deegan, DVM; Dr. Jennifer Artinian, DVM - CAMP veterinarians
- CAMP Wellness Waggin' (mobile spay/neuter serving North Central Shelter, East Valley Shelter, West Valley Shelter)
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- Purrfect Partners
- LA Rabbit Foundation

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Nunez

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 07:26 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is so important to help spay and neuter cats!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ed Barber  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 08:04 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed budget cuts to the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services in Los Angeles. This program not only embodies humane animal management but also provides considerable economic and community benefits that far exceed its costs. - Population Control and Cost Savings: TNR effectively controls the feral cat population by preventing future litters. This reduces the number of cats that would otherwise require shelter space and resources. In turn, TNR diminishes the financial burden on animal services, allowing funds to be reallocated to other critical needs. - Public Health and Community Welfare: Unmanaged feral cat populations can lead to public health concerns, including potential disease transmission and nuisances in neighborhoods. The TNR program mitigates these issues by promoting healthier animal communities, reducing noise from mating activities, and aligning with public health objectives. - Environmental Impact: Feral cats, when unchecked, can harm local wildlife. By stabilizing populations, TNR minimizes their ecological footprint, aligning with Los Angeles' environmental sustainability goals. - Community Engagement and Support: TNR programs cultivate civic engagement, as they often involve volunteer networks, nonprofits, and local stakeholders who invest time and resources into humane cat care. This sense of shared responsibility and community is invaluable and fosters cooperation between citizens and the city. The TNR program exemplifies efficiency and compassion, generating significant returns on investment through cost savings and enhanced quality of life. I urge you to maintain funding to ensure that Los Angeles remains a model for humane urban wildlife management. Thank you for considering this matter with the seriousness it deserves.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca Barber  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 08:05 PM  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yire Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 08:45 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please help us fund spay/neuter there's so many in defenseless animals that need it our communities need help

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Groves  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 08:52 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles city and county, as well as surrounding counties, is in a state of animal welfare crisis. Shelters and rescues are beyond capacity, euthanasia rates are rapidly increasing, owner surrenders are at a rate never before seen as are incidents of animal dumping. Spay and neuter are critical city services for the residents of Los Angeles. The deprioritization of this vital city service over the past decade is directly connected to the increases in stray pets and euthanasia rates in Los Angeles, a city that used to be respected for its forward-thinking management of animal welfare. The stats verify this statement as true. Without these city services being prioritized immediately, the welfare crisis will only worsen and the burden on residents will only increase. Veterinary spay and neuter costs have increased over 60% over the last 10 years but the city's voucher has not increased at all over the last 10 years. A quote I received last week for basic spay and neuter at a veterinary office was \$700. Many municipalities and cities do not require intact animals to be spayed or neutered prior to leaving the shelter. There are countless incidents of these same animals being dumped after having been used for breeding, ending up again in the shelter. Had they been spayed or neutered, the city would not be taking on the costs for their care a second time. Spay and neuter will quickly prove to be financial savings for the city by reducing the burden of managing this overpopulation. The heroic efforts of the animal welfare community during the LA fires saved hundreds of animals from being killed and reunited hundreds of traumatized families with their animals. Rescues, transporters, networkers, volunteers and advocates collaborated to transport long term shelter residents to other areas of the country. Their efforts created space in LA shelters to house the pets stranded and separated from their families, until they could be reunited. Discouragingly, within a matter of only 3 months, shelter capacity is once again exceeding 120%. The city's decision to do away with appointments needed to surrender animals has significantly worsened this epidemic. When advocacy groups are listened to, it allows smart, thoughtful, educated choices to be made. Please listen to, respect and honor what this informed animal welfare community is saying about spay and neuter city services. Their expertise is an untapped resource for the city management teams. Welcoming them into the conversation will supply vital

information needed to determine how best to serve the residents of Los Angeles. If ever there was a time for our city to support our residents, for residents to support each other, it is this moment. 2025 has been devastating to our city. Collaboration and compassion have never been more needed than they are right now. Respectfully, Stephanie Groves

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:14 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support spay & neuter organizations to make a more  
“humane” LA for our furry friends. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosy

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 05:06 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council, Spaying and neutering pets offers significant benefits for both the animals and the broader community. It helps prevent unwanted pregnancies, reduces the risk of certain cancers and diseases, and can improve animal behavior. These procedures also contribute to reducing the overpopulation of companion animals, which helps alleviate the strain on animal shelters and rescues. So spaying and neutering is a simple yet powerful procedure with numerous benefits for pets, owners, and the broader community. It's a responsible act that contributes to the well-being of animals, reduces pet overpopulation, and helps ensure a healthier and more humane future for all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gail Mackenzie-Smith

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:39 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Animal shelters are over-crowded. Young dogs and cats who haven't had a chance at life are being murdered. The city can stop this if they pay for spay and neuter costs. Residents of the city of L.A. cannot carry the burden. The city needs to make a targeted spay/neuter investment that reaches more 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. Thanks, Gail Mackenzie-Smith

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Margaret McEldowney

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:05 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a concerned resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to urge the City Council and Mayor Bass to prioritize funding and support for accessible, high-impact spay and neuter programs. Animal overpopulation is not just a cat or dog issue—it's a public welfare and community health issue that affects us all. For decades, targeted spay/neuter programs significantly reduced shelter intake, euthanasia rates, and the number of stray animals on our streets. However, these programs have been deprioritized, and the city voucher value has not increased since 2015—despite veterinary costs rising over 60% in the last ten years. This has left many residents unable to afford essential sterilization services for their pets, contributing to the ongoing cycle of animal homelessness and suffering. We need proactive investment now. A humane L.A. cannot exist while shelters are overwhelmed and animals are transported out of state due to lack of resources. I urge you to increase the voucher value and expand access to spay/neuter services so they are available to all pet owners in need. Let's implement proven, humane strategies that benefit our entire community. Please be a voice for the animals. Fund and prioritize spay/neuter programs. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathy Lozoya

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:11 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Spay/neuter has been deprioritized, the L.A. city voucher value hasn't increased since 2015. The cost for veterinary has increased 60% over the last 10 years, making it harder for residents to pay hundreds of dollars, and in some cases thousands to prevent their pets from breeding. We need Mayor Bass, the L.A. City Council to know we'll never achieve "a humane L.A." until we address the animal overpopulation crisis with proven strategies. Residents of the city of L.A. cannot carry the burden. The city needs to make a targeted spay/neuter investment that reaches more 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heidi Kinsella

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** The idea that the city of LA would defund the spay and neuter program that barely scratches the surface in helping the community manage the amount of animals that we have is extremely irresponsible. With the amount of money we all pay in taxes, the very least our city could do to control the pollution is support the spay/neuter program. The lack of veterinarians and the insanely high costs to privately pay for each animal to be fixed is out of reach for a majority of people who care, who feed strays and who'd like to adopt animals. Instead of defunded this much needed service which prevents even more loss and suffering amongst the cat and dog populations, why are we not trying to find further solutions? Why are we not enticing vets to come work in our city? Why are we not working with other cities to see how they've handled this crisis or partner with them to get adoptable animals into their hands? Why are we not looking at the millions of dollars unaccounted for and lost to the homeless epidemic and make that more efficient so we can shift money to something that we know absolutely gives results and prevents suffering? As someone who has volunteered for a cat rescue for the last 10 years, this epidemic will only get worse without this funding. The desperation the community comes to the rescue with is heartbreaking when cost is out of reach for most. The loss of life and suffering witnessed is truly inhumane. I implore you to do better. Surely the tourism we are about to receive from the World Cup and the Olympics would be a good reason to cleanup the streets if the animals suffering isn't a good enough reason.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sisneros

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:25 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city is horribly mismanaging funds and I am writing to in rrgard to the budget cuts for the Animal services. The community is already greatly impacted negatively and innocent animals are being euthanised Just due to spacing. This budget cut will be catastrophic to an already crisis in the shelters and communities. We should be givving more funding to the efforts on animal services. The city has continued to disappoint with how they are chosing to manage the millions of dollars that Angelenos pay in taxes. I demand for more funding to Animal services and a stop on the budget cuts. Respectfully mayor bass should consider stepping down for this horrible mismanagement. First the fires and now this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:46 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** the city needs funding for spay and neuter and to keep the shelters open

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lillian Lu

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:59 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please prioritize spay and neuter programs for cats and dogs in LA county. If spay/neuter programs are not prioritized, many animals will continue to suffer needlessly and we cannot call ourselves a humane and just community if we do not take the necessary steps to alleviate their suffering. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leia

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:01 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please prioritize funding for spay/neuter. This city is in crisis and needs help. Shelters are at capacity and the number of pets and strays on the street are increasing. Spay/neuter is so important for easing this burden.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 10:34 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Can we please have regulated laws and requirements for humane spay and neuter programs for the city of LA and surrounding areas? The shelters are overcrowded and there are too many dogs and cats losing their lives for nothing. We also need to create a better process of restricting and eliminating breeding in the LA area.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Candace Peinado

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 11:37 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please fund Spay & Neutering done by the community, clinics and animal shelters, hospitals. The city of LA needs help. The shelters need help. Community organizers who TNR need help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Lingenfeltet

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Spat/Neuter access is \*essential\* for animal welfare and for managing the stray population crisis. It is the SIMPLEST, least expensive way to reduce needless suffering and uncontrolled numbers of stray cats and dogs, while also providing relief to responsible pet owners.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 08:38 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's critical that there be NO cuts to Animal Services! Our shelters are already bursting at the seams and many animals are dying for no reason other than the fact, we cannot provide them with proper care. LA should be the beacon of the nation for animal care not the worst. Our animals give us love and loyalty and deserve so much better!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:10 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** These budget cuts will kill many animals in the shelter system which is already strained! There needs to be a better solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cecelia Sonsini  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Cutting funding for LA Animal Services will be devastating for animal welfare in this city. Please do not make animals suffer and die because of human error in managing the budget!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 05:43 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 work—it would widen this gap and undo years of progress. The result

would be more strays, more suffering, and more costs passed on to city departments and residents. Their Impact Is Measurable and Meaningful The numbers speak volumes. Since their founding, Luxe Paws has helped over 17,000 homeless cats and kittens. But beyond the stats, their impact is visible in cleaner neighborhoods, healthier animals, and empowered residents. Their work helps reduce noise complaints, litter issues, and the heartbreak of residents who feel powerless watching animals suffer on their streets. This Is a Matter of Public Health and Safety Uncontrolled animal populations can lead to public health concerns—spreading disease, increasing injuries from unneutered males, and contributing to unsanitary conditions. Supporting Luxe Paws is not just an animal issue; it's a public health priority. In Summary Luxe Paws represents the best of what L.A. can be—innovative, compassionate, and collaborative. They work tirelessly, often on a shoestring budget, to create real, lasting change in our neighborhoods. Pulling city support now would be short-sighted and devastating; not just to the animals, but to the residents who rely on them. I urge the City Council to continue—and ideally expand—funding for Luxe Paws' spay and neuter program. In doing so, you invest not only in the health and safety of animals but in the well-being and resilience of our communities. Thank you for your time and commitment to making Los Angeles a more humane and livable city for all. With gratitude, Kari Wasoba Sherman Oaks

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynda Ramirez

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 07:27 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is my second posting. I accidentally referred to the post as, "LA County" My new post is directed to; LA City. I can not reiterate just how essential, SPAY AND NEUTER FUNDING is absolutely necessary and crucial for LA CITY. Our shelters are over crowded with unwanted cats and dogs. Our community cats are suffering with unwanted litters. With the lack of, SPAY/NEUTER appointments available throughout the City of Los Angeles the population grows daily. Please fund SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS. This procedure should and must be available to all. Help end cat and dog overpopulation! THANK YOU.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Valerie garcia

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 07:37 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mayor Bass, Please - I beg you, as a lifelong tax paying Angelino who loves this city and all of our inhabitants ... we MUST do something (at this point literally anything is more than what's being done now) to HELP the animals who still suffer at the hands of humans. Some with no ill intent just inability to fund spay/neuter and it is too much for Rescues to save them. We need HELP. PLEASE do something positive for these innocent creatures who humans continue to fail. YOU have power to do something, YOU have power to help them. Please exercise the power we elected you to have. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noelle O  
**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 07:51 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Spay/Neuter programs save lives and money. It should be a priority. Please increase funding for it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tais De Los Santos

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:48 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am posting this because we need funding for spay/neuter for all pets, the value of cost has gone increasingly up for the past 10 years and there was been no priority to do so these past years. There needs to be some kind of funding or group that helps people in need to help do these things that can be for their own pet, saving lives of other cats on the streets and etc. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS! there are too many pregnant kittens having birth on the streets as well as female baby girl dogs being dumped with milk still in nipple. this is sad and needs to change immediately.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ayelet Ifrah

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 09:50 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not approve the mayor's budget with cuts to the LA County Shelter system. Our euthanasia rates are skyrocketing and our shelters need more support, not less. The lack of city-sponsored low-cost spay and neuter and the lack of education on my s/n is so important means we are never going to climb out of this hole if we keep the status quo. It is essential we invest in our shelters so they can turn things around. Please do not support this budget as is.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Di

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:44 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a longtime Los Angeles resident, I'm urging the City Council to make spay and neuter programs a priority again. I've personally TNR'd multiple feral cats in my neighborhood with the help of local organizations like WeHo Community Cats and Luxe Paws. I've also fostered and rescued animals who would have otherwise been left to suffer on the streets. These programs are essential—not only for animal welfare, but for public health, safety, and long-term cost savings. Right now, the burden is falling on volunteers and underfunded rescues who are doing everything they can with limited resources. We need city-backed support to break the cycle of overpopulation and prevent needless suffering. Please invest in a more humane, responsible future for Los Angeles. Our animals—and the people who care for them—deserve better

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paige

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:50 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging that a spay and neuter program be implemented. We are seeing an animal crisis on the streets and in the shelters play out, daily healthy adoptable animals are killed, the first step is by enforcing the spay and neuter of all animals. In the 90s- 2000s spay/neuter programs reduced shelter intakes and euthanasia. Spay/neuter has been deprioritized, the L.A. city voucher value hasn't increased since 2015. The cost for veterinary has increased 60% over the last 10 years, making it harder for residents to pay hundreds of dollars, and in some cases thousands to prevent their pets from breeding. We need Mayor Bass, the L.A. City Council to know we'll never achieve "a humane L.A." until we address the animal overpopulation crisis with proven strategies. Residents of the city of L.A. cannot carry the burden. The city needs to make a targeted spay/neuter investment that reaches more 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. This is an animal welfare crisis that needs to be addressed

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arturo Toledo

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:50 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** There are too many stray cats in our city. This will prevent countless cats from a world of suffering on the streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Nunez

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:51 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Spay and neuter program are not only beneficial to an individual but for the community. Obviously pet owner are the main user for this program. It's understandable that they should pay for their pets needs. Unfortunately, people are less likely going to want to pay for this service if price increase. Leading people to abandon animal in the street or turn in at overcrowded pet shelter. For our safety and the safety of animal spay and neutered decreased animal hormone, controls population and keeps people and animals safe. Animal who are spay and neuter reduces breathing, roaming and marking. Their are people in our community who are dedicated to TNR(trap, neuter and return) keep our community safe and clean. Overpopulated is hazardous due to fecies comtaminating our environment. It also increase urine marking, not only leaving stain to clean up but attract wild life to our neighborhood. Thank your provide this program

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lindsey Covarrubias

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:10 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Galvan

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:26 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Spay and Neuter clinics as well as vouchers are crucial to helping control the animal population. There are far too many animals in the shelter and not enough people to save them. The few that do get saved whether it be off the streets or from someone they know that have never received medical care need access to the most basic of care. A spay and neuter prevents more lives from being born on the street or in the homes of pet owners which most of the time go back to the shelter or get tossed around and used for more breeding. Making pet care affordable is the right thing to do. It should not be this tough getting medical care for anyone. Do the right thing and save the animals. We are their only voice.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamar Robinson Jr

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:32 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is unacceptable that the funding for animal services is being cut. Truly disgusting and vile. Karen Bass needs to be recalled from office and a lot of people working in this city need to be removed as well. LAPD has beyond enough money and you want to give them more? How many more years of BS are you going to put us through?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Tatem

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 01:31 PM

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Luxe Paws Volunteer Foster Parent Los Angeles, 90038

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[90038] [Luxe paws adopter]

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberlie Eddy  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:37 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please prioritize spay/neuter programs in Los Angeles!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support more funding for spay and neuter services for our city's animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cat Edwards

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:04 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Spay & neutering of dogs and cats is the most cost effective, efficient and humane way to control the overpopulation of pets. The staggering costs of LA's homeless pets are not only financial, and have become outrageous and unnecessary. Rescue groups and regular folks have tried and tried to keep up. It's time for those in power step up and be the leaders that LA can and should be. If the city cares about money - providing S&N services is the most economical way to reduce the need for shelters, animal control officers, and all of the costs of caring for the unowned animals. There's isn't even any messaging at SLA Shelter or in the area about the topic of S&N. How can this be??? Please, do the right thing and provide more and easy access of affordable S&N services to our city. Every event always has more in need than can be served. Clearly, people want to fix their pets. Our city has become infamous for all the loose and abandoned dogs & cats, and the killings of them for space. Over 80% of the dogs enter SLA Shelter UNFIXED! Ever been there to visit?? What about skid row??

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kerstin Tula

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:10 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed budget cuts to the already underfunded and understaffed. LA animal services are absolutely atrocious. Closing potentially three of the six city shelter when the city would actually need eight shelters to keep up with population growth is just inhumane. Volunteers and rescues are already struggling to get dogs out alive, the euthanasia rates will go up even further if this budget cut is enacted. I employ the city council to reject the suggested budget cut and actually properly fund the LA animal services department and invest in spay and neuter resources so that over population crisis will end at some point without more dogs dying.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alfred Mandagi  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 12:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, I'm here to express my voice as a constituent on my rejection of budget cuts for spay and neuter program. Spay and neuter program should be prioritized simply because there has been an overpopulation crisis in Los Angeles county for a very long time. This has been exemplified by the amount of shelters being overflowed across the county leaving many to suffer in the streets of LA, dying senselessly. Please prioritize spay and neuter programs to alleviate this crisis, for the betterment of our animal companions and for the city. Sincerely your constituent, Alfred.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee Coronado

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:02 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to fund spay/neuter services for our cats and dogs. This is the number one way to cut down on shelter overcrowding and reduce the needless deaths/ suffering of countless cats and dogs in our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not cut funds from the City's Animal Services. Their services are vital to the community. Continuing the Spay/Neuter programs are necessary to the community but also for the animals themselves.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Morgan Brown

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:10 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE make spaying and neutering dogs and cats a priority. The shelters are over run and there is a way to prevent future pain and suffering to these animals by continuing to control the population. Pls help love these animals to the best of our ability by reducing suffering from overpopulation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Glen Gold

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been fostering cats in Los Angeles for about six years, and have funded spay/neuter clinics for cats living on the streets. I know first hand how much suffering - easily preventable suffering - is going on because of the lack of spay/neuter services. There's no way to just adopt out the 3 million (!) cats that are homeless. We need a commitment to reducing the number of unwanted litters again. I say "again" because back in the '90s we had City spay and neuter programs and we didn't have the same issues on the streets. We're living in a time where the federal government is being cruel on purpose. Let's do something out of compassion, instead.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Isabelle

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:36 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Spay and neuter programs need to be prioritized to protect animal welfare. Slashing the budget is a nefarious thing to do in this instance when the budget should be increased.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex estrada

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:47 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** The crisis of animals in the streets has rescuers / feeders and trappers worn down to the bone. With such limited existing resources it's no wonder the general public largely turns a helpless, blind eye to the issue. City funded Spay and neuter programs for feral cats has a direct impact on the community. Educating the public on why it's important and for lack of a better term- shoving the resources in their face is the only solution. We often find stray and dumped animals on the road only to see them euthanized nearly immediately at local shelters due to over crowding. Low cost services for pets and free TNR (trap neuter return) programs via mobile clinics and vet offices willing to partner up is the way to fix this. The animals deserve better. They didn't ask for domestication but the human race put their species in this position so the least we can do is break the cycle that keeps them suffering on the streets. Keeps them from dying in alley ways during labor, keeps kittens from being crushed by passing cars etc. Please help Los Angeles set the example for the rest of the country when it comes to animal welfare.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ianthe zevos

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** financial support for spay/neuter services must be maintained or increased. even in the city's current budget environment, this is a low dollar investment that pays returns for many years to come by eliminating the source of LA's spiraling animal crisis. ONLY if low cost or free spay/neuter services are available can we as a city reduce the number of animals suffering in our overburdened animal shelters and on our streets. nothing speaks more about a city than how it treats its vulnerable populations, human and animal; prioritize this funding.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:47 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** In order to be the Humane Los Angeles we can be, we need to do proven methods. The cost of Veterinary has gone up 60%, which makes it even harder for people to do the right thing of spaying and neutering.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kate W  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marisol Pineda  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:52 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I'm writing to express deep concern over the growing crisis of dogs and cats being abandoned at LA city shelters—a heartbreaking and preventable situation that has reached alarming levels. As someone who has volunteered with animal rescues in Los Angeles for the past 15 years, I've witnessed firsthand the toll this issue is taking on animals, residents, and volunteers alike. Over the years, the burden of caring for abandoned animals has increasingly fallen on private citizens and grassroots rescue groups. But we are stretched beyond our limits. I, like many others, am experiencing burnout and compassion fatigue. We simply cannot keep up. One of the most effective solutions to this crisis—spay and neuter—has sadly been deprioritized. In the past decade, the cost of veterinary care has risen by over 60%, putting essential services like spaying and neutering out of reach for many Angelenos. Without access to affordable options, pet overpopulation continues unchecked, fueling the cycle of abandonment and overcrowded shelters. I urge you to take action by: 1. Expanding low-cost and free spay/neuter programs citywide, especially in underserved communities. 2. Implementing a public education initiative, similar to the DARE program, in our schools to teach children about responsible pet ownership, the importance of sterilization, and humane treatment of animals. (I have experience in this) 3. Partnering with local veterinarians and nonprofits to create sustainable, city-supported programs that will reduce intake at shelters and improve community wellbeing. I would be happy to contribute to the education initiative. I've created a program called Give Paws a Chance (GPC), designed to engage and educate students on animal welfare in a relatable, age-appropriate way. I would love the opportunity to collaborate with city officials and school programs to implement this curriculum across Los Angeles. I believe that educating the next generation is key to creating lasting change. We all share a moral responsibility to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Addressing this issue is not just an act of compassion, but one of public service and civic duty. Please prioritize and invest in these solutions. Our city can—and must—do better for its animals and for the people who care for them. Sincerely, Marisol Pineda 156 S. Meridith Ave. #119 Pasadena, CA 91106 Founder of Give

## Paws a Chance and Longtime Volunteer with LA Dog and Cat Rescues

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Babbin

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 02:52 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I firmly believe we need to protect funding for Los Angeles Animal Services. Our city shelters are currently facing significant challenges, and any cuts to the budget could worsen the situation. There is already \$5 million in the City's Unappropriated Balance, and I encourage us to allocate these funds to LA Animal Services as soon as possible. This investment is crucial for enhancing animal care, increasing adoptions, supporting spay/neuter programs, and providing vital staff resources. Additionally, I urge the Mayor and Council to consider alternatives to closing shelters. Collaborating with reputable rescue organizations can be a constructive approach to supporting our community and ensuring the well-being of our animals during this critical time.

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**Name:** Gary Caputi

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 03:09 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 work—it

would widen this gap and undo years of progress. The result would be more strays, more suffering, and more costs passed on to city departments and residents. Their Impact Is Measurable and Meaningful: The numbers speak volumes. Since their founding, Luxe Paws has helped over 17,000 homeless cats and kittens. But beyond the stats, their impact is visible in cleaner neighborhoods, healthier animals, and empowered residents. Their work helps reduce noise complaints, litter issues, and the heartbreak of residents who feel powerless watching animals suffer on their streets. This Is a Matter of Public Health and Safety: Uncontrolled animal populations can lead to public health concerns—spreading disease, increasing injuries from unneutered males, and contributing to unsanitary conditions. Supporting Luxe Paws is not just an animal issue; it's a public health priority. In summary, Luxe Paws represents the best of what L.A. can be—innovative, compassionate, and collaborative. They work tirelessly, often on a shoestring budget, to create real, lasting change in our neighborhoods. Pulling city support now would be short-sighted and devastating; not just to the animals, but to the residents who rely on them. I urge the City Council to continue—and ideally expand—funding for Luxe Paws' spay and neuter program. In doing so, you invest not only in the health and safety of animals but in the well-being and resilience of our communities. Thank you for your time and commitment to making Los Angeles a more humane and livable city for all. With gratitude, Gary Caputi

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany London

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 03:15 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi there, Animals in LA county are in crisis as a direct result of humans failing them and the government doing nothing to assist or step in. Shelters have turned into dumping grounds and essentially slaughterhouses since the number of dogs far exceed the capabilities of these shelters. One very clear and proven way to change this and decrease the animal population is spay/neuter assistance and putting laws in place. The rate at which dogs are procreating is unsustainable. With no assistance, people will continue to dump dogs on the street or at shelters. I implore our city to focus on spay/neuter programs to make effective change and saves lives of animals. This is the only way this crisis can be handled. Thank you, Tiffany London

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 03:29 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm here to demand immediate action on a crisis that is both preventable and heartbreaking—our city's ongoing failure to properly fund and prioritize free and accessible spay and neuter programs. This is not just an animal welfare issue. This is a human issue, a community issue, and a moral one. Every day, healthy, adoptable animals are being euthanized in our city shelters simply because there are too many and not enough space, time, or resources. This is not just cruel—it is devastating for the staff and volunteers who are forced to participate in this inhumane system. It is traumatizing. And it is entirely avoidable. Spay and neuter programs are one of the most effective, cost-efficient solutions available. Prevention works. It pays for itself many times over, reducing the burden on shelters, lowering intake numbers, and easing the emotional and financial strain on our animal services departments. We need action. We need resources. And we need leadership with the courage and compassion to make this a real priority. I will be actively campaigning against any elected official who fails to act on this issue. Our shelters are in crisis, and you will be held accountable. Invest in free, accessible spay and neuter programs. Do it now. For the animals. For the workers. And for the future of our city. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 03:33 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** We MUST address the cat/dog overpopulation crisis to help reduce the number of suffering, death, and euthanasia in our local shelters! Funding for spay and neuter is absolutely necessary!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melinda Vega  
**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 04:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Fund spay/neuter to help the homeless pet population! Our city demands this!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nidya Garcia

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed \$6.4 million budget cut to Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS), as outlined in Mayor Karen Bass's FY 2024-25 budget. The elimination of 62 staff positions and 49 vacant roles will only worsen the crisis already facing our city's shelters. LAAS is already struggling with extreme overcrowding, understaffing, and unacceptable conditions for both animals and employees. Animals are being warehoused in crates, left without walks or enrichment, and staff are pushed to the brink — some sustaining injuries due to unsafe environments. Reducing the workforce at a time when shelters are overwhelmed is not a budget solution, it is a humanitarian failure. Animal welfare groups, including the Stand Up for Pits Foundation, have urged the city to increase staffing by at least 200 positions — not reduce it. Volunteers and nonprofits are already doing the work of full-time staff, but they cannot fill the gap left by permanent layoffs. These cuts would directly result in more suffering, more euthanasia, and an erosion of public trust in the city's commitment to humane treatment of animals. Budget shortfalls should not be balanced on the backs of our most vulnerable beings. There are other areas to consider for savings that do not involve the lives and wellbeing of thousands of animals. Investing in LAAS is not just a moral obligation — it is essential public service. Our shelters are part of the community safety net and must be supported accordingly. I urge the City Council to reject these proposed cuts and prioritize funding that protects animals, supports staff, and upholds the values of a compassionate and responsible city. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Drake

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 04:23 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please for all the sweet animal souls , and ours, do not cut their budget any further. Remember a society is forever judged by how we treat our animals. Please choose kindness to animals

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bill Crowe

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 05:03 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Throughout the 90's and early 2000's spay/neuter programs reduced shelter intake, euthanasia and strays by preventing countless litters. Spay/neuter has been deprioritized, the L.A. city voucher value hasn't increased since 2015. The cost for veterinary has increased 60% over the last 10 years, making it harder for residents to pay hundreds of dollars, and in some cases thousands to prevent their pets from breeding. We need Mayor Bass, the L.A. City Council to know we'll never achieve "a humane L.A." until we address the animal overpopulation crisis with proven strategies. Residents of the city of L.A. cannot carry the burden. The city needs to make a targeted spay/neuter investment that reaches more 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 head to the link in our bio, you'll be connected to the online form for the office of the city clerk. Your comment will be posted under the council file number 23-0452.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Russell Riopelle  
**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 05:40 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to advocate against the proposed cuts to LAAS in the mayor's proposed budget. Cutting the funding will result in unconscionable loss and death for the cats and dogs of Los Angeles. We need more spay/neuter for cats and dogs, especially cats. As one of the largest cities in the country, we must come through for the companion animals who rely on us. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MICHELLE BANKS

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2025 06:00 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** We the people, who care about the voiceless animals of LA are imploring you, PLEASE Mayor Bass & LA City Council, prioritize and make huge investments in a spay/neuter program for rescuers and the TNR (trap, neuter, replace/release) programs which would tremendously help to reduce the homeless & ill animal overpopulation crisis. Help to cap the costs of veterinary care, vaccinations & spay/neuter. There needs to be laws banning pet shops and breeding UNTIL this issue has proven to improve. The faster help is implemented the sooner the crisis is diverted and the easier everyone can sleep every night. This is not only a moral obligation but a health and welfare obligation to these neighborhoods and our society. The goal here is animal welfare and a humane world. Once this is achieved in many areas the goal is nationwide and eventually the world. PLEASE be a leader an example and hopefully a trendsetter!! Sending all my hopes for your consideration and approval. Bless!