

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Haidy Ojeda

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 06:41 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

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**Name:** Emily Chi

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Rico

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:07 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Shutting down 3 entire animal shelters is unconscionable. I fear this will make animal overpopulation worse without the spaying and neutering offered by shelters, not to mention the suffering of more animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:46 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please prioritize the citywide cat plan! Increase funding for spay/neuter and keep the Citywide Cat Plan funded. Wee need to increase the voucher value so more residents have the ability to access free and affordable spay/neuter for their pets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ani Merci

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 01:14 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** I find the mishandling of Los Angeles animal shelters appalling. Breeding must become a felony and spay/neuter mandatory unless a health issue endangers the animal's life. Additionally, Los Angeles must make it mandatory for all veterinarians offer free or low cost spay/neuter for one day per month, or lose their license to practice veterinary medicine in California. No exceptions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol J Mejia  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 02:36 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, Please, help us to increase funding for SPAY/NEUTER voucher program. thank you for understanding Greetings

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexandra Bowman

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 11:16 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** People need affordable pet services in order to keep their pets healthy. One of these services is spay and neuter programs in order to keep the pet population down. We are seeing to many animals being disposed of because their owners don't have the monetary means to pay for services. Animals don't have a voice but we sure all do. I ask that that you think about the animals this time around. Don't take away the limited animal funding

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**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 03:39 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Geri Miller

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 05:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Seriously Karen Bass! You have run this great city into the ground. But what you haven't done, is take care of our animals. It is an absolute disgrace what has happened under YOUR watch! Everyday, hundreds of animals being put down. HEALTHY, YOUNG animals. I adopted another dog a few hours before he was going to be euthanized, for no other reason than there was no space!! He was( a year ago) under 1 year old, perfectly healthy, no issues at all. ALL of his other kennel mates were KILLED. For no reason other than this city couldn't get it together. All these DEATHS are on your hands. How do you sleep at night? We had such high hopes for you, and you blew it. You are just as bad as others(worse, but that's just my opinion) that shall remain unnamed. Don't let this be your legacy. DO SOMETHING NOW

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shelley zagars

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 10:32 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep funding for animal spay & neuter clinic. This is imperative to stop overpopulation & overcrowding in shelters, which will cut down on unnecessary euthanasias of animals. Los angeles is already planning to close animal shelters. This is unacceptable!

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**Name:** Jamilyn Parker

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To Our Friends and Community Members, It's Zoey here, Executive Director of CAMP, and I am reaching out today with an important request. The 2025-26 Los Angeles city budget was recently released and it calls for significant cuts to departments across Los Angeles, including to Los Angeles Animal Services. Join us and use your voice to ask Los Angeles to increase funding for its spay and neuter voucher program so that unwanted litters do not end up euthanized in our shelters. We're facing a worsening overpopulation crisis of dogs and cats in our city shelters, and our animals need more help, not less. In 2024, there was a 72% increase in dog and cat euthanasia rates from 2023. Spay and neuter is essential to help curb the overpopulation problem and needless euthanasia of young, healthy and friendly animals. Together, let's advocate for a small but meaningful increase to help maintain accessible spay and neuter! Here's how: [CLICK HERE](#) to reach out to City Council Include your name, email, and City Council Item #23-0452 Below is a pre-written letter - please feel free to copy/paste it as is, or personalize in any way that feels right to you. Thank you so much for standing with us to protect our city's most vulnerable animals, and helping their humans afford spay and neuter services. Warmly, Zoey Knittel  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evelyn Baran

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 11:46 AM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, I am another citizen horrified by the state of the city's animal shelter crisis I am asking you to increase funding for the spay and neuter voucher program so that unwanted litters do not end up euthanized in our shelters. We're facing a worsening overpopulation crisis of dogs and cats in our city shelters, and our animals need more help, not less. In 2024, there was a 72% increase in dog and cat euthanasia rates from 2023. Spay and neuter is not just essential, IT'S THE ONLY WAY to help curb the overpopulation problem and needless killing of young, healthy and friendly animals. Simple logic, and a little humanity, dictates that the city must face this crisis. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 10:13 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As an independent animal rescuer and foster, I am appalled that Mayor Bass is choosing to not only close three Los Angeles shelters, but also cut the budget and cut much needed positions. I am ashamed to say that I voted for her. I fell for her lies and believed her when during her campaign trail she said she would make our shelters a priority and put the needs of the animals first instead she is choosing to do the opposite. Do you even understand how bad the problem truly is? Our shelters are overcrowded, the euthanasia rate is at an all time high, employees are underpaid and overworked and animal rescue organizations and rescuers need help. We are begging you for help! There are so many of us that spend countless hours on the street to help these animals that society has let down and failed. We are doing our best to help these animals that so desperately need us and it is already an uphill battle and now the city wants to make matters worse. Due to the city's lack of help with spay and neuter programs, there are animals on the streets and in the shelters suffering and dying every, single day. Shelters are overcrowded and healthy animals are being euthanized merely for space. Imagine how much worse it will get when three locations are closed! It will be a bloodbath and that will be on your hands. Where are you? Why are you choosing to not help rectify this situation? Where are you when we are on the street trying to help kittens and cats that are hurting and hungry and have no place to call home? Where are you when volunteers are saving injured and sick cats and using their own money to get them the medical care they need (including getting them spayed and neutered)? Why are you not stopping backyard breeders who are only making these matters worse? Perhaps if you actually went to the street and saw the problem yourself only then you would understand. Perhaps if you were the ones directly pulling cats from areas that have no funding for spay and neuter or if you were the ones receiving calls at midnight from someone begging for help because a cat just gave birth in their backyard and they don't know what to do, you would understand. Or maybe if you were the ones pulling kittens from car engines or from gutters or from trash cans (like I did recently) then you would want to help. I am begging you to please do the right thing here. Do not close these shelters. Do not cut the budget from our shelters and please do not cut jobs. We need

MORE help, not less.

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**Name:** amy Loescher

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 02:11 PM

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