

Communication from Public

Name: Ariela

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:29 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

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Name: James E Jones

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: CAMP is a wonderful, well-run organization that provides excellent care and saves thousands of pets. My own beloved pup received his vaccines and was neutered there, so I know first hand how caring everyone at CAMP is. I continue to donate as much as I can, as I know many others do, but I expect my city government to do the right thing as well. Please continue funding the organization at least at the present level.

Communication from Public

Name: Luisa Quinteros
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:49 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: DEAR COUNCILWOMAN YAROSLAVSKY AND LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO FULLY AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM. AS YOU KNOW, OUR CITY IS FACING A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF SPAY AND NEUTER FOR DOGS AND CATS, RESULTING IN OVERCROWDED SHELTERS AND AVOIDABLE ANIMAL EUTHANASIA. LEGISLATORS, VETERINARIANS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE EXPERTS AGREE THAT EXPANDING SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. TO HELP FAMILIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES, THE CITY HAS LONG OFFERED A VOUCHER PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 2015. RECOGNIZING THAT THESE OUTDATED RATES NO LONGER COVER THE ACTUAL COSTS OF SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERIES, THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN 2024 TO INCREASE THE VOUCHER REIMBURSEMENT RATES. WHILE THIS DECISION WAS MET WITH WIDESPREAD APPROVAL, THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) HAS YET TO APPROVE THE BUDGET INCREASE. THIS LEAVES FAMILIES AND RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT ACCESS TO VITAL SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES, LEADING TO UNWANTED LITTERS AND THOUSANDS OF SHELTER ANIMALS AT RISK OF EUTHANASIA. ALTHOUGH LOS ANGELES LAW MANDATES THAT ALL DOGS AND CATS OVER FOUR MONTHS OLD BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED, MANY PET OWNERS ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO SO. THE SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM IS THE SOLUTION. BY FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE VOUCHER RATE INCREASE, YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY IMPROVE ANIMAL WELFARE ACROSS OUR CITY. MORE VETERINARIANS WILL JOIN THE PROGRAM, MORE FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE, AND FEWER ANIMALS WILL FACE EUTHANASIA. TOGETHER, WE HAVE THE

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IMPACT ON THE WELL-BEING OF PETS AND FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES WARM REGARDS, LUISA
QUINTEROS

Communication from Public

Name: Shana Garcia

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:44 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Maria Huerta-Reyes

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

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Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do everything in your power to fund spay neuter and all animal lifesaving to the greatest degree possible. Spay neuter is an investment. \$70 for a spay surgery today saves the city years and years of kittens or puppies coming into the shelter. Please make the investment. Our community needs it.

Communication from Public

Name: Lizania Mancia

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Name: Amparo

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Name: Erica

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Comments for Public Posting: Good evening. My name is Erica and I'm not here to ask for more of the same—I'm here to call for a complete rewrite. The proposed \$6.4 million cut to LA Animal Services is devastating—but the truth is, the current system has never worked. Not for the animals. Not for the public. Not even for the people inside it. This cut would eliminate 62 staff members and leave 49 positions unfilled. But even at full capacity, this system is outdated. It's reactive. It's broken. That's why I'm here to propose a new model—one that doesn't rely on more cages or emergency band-aids. This is a city-wide, care-based system that prioritizes prevention, community support, emergency response, public education, and real animal protection. The total estimated cost? \$18.5 million annually. That's less than half the cost of failing upwards—and it would actually work. Instead of reacting to crisis after crisis, we invest in the people doing the real work—rescuers, transporters, fosters, vets. Instead of cutting care, we build infrastructure that prevents cruelty, keeps families together, and honors the sacred role animals play in our city. This is the moment to decide: Are we going to double down on dysfunction, or are we going to lead the nation in what real, conscious animal care looks like? We're not asking you to fix the problem. We're already fixing it. We're just inviting you to join us.

City of Los Angeles Animal Services Council Proposal

Executive Summary

This proposal outlines the urgent need for a transformative, humane, and fiscally responsible animal care facility for the City of Los Angeles. The current system is outdated, inefficient, and harmful to both animals and public trust. Our plan reimagines animal care as a sanctuary: a healing, educational, and community-focused center that benefits both humans and animals.

Introduction / Problem Statement

The existing shelter model results in overcrowding, high euthanasia rates, public mistrust, and systemic inefficiency. Without urgent reform, our city will continue to fall short of modern animal welfare standards. Animals deserve dignified care, and our citizens deserve a system they can trust and be proud of.

Vision and Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a world-class Animal Care Sanctuary that provides holistic rescue, medical treatment, rehabilitation, community education, and sustainable adoption solutions. Our vision is a future where every animal is treated with dignity, where community involvement thrives, and where Los Angeles leads the nation in humane innovation.

Facility Overview

- Modern open-concept habitats (dog yards, cat gardens, small animal spaces, farm animal fields)
- 24/7 emergency and wellness veterinary hospital
- Emotional trauma recovery centers for neglected and abused animals
- Species-specific housing and enrichment environments
- Education and volunteer training centers
- Vegan café and gift shop supporting operational costs
- Solar-powered, rainwater harvesting eco-design
- Adoption homes modeled like real living spaces to increase success
- Onsite memorial garden honoring animals who have passed

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Operational Plan

- Nonprofit operational model in partnership with public sector grants
- Full-time staff: veterinarians, trainers, behavioral therapists, caretakers, administration
- Volunteer and internship programs linked with schools and colleges
- Monthly workshops for the public on animal care, humane education, and community programs
- Community service projects for youth programs
- Trauma therapy programs pairing rescued animals with human healing initiatives

Budget Overview

Initial Buildout Estimate: \$10 Million

- Land acquisition and permits: \$1.5M
- Construction (facility buildings and animal housing): \$6M
- Veterinary Hospital Equipment: \$800,000
- Solar and Eco Installations: \$500,000
- Furnishings, Enrichment Equipment, Infrastructure: \$500,000
- Reserve Funds and Emergency Startup: \$700,000

Annual Operating Costs: \$3.5 Million

- Salaries and Benefits: \$2M
- Food, Medical, and Supplies: \$800,000
- Maintenance and Utilities: \$400,000
- Community Outreach and Events: \$300,000

Projected Revenue:

- Adoption fees, café, gift shop: Estimated \$500,000+/year
- Grants, corporate sponsorships, and public donations
- Naming rights opportunities for major donors

Community Benefits

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- Significantly reduces city euthanasia rates
- Creates 50+ new full-time jobs and dozens of volunteer opportunities
- Enhances city reputation nationally for humane leadership
- Strengthens community resilience through education and engagement
- Boosts local economy through employment and tourism
- Provides public health benefits by addressing stray and abandoned animal populations humanely

Closing / Call to Action

This is an unprecedented opportunity for Los Angeles to set a gold standard in animal care and community engagement. We urge the Council to fund and support this transformative vision. Together, we can create a sanctuary that reflects the compassion, innovation, and leadership that define our city. Thank you for your consideration and commitment to a better future for all beings.

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Name: Kim Barker

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Name: Lizzette Rojas

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Name: Lindsay Daitch

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:05 PM

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Name: Joseph Ferrerosa

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Name: Swasti

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Communication from Public

Name: Terah Gisolo

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:42 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Kym Bower

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE increase funding and support for low-cost or free spay/neuter of homeless animals and trap-neuter-return (TNR) policies for community cats in the city of Los Angeles. LA is falling behind other cities on this issue and has a severe overpopulation crisis of community cats (unowned cats) through no fault of their own. The residents and volunteers of LA can't keep up on their own - we NEED the city's help. Thank you! ??

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Name: Rossy

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:17 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Kirsten Rogers

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut funding to LA Animal Shelter services, especially spay and neuter. We already have a massive problem with stray, uncared for dogs in our city and too many are put to death. Cut funds, and this problem will be out of control.

Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn Alvarado
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:40 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: We need Help!! spread the word for spay and neutering we need funding!

Communication from Public

Name: Sofia Gurrola

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please increase the spay/neuter voucher for LA residents! It is integral to keeping our shelters less overcrowded and is the lifeline to how our rescues operate!

Communication from Public

Name: Lucia

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I'm writing with deep urgency and concern to ask that you fully and immediately implement the increased reimbursement rates for the City's spay and neuter voucher program. Right now, Los Angeles is in crisis. Shelters are overwhelmed, animals are being euthanized simply because there's no space, and families who want to do the right thing just can't afford to. We all know that expanding spay and neuter services is the most effective way to turn this around—but we're stuck, waiting for action that's already been approved. You unanimously voted in 2024 to raise the reimbursement rates because you understood how essential this program is. But the City Administrative Officer has yet to approve the budget. Every day that passes without that approval means more animals are born into suffering, more families are turned away, and more preventable deaths. This is not just about policy—it's about lives. It's about the pet owners who are trying to follow the law but can't afford it. It's about the rescue organizations that are doing everything they can and still falling short. And it's about the animals—thousands of them—who deserve better from all of us. Please don't wait any longer. You have the power to make a real, immediate difference. Implement the increased voucher rates now. Help us protect these animals and support the families who love them. With Urgency, Lucia Diaz

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Levitow

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Mayor and City Council... The animal shelter system is already a sh*t show. As we know healthy and adoptable dogs are getting euthanized at high rates. Cutting the budget is insane. I don't understand why there aren't more affordable spay/neuter options available for communities. This is not an unreasonable request. Please do not close shelters/cut the budget/reduce staff! I have volunteered at a shelter so I have seen it. It needs to be improved, not slashed. I love this city but we are failing in a lot of ways...and protecting helpless animals is a measure of our humanity. I implore you to make better choices for these beautiful souls. Judy Levitow Culver City, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Crotty

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:16 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Cameron

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:11 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Casey Garvey

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:57 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I want to see continued support for Spay & Neuter vouchers in LA county.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Jones

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:58 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The animal overpopulation crisis is beyond out of control here in LA. California is in the top 3 states in the country of euthanasia numbers & strays and LA county drives most of that number. It is one of the main topics I hear in my community about what they do not like about California. They want to help get strays sterilized and find them a home but the cost to do so is impossible to take on as individuals but when there is no one answering or coming to help we are at a loss. Controlling this crisis cannot continue to be the burden of adopters or rescue organizations and we certainly cannot euthanize our way out of it either. County funding is a non negotiable as their support to the community (human and animal) is what their job is. Animal control division must work in tandem with individuals and organizations to really make change. The county must provide appropriate funding for low cost spay and neuter programs. The current ones cannot be cut and must be relooked at to increase opportunities for those in need. This is not only to support more families who cannot afford to sterilize their pets at a general veterinarian but also having more spaces available for the increasing need. Rescue organizations also who have a focus on sterilization must be provided funding/incentives to continue and expand their mission to help more of the stray population all over the county. Spay neuter vehicles, working with local hospitals to offer services, providing more education and programs for individuals who want to help TNR are only a handful of ideas that have been successful in other areas of the country. Shelters and animal control divisions must be a part of expanding the laws requiring animals to be fixed but more than anything they MUST be the driving force in holding individuals accountable for not following these laws. Breeder laws must also be tightened up and illegal breeding and selling of pets must have stricter laws that are upheld. We cannot euthanize our way out of overpopulation as there are 10 more coming in to every animal that is adopted or euthanized. We turn off the spout and work from the where the problem begins with. Spay/neuter is not only positive for overpopulation and community challenges but maintaining and expanding would actually take a lot of burden off of our shelter systems in other regards. There is not one individual, one group, or one thing that can help us get a handle on the crisis here in LA BUT it will take

each of these things to be provided support and proper budgets to make the change. I ask that you look at budgets the way a household does. The things that are truly needed to keep all of us (human and animal) safe and healthy are priority and not a frivolous expenditure that can be just cut. Spay and neuter falls in the former.

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Cortes

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:03 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles county is huge and encompasses various cities throughout, yet my city and other low income cities around me don't qualify for any spay and neuter vouchers. With the average surgery costing \$300+; money that most of us don't have to spare right now, many pets will continue to be surrendered to the already overflowing shelter system. With Bass's proposed budget cuts to our few LA County shelters, a spay and neuter program that is accessible to ALL of the county is more important now then ever. A thriving city is a city one that takes care of those without a voice

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Name: Cecilen Sosa

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Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please prioritize spay and neuter programs for cats and dogs. The responsibility cannot remain on individuals of the community. 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.

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Name: Auro

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Communication from Public

Name: Lara

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:42 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City of LA, There is a huge problem with lack of city funded spay and neuter and low cost spay and neuter. I see with my eyes everyday feral cats and kittens barely surviving on the streets. All of the cat rescues are beyond overwhelmed taking on what the city should be doing. The volunteers in these organizations work daily to the point that I have seen them become physically sick. I know people who have also personally taken in more rescued cats than they should because they can't allow these precious beings to suffer outside. Where are the resources to spay and neuter? I know the city is also overwhelmed with unhoused humans, but the very least the city could do is help the cat feral population with more spay and neuter funding. Private veterinary doctors charge around \$700 for the surgery which is too expensive for most residents. If the wild bird advocates want less cats on the streets harming birds, then widespread TNR, community education and spaying and neutering would slow down the population boom.

Communication from Public

Name: Aubrey Lerner

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:46 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, Please immediately implement the increased reimbursement rates for the Los Angeles City Spay and Neuter Voucher program. Our shelters are overflowing with dogs and cats. This is only resulting in large amounts of euthanasia of wonderful animals who are unfairly never given a chance. The animals wait to be euthanized in horrible conditions due to overcrowding and limited resources. It is cruel. Spay and neuter is the most effective way to address this crisis. Many families who cannot afford these essential services would appreciate and use the voucher program when offered. The reimbursement rates have remained unchanged since 2015 and now are outdated. They no longer cover the actual costs of spay and neuter procedures, preventing access for many. In 2024, the City Council voted unanimously to increase the voucher reimbursement rates. However, the City Administrative Officer has yet to approve the budget increase. This leaves our community without access to vital spay and neuter services, resulting in nonstop overpopulation, horrible conditions, and ultimately euthanasia of our community pets. By fully implementing the voucher rate increase, you will improve animal (and community) welfare across our city. Our animals and families deserve better, and they need help. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmine

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Communication from Public

Name: Kara Lindquist

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 09:47 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative the budget for spay neuter not only not be cut, but increased. We can not allow the suffering of innocent animals to continue. Animal rescuers across LA are volunteering their time, money, and sanity to try to help fix what the city fails to do, but there aren't enough people, animal friendly rentals, or money to keep up with the staggering numbers of cats and dogs being born. Community members are left to pick up the pieces sometimes literally, of the animals being born on the streets, or abandoned when their care becomes too expensive. The only way to combat this issue is to increase funding for spay/neuter programs. Current vouchers barely make a dent, if the owner can even find a vet with availability who accepts them. They are also limited to 3 in a lifetime. This number is woefully inadequate. One accidental litter will put anyone over the limit, and next thing you know, there are 20 animals breeding out of control with no where to go. Please put money where it makes sense and support spay neuter programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Del Campo

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 09:58 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Karen Bass & Administration, As a concerned citizen residing in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles, I am writing to urge you and your administration to allocate funding for spay and neuter programs for cats. In our community, the stray and feral cat population is alarmingly high, leading to suffering among animals and creating public health and environmental concerns. Providing accessible and affordable spay/neuter services would be a humane and effective way to control the population and improve the quality of life for both the cats and residents of our city. I respectfully ask that this issue be prioritized in upcoming city budgets and initiatives. Sincerely, Christopher Del Campo

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Chang

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 09:26 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please say no to cutting funds and closing down animal shelters. Please fund spay and neuter and make it mandatory. No kore backyard breeders.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Riopelle

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 09:58 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly opposed the proposed cuts to the Department of Animal Services in the budget. Closing 3 of the 6 LA City shelters will have a devastating impact on animals and the safety of people and neighborhoods. Using the \$5million already allocate in in the City's Unappropriated Balance for Animals services would allow us to keep those shelters open and support spay/neuter funding and efforts (crucial for bringing down the number of animals needing homes). For this large city to fail our companion animals would be a shame and cause for concerns about public safety. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lexi

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 10:17 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As a person who works at a vet office it is increasingly frustrating to see people struggle to afford to spay and neuter their pets, especially dogs more than 30 lbs. we need to spaying and neutering affordable for everyone especially if you're going to make it a law that all pets need to be fixed except for breeders and health concerns. We need to make this a priority to save lives. For every dog or cat that is forced to reproduce due to their people not having the funds for surgery is 4-8 dogs or cats that will be euthanized. Think about how many animals you're killing by not funding proper spay and neuter for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Olivia Riopelle

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:48 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please do not cut budget for LA Animal Services. Our shelters are already running so full and over capacity. Every dollar is needed to keep the lights on for all 6 shelters and to provide decent care for the animals in the system. With more animals than ever in our shelter system, we actually need an increase in funding. And for cats, it is crucial to maintain spay/neuter funding or even maintain it (which will ultimately result in fewer animals without homes. Dogs and cats are companion animals - they rely on humans for their care and we must come through for them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like the city to support spay & neuter funding. Private vets are charging \$500-\$1000 for their service and it's contributing to the overpopulation of animals on the street and in shelters. LA could be a leader in solving an addressable problem that would improve the city immeasurably.

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua Leibner

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Hello- For the health, care, general well-being and financial benefit to the city, I strongly urge you to spay/neuter funding. Not only is this a humane act for the animals, the procedure is a cost-effective way of dealing with pet overpopulation and the problems that comes with the misery of unwanted animals populating our communities. It is important we show compassion and attention to animals under our care. --Joshua Leibner

Communication from Public

Name: linn meyers

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 04:19 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned about the possible defending of the city's spay/neuter program. There are so many cats living on the streets of LA, the only way to address the population is the various TNR programs. Please do not defund this important service!

Communication from Public

Name: Aliya

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please help to fund neutering and spaying of animals as I work directly with nonprofits that work day and night trying to capture the numerous stray cats in Los Angeles, and have use their own money to help fund these procedures. The stray cat problem is bad, and every month there are more and more cats and more that we have to trap, pay from our pockets to neuter, and as many can't be adopted or fostered, have to be released. It is one of the most heartbreaking things and puts a lot off burden on the people who care for these animals or lives neae them.

Communication from Public

Name: Leeane Knighton

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 06:28 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The city must assist the many private citizens and small charities that tirelessly work to trap, neuter and return (TNR) unhorsed community cats. We do all of these services with very little funding and in our spare time. The city can coordinate with us and provide reseources to raise awareness of the overpopulation of cats and dogs. Providing services to control this problem would paint a better picture for this city, with the work watching and seeing what else can go wrong with Los Angeles. Let them see what can go right.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 07:31 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please fund more spay and neutering programs so our community can help control the stray pet population.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracey L Bunka
Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 07:44 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please reject the proposed budget cuts and prioritize affordable spay and neutering programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Christal

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We the residents of Los Angeles, who are already dealing with the rising costs of living in Los Angeles, are having to crowd fund with the very little we and others have, to care for stray animals. We are at our breaking point, working multiple jobs, driving over an hour to get to work. As costs keep rising in Los Angeles, people will be forced to abandon their pets, who will be left to suffer in the streets. We have to decide whether we eat or our pets eat. There are many people who feed street cats, who too are homeless, who we will give pet food too, so their pets don't go hungry. We, the citizens, are tired, absolutely tired of our taxpayer money funding cops who won't even come when we call about a person abusing an animal. We are tired of the rampant corruption of the LAPD. We have seen it time and time again, covered nationally on news, why must taxpayers bear the financial consequences? This is unjust and unconscionable. How many more pets and animals suffer??? How many more kittens with eyes still closed, must be euthanized?? How many more calls of frightened dogs and cats getting hit on freeways do we need to call about, to get your attention??? We demand increased funding to animal shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Salazar
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:45 AM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Fund Spay/Neuter services

Communication from Public

Name: Bayli Tucker

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 10:00 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles faces a persistent pet overpopulation crisis demanding immediate action. Increased and sustained city funding for accessible spay/neuter programs is the most effective, humane, and fiscally responsible solution. By investing in these vital services, we can significantly reduce shelter overcrowding and euthanasia, improve public safety, and create a more compassionate Los Angeles for both residents and animals. Prioritizing spay/neuter funding is an investment in a better future for our entire community.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Perlin

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed closing of 3 animal shelters is inhumane and it is not what the people want! The shelters are overcrowded as is and if anything, we need more resources for homeless animals as well as TNR services, not less!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:41 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Phaedra. I am a Los Angeles resident. I am here today to explain the importance of affordable/ free spay and neutering. Every homeless animal on the street specifically cats face the hardships of having kittens more than three times a year because they are not fixed. Kittens start having babies as early as sixth months old. My life has turned upside down by savings kittens off the street but I've only been able to do that because of free/ affordable fixings from a wonderful rescue. I've been able to Trap Neuter and Return cats which have helped the neighborhood in so many ways. It is so important to keep that available for La residents so they can control cat populations in their neighborhoods. Shelters are over crowded and most likely get put down because of not enough adopters. Cats suffer on the streets from hunger and most likely die from over population. LA should be a leader and help our city animals. I'm asking kindly to make it affordable for rescuers and La residents. Please keep funding spay and neuter. Thank you so much

Communication from Public

Name: Tracey

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 01:00 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Fund free spay and neutering. It's time to help these communities

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Real

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 01:13 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The services provided by animal shelters are necessary and shutting down locations will only exacerbate the overpopulation problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Deanna Hart-Nokes

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:44 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do not cut funding for spay and neuters for our Los Angeles animals. They need our help and cutting that funding would just make the problem of homeless animals even larger. Rescues and shelters are already overwhelmed as it is. Please do not cut this much needed funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Covarrubias Su

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 01:41 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: Samuel Ringenberg

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 02:11 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. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily R

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 01:00 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please support spay and neuter services and Los Angeles. Veterinary costs are so expensive and many folks cannot afford to spay and neuter there pets which leads to the spread of feral cats who have hard lives. Please support services for low income folks that need help with their pets and TNR services that try to curb the problem now.

Communication from Public

Name: Ana Ramirez

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Do not deprioritize neuter/spaying services. L.A. has made it law to have animals fixed, yet overpopulation hasn't gone away. Taking away this resource will hurt the city in the long run, as shelters will have to turn away animals, or worse, euthanasia. The animal services department is already expecting budget cuts or a closure of at least 3 shelters. Taking away neutering services will only make this situation worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison S.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:58 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm very concerned about the proposed cuts to animal services. We are in the middle of a crisis for homeless animals. Please do not close down the animal shelters and cut the jobs in those departments. It's simply inhumane and the majority of people care about animals — as has been evident from the outpouring of support locally and nationally following the fires. Please also prioritize funding spay/neuter programs and anything that can be done to reduce rates of euthanasia. Putting more animals' lives at risk due to these proposed budget cuts would bring shame to our city. Instead, let's prioritize kindness, care, and hope.

Communication from Public

Name: annelise guzman

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:17 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: ADDRESS ANIMAL OVERPOPULATION BY MAKING IT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO SPAY/NEUTER PETS. NO MORE WAREHOUSES FULL OF STRAYS!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:08 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I have been I rescue for over 10 years and the need for low cost spay and neuter is greater than ever. The amount of unwanted animals being born and entering the shelter system is staggering and there is only one solution, spay and neuter. Rescue organizations are overwhelmed and cannot keep up with the demand. TNR is crucial to tackling this overpopulation crisis we are facing and is direct shelter intervention by preventing unwanted litters from being born on the streets. Kitty bungalow, Tipped Ears, Stray Cat alliance, Kitten a rescue, Lux Paws are all organizations with boots on the ground doing the work and encouraging the public to get involved and active in TNR. The public want to get involved and want to help with the crisis however do not have the means to do so. The community cat program is a lifesaving program and if this program ceases to exist than we are in big trouble as we are just beginning kitten season 2025.

Communication from Public

Name: Flint Wainess

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 03:34 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I know the city is broke because for some reason we're draining the general fund on liability payment but please please please listen to our wonderful animal rescuers and fund TNR. It will save so many lives and unburden the shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny kim

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:55 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: It is vital that the TNR program is funded for all kinds of reasons. Compassion, financial, ecological, kindness, responsibility, stewardship..... please do not cut off the funds

Communication from Public

Name: ALI Chamas

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:58 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Kathy

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:15 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: This cruel proposal by the city to cut support for animal shelters is nothing short of a step backward - back to a time when cruelty and neglect were the norm, and human hypocrisy ran unchecked. This isn't a solution, it's how out-of-touch, short-sighted politicians think they're solving problems while in reality, they're creating far greater ones. Defund Bass and the rest - what good are they doing? Empty talk, inflated salaries, and no real impact. Meanwhile, the people working in shelters, mostly volunteers, are the ones actually doing the work. I've never seen a politician show up and volunteer for the good of the city the way animal advocates do. At the end of the day, it's the people in the shelters - volunteers, rescuers, advocates - who show up, who care, who act. Not the politicians. Not the ones making decisions from behind desks with no understanding of the damage they're causing. These officials are supposed to represent the public and not their own egos and careers, and certainly not at the expense of the very citizens they're meant to serve.

Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Adriana Solano

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Name: Yucheng Hu, MPA

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:02 PM

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Name: lisa edmondson

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Communication from Public

Name: Kasia Smetaniuk

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Name: Riley Smith
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:24 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I protest this new council decision.

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:36 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Crystal Beecher
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:38 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: The way a society treats their animals is a sign of their humanity. Let's stay Humane, and take care of the dogs and cats in our communities. If they are rampant, the diseases will spread to our domesticated pets and eventually humans. Do the right thing. Keep these programs going and the shelters open.

Communication from Public

Name: Corey Carnegie

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:43 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: With our large city, large increasing taxes, we should be ashamed to be one of the largest euthanasia states and Karen Bass what's to add to this by closing shelters? Why not eliminate the over 80k jobs at Animal Services, ridiculous task forces and concentrate on low cost spay/neutering and education for benefits. Eliminating 64 of the least paid, hands-on employees is not solving anything. Where are new leaders at Animal Services with innovative ideas? Did Bass not learn her lesson with her Financial limitations with the fire dept? Not impressive at all....and not acceptable.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:25 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Paula Major

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:57 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Spaying and neutering is critical to keep animal populations under control humanely. This is so much cheaper and more effective than having unwanted kittens and puppies that then go on to fill animal shelters and ultimately get euthanized. Please do the humane thing and fund this program and the animal shelters of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison Z.

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:11 PM

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:14 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Eric Piwowar

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:18 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: You are sentencing thousands of lives to death to cover for your ineptitude. Abandoning basic care is inhumane, cowardly, and a disgrace to this city. Reverse these cuts immediately — or continue to be remembered as the leadership that sat idly by as fire and now death overran the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucila Vega

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:30 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Mills

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:40 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please have a heart and do not cut funding for animal services. So many people are working tirelessly to save animals from needless death and cutting funding will only make things worse. I will personally come and unearth the unused dollars in the city budget to keep funding intact.

Communication from Public

Name: Hilda Rubio

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:43 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm extremely concerned about the proposed budget cuts. As it is, our animal shelter system is in shambles and these proposed cuts will decimate it. The animals in the shelters are also Angelenos. They are also under the mayor's watch, and should also receive the care & compassion all Angelenos deserve. Don't abandon them; they are the voiceless. A society that kills innocents is showing just how backwards its principles are. This is not the city I am proud to be from. Please do better.