

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Lopez, DVM

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:25 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to recommend reconsideration of the current reimbursement rates for the Los Angeles City spay and neuter voucher program. I work for Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) as an Associate Veterinarian at the Los Angeles and San Pedro spay/neuter clinics, and have seen first hand the urgent need for increased spay neuter support. Spay/neuter programs are the first line of defense against shelter overcrowding, and with the current budget's proposal to cut 62 animal care positions, this is more urgent than ever. The spay/neuter voucher program has helped reach so many animals, and yet with rising costs of every aspect of veterinary medicine, this is getting more difficult to do. Many vets will not accept the vouchers, as they do not cover increased cost of care. And, this makes sense, as vouchers have not increased in reimbursement rates since 2015, 10 years ago. Decreasing access to vital medical care for animals increases unwanted litters, increased incidence of life threatening issues such as pyometra (uterus infection), breast cancer and prostate cancer. Increased litters mean shelter overcrowding, increased animal abandonments. With decreased access to affordable care, it can ultimately lead to public health issues with increased risk of transmissible diseases to people (lack of routine deworming, vaccinations, etc). 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 opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on the well-being of pets and families throughout Los Angeles. Thank you for your time, Michelle Lopez, DVM Community Animal Medicine Project Associate Veterinarian ?

Communication from Public

Name: Krystn Hussey

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Spay/neuter must remain a priority. It's prevention to keep an existing overpopulation problem from getting even worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Karn Myers

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:19 PM

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Co-Founder/Executive Director FixNation

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Name: Susie Ross

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, My name is Susie Ross, and I stand before you as a volunteer who has poured their time, energy, and heart at east valley shelter. If this budget passes, progress will be destroyed. Cutting funding, shelters, and staff will condemn these animals to unimaginable suffering. To Mayor Bass and those supporting this proposal, I challenge you: come volunteer. Come sit in silence with an animal who's lost all hope. This is about humanity!!!! And it starts by not only preserving every dollar of that funding — but increasing it by tenfold. Rebuild this broken system. Invest in these animals. SHOW us you care. You became mayor for the people — now listen to the people. Do better. Be better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Beth Goldfarb Jackson

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Name: KK Smith

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:44 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Belinda Dillree

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass has proposed budget cuts to an already overwhelmed LA animal shelter crisis. California already euthanizes more animals than any other state in our country. Rescue organizations that run on donations cannot keep up with the amount of dogs/cats that need to be saved. Please do not cut any more funding for Animal Services. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Betty Sue Weitkamp

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote for a reasonable increase to help maintain accessible spay and neuter services in the City budget. Thank you so much for your anticipated help.

Communication from Public

Name: Lorinda Toledo

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:47 PM

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Name: Paulina Alcala

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IMPACT ON THE WELL-BEING OF PETS AND FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. SINCERELY, PAULINA
ALCALA

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica

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

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Advocate, Rescued Pittie Dog Mom, Animal Lover

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Name: Amber Howard

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Name: Ana Kova

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

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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—not their own egos and careers, and certainly not at the expense of the very citizens they're meant to serve.

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Name: Edward Hernandez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:47 PM

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Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:10 AM

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Name: Carol

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please let the kitties live! Increase funds for Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Downey

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut any animal services funding and please prioritize and increase spay/neuter program funding. Rescues and the community scramble everyday to save lives which also removes some of the burden from the city and state. There is zero accountability of those creating and contributing to overpopulation, neglect, and abuse. Rescue is like trying to empty a river with a spoon. Healthy adoptable dogs and cats are being killed daily. The answer is prevention and spay/neuter. These procedures now cost hundreds of dollars and vouchers need to be increased as does awareness on how to find and use the services. There have been a couple of high profile animal abuse cases on the news. Neglect and abuse are just another side effect of overpopulation. We have to stop with the breeder permits, start regulating and enforcing and do better for these animals. It is a huge crisis I cannot understand why it is not prioritized. Cutting funding instead of increasing it is going to be a disaster. There are not enough good homes. The burden should not be on the community. If the city cannot figure it out please invest in a consultant. If you have not personally visited a shelter please do a walk through. Things need to change. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Luis Rico

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:53 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Doyle

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for spay/ neuter programs and enforcement! Yes, root out inefficiency, but the taxpayers and volunteers simply cannot continue to drown while trying to stop the animal crisis we are in, we cannot do it alone. We need more help, not less! Closing two animal shelters will put more of a burden on the system and the animals, volunteers, and workers will all suffer.

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Communication from Public

Name: Bernie Leinfelder

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The city is spending so much money just to euthanize a bunch of animals - 72,000 poor animals killed in 2024 alone . Why not redirect that funding for more spay and neuter? Educate the public and make more appointments available. We are stewards of the animals and ecosystem in our time on earth and need to do better.

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Communication from Public

Name: Johanna Bonilla
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Communication from Public

Name: Consuelo Cervacio

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:33 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: It is truly devastating to see healthy animals getting put to sleep because of overcrowding in shelters. This crisis will continue to get worse if funding for spaying and neutering is cut.

Communication from Public

Name: Blaine

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:36 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not accept the proposed budget cuts. Our shelters are already in a severe crisis. Helpless dogs and cats are being unfairly euthanized or not being treated for their medical issues and spending an inhumane amount of time in cramped cages. We need spay + neuter programs and funding, more public outreach, education, and technicians. Mayor Bass is gravely in the wrong with her proposed cuts to LA Animal Services. Please protect our city and our animals. Please be humane and prevent mass euthanasia and shelter closures.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Miles

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:10 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Nohemy Martinez

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:27 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that the City Council of Los Angeles head to the advice of experts by not only halting budget cuts but increasing the budget allowance for the Animal care shelter and services. We have to make a dent in how severe our our animal problems are. Euthanization should never be an option if we have the services to care for animals. I guarantee you if it was on a ballot it would absolutely be supported by your constituents. Additionally, it's time to shut down breeders for good and eradicate all permits. There's no such thing as ethical breeding when you're breeding an animal not for conservation but for aesthetic purposes. It's contributing to the problems we have with animals being abused, neglected and abandoned. Please let not animal neglect be a part of your legacy.

Communication from Public

Name: Joyce K Voletti

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:14 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please do not cut the budget for LA Animal Services or close any of the shelters. There are far too many homeless, suffering animals as it is. The current cost of privately spaying & neutering animals is prohibitive for many LA residents without the availability of the vouchers provided by the city &/or county. Cutting funding for these vouchers will cause even more homeless animals on the streets. More homeless animals on the streets leads to more animals being euthanized in the shelters. Fewer shelters means even more animals being euthanized simply for space. Every animal deserves a chance at having a decent life. Please do not make the current situation even more dire.

Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Karla Rojas

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:25 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express deep concern over the proposed \$5 million budget cut to Los Angeles Animal Services. I strongly urge you and city leadership to reconsider this reduction, as it would have significant and lasting negative impacts on both the animal population and the people of Los Angeles. Animal Services plays a vital role in maintaining a healthy, humane city. One of its most critical functions is providing spay and neuter services, which are essential to controlling the pet population. Without affordable and accessible spay/neuter programs, Los Angeles will face a rapid increase in the number of stray animals. More stray animals mean overcrowded shelters, more disease outbreaks, more incidents involving frightened or aggressive animals on our streets, and ultimately, an increase in euthanasia rates. Shelters will be forced to euthanize healthy, adoptable pets simply because there isn't enough space to care for them all. This cycle is heartbreaking and unnecessary. Los Angeles has worked hard over the past decade to become a more humane city, reducing euthanasia rates and promoting adoption. Spay and neuter services are the backbone of that progress. Slashing funding now would undo years of hard work, not to mention the millions of dollars already invested in trying to solve these very problems humanely. Moreover, Animal Services provides critical support to low-income families who otherwise would not be able to afford veterinary care. For many residents, subsidized services through the city are the only option they have to keep their beloved pets healthy and safely at home. Pets are family, and for countless Angelenos, they are also a source of emotional support, stability, and unconditional love. When funding is cut, it's not just the animals who suffer—it's families who are forced to surrender pets they can no longer afford to care for. It's important to recognize that investing in Animal Services saves money in the long run. Spaying and neutering one animal prevents dozens, if not hundreds, of future homeless animals. Preventative care, such as vaccinations and wellness checks, reduces the burden of disease outbreaks in shelters and the community. A healthy, controlled animal population means fewer emergency calls to Animal Control, fewer public safety risks, and a stronger, healthier city overall. In addition, the emotional toll on shelter staff and volunteers cannot be overstated. These are people who dedicate their lives to caring for animals and helping

families. Forcing them to euthanize animals due to overcrowding and lack of resources, rather than due to medical necessity, leads to burnout, trauma, and high turnover rates. Supporting Animal Services means supporting the mental health and well-being of the staff who are on the front lines of this work every day. Los Angeles has long been viewed as a leader in humane animal care. Slashing the budget now would send a devastating message—not just to our residents, but to the rest of the country—that compassion is no longer a priority. It would erode the trust of voters, donors, volunteers, and advocates who have poured their time, money, and hearts into helping the city achieve its no-kill goals. We have a moral responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us. Our community's animals did not ask to be born, abandoned, or neglected. They deserve a fighting chance. By continuing to fund spay and neuter programs, low-cost veterinary services, adoption outreach, and shelter care, you are not just saving animal lives—you are preserving the integrity, compassion, and strength of our city. I respectfully urge you to reconsider the \$5 million cut to Animal Services and instead look for solutions that continue to support humane, cost-effective programs that benefit the entire city. These services are not extras—they are essentials. The future of Los Angeles' animals, and the families who love them, depends on your leadership. Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your continued commitment to making Los Angeles a city we can all be proud to call home.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Floretta

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:25 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles MUST make spay/neuter funding a priority — it's shelter surrender prevention.

Communication from Public

Name: Tad Tobey

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:47 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue the spay and neuter program. It will save lives

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Reimer

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:44 PM

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Name: Carolawyn Smith

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