

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 10:06 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

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Name: Deniz Zarate

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through spay/neuter initiatives, adoption campaigns, and partnerships with rescue organizations. Mayor Bass and City Council—the animals of Los Angeles have no voice but ours. Please, listen to the communities who care about their wellbeing. No animal should suffer or die because of a budget shortfall. We urge you to revise the proposed budget and ensure that no shelters close, no animals go without care, and no lives are lost due to preventable neglect. With compassion and urgency.

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Name: María

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: All of the animals that do not have a home should at least deserve to be in an environment that makes them feel safe and seen. They should not be neglected nor should the funding for these animals should be reduced or taken. The funds can be use to help feed, spayed/neutered and vaccinate these animals, their health should not be neglected. Please consider in increasing or keeping the funding for these animals that need our protection.

Communication from Public

Name: Ari Vena

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

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Respectfully, Ari Vena

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Name: Raquel Medina
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Name: Stacy Christine
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do something about the ever growing feline population in Grand Park and our streets of Los Angeles! Please commit to Trap and Return initiatives that prevent cats from inbreeding uncontrollably!

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Name: Maggie Rohdy

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Name: Mo Perkins

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support and fund free spay and neuter in our city. It will reduce the number of animals that end up in our overburdened human society and it is the moral thing to do for our animal population.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please fund spay and neuter services and TNR in Los Angeles. Helping small rescues get more animals spayed and neutered will ultimately save the city money and reduce the burden on its shelters and the suffering of animals. Please fund TNR efforts and direct more money to the shelter system for spay/neuter services and essential needs.

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Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 07:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: DONT. JUST DONT. TOO MANY ANIMALS ARE BEING
PUT TO DEATH!!

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Name: Mallory

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut spay and neutering services. These are not handouts, these are necessary services to protect our city and animal friends.

Communication from Public

Name: Azul Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Immediate Action Needed: Restore and Expand Spay/Neuter Services in Los Angeles Re: Consideration of the Mayor's 2025-2026 Proposed Budget; Dear Mayor Karen Bass and City Council, As an Angeleno deeply invested in the well-being of my community, I am urging you to immediately prioritize the restoration and expansion of spay and neuter services for cats and dogs across LA County. For years, access to these vital services has been severely limited, and the result has been devastating: thousands of animals are suffering, abandoned, and facing preventable hardships. We are at a crisis point. Without immediate intervention, the cycle of suffering will only continue to spiral out of control. Independent rescuers and community members — many operating with little to no resources — have been forced to step up to fill the gap, paying out of pocket for surgeries that our city should be providing. If individuals with limited means can make such an impact, imagine the difference that fully funded, fully operational city programs could make. We cannot claim to be a humane, progressive city while allowing this crisis to worsen. Animal Services must be fully funded, fully staffed, and urgently tasked with making spay/neuter access a true priority. The health and safety of our neighborhoods depend on it — this is not just an animal welfare issue, it is a public health and community well-being issue. Please act now. The lives of countless animals — and the health of our entire city — are in your hands. Sincerely, Azul Cruz

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Name: katharine towne
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Comments for Public Posting: Please prioritize spay /neuter for cats and dogs in La county.

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Comments for Public Posting: Spay and neuter is essential to helping countless animals. Please support this more.

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Name: Shirley

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Comments for Public Posting: We need more funding for spay neuter of cats and dogs. Please!
We are trying to stop the overpopulation of these animals but we can't without your help

Communication from Public

Name: Beck Nash

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funding to animal shelters and control would not only have a devastating impact on animals and increase euthanasia rate but it negatively impacts the people in the communities they serve. Animal shelters were originally established for public health, with decreased resources come increased spread of disease, bite risks, and loose and potentially dangerous animals. With no accessible location to bring animals many will be released to the streets, increasing the stray problem in LA. With less resources for vet care and spay/neuter more animals will be born, contributing to the overpopulation in shelters. There is already a massive outcry over the high rate of euthanasia and poor quality of life in animal shelters. This compounds the issue, leading to a higher rate of euthanasia, poorer quality of life, and less trust in city governance. Beyond the immediate issues of overcrowding and mistreatment of animals this will negatively impacts the communities of LA and the people who rely on city help for animal control and enforcement of existing regulations.

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Name: Jennifer Velazquez

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Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funding of spay and neuter programs needed to keep stray animal population down and reduce euthanasia of animals in Los Angeles. Thank you.

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Communication from Public

Name: Alessandra Franco

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:19 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: This city is in the midst of an animal crisis and mayor Karen Bass had done nothing to get us through it. We need affordable spay and neuter to stop more unwanted animals from ending up on the streets suffering and dying horrible painful deaths. Our city shelters are overflowing and we're killing tens of thousands of animals every year. The solution is not to cut the spay and neuter budget but to increase it. This cut will mean even more animal deaths. Los Angelinos love animals and we're not going to stand for this. We'll make sure our voices are heard at the next election. Please help the Los Angeles animals. Do not cut this budget!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Cristina Lopez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:18 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We support all ANIMAL SHELTERS and do not agree with any budget cuts being made! We need our shelters. What are you using our tax money for? You are not helping the homeless community, nor helping our educational system, not funding for work study studies programs at universities, CSU's staff budget cuts and now our PETS? Absolutely not. I demand to FUND our Shelters. How about let them live for free in our homes! Rent is high and that is one of the reasons the animal shelters are overly saturated. I demand our shelter to stay open Karen Bass.

Communication from Public

Name: Martha

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:32 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking you to PLEASE do not close any animal shelters and or budget cuts as it will be a disaster. We're already in an over populated shelter crisis, please don't make it worse. I work for a low cost veterinary and we see the damage daily. Backyard breeders coming in for some (not full) vaccines cus they don't want to spend any money, it's just a business for them. While a struggling hard working family trying to make ends meet to save their pet or can't afford spay & neuter. This is not a 3rd world country with animals roaming the streets, so stop acting like it

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan O'Keefe

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:21 PM

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Name:

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Communication from Public

Name: Mercy rivera
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:42 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please prioritize spay and neuter programs for cats and dogs in LA County. Without these, animals will suffer.

Communication from Public

Name: Anselmo Parinas

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:31 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Stray cats are very vulnerable to abuse and death. The only person that will help these animals are the people who understand their situation, but they are people who are limited in their own financial capability. I put up my own no-profit org named Zero homeless cats and I myself have been donating my own money for the cause. People who take care of a large group of stray animals depends on funds to keep them going. Spay and neutering is the only answer to control population. I am sure they are getting headway to this end. If all animals are fixed then funding will eventually be minimized as population is controlled. Please help make city policy to make sure all animals are fixed then eventually this problem will go away. If this problem will be left unattended more animals will be in your doorstep and you will be tagged as cruel to ignore their poor situation. Fund them but making sure they are on tight leash making all cents go to benefit animals not the organizations.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Molter

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose cuts to funding for critical spay and neuter services which LA desperately needs. I've witnessed the cruel reality of LA's feral problem first hand and there's an easy a compassionate solution. Fund spay/neuter!

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Vandebunt

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut funding for animal services. It will be a disaster! The city shelters are already in crisis - overcrowded, with many more animals being brought in than are being adopted. We need to focus our attention on providing spay/neuter and caring for the animals in the system. Closing half the shelters would result in many more animals suffering and being killed because there is simply no space for them and no staff to care for them. We must do better than this!

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Communication from Public

Name: Tad Tobey

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:49 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: Flor Mazariegos
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:22 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Griffin Hansen

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:25 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Spay and neuter funding is the only way to make the cat and dog populations in Los Angeles manageable for an already over-burdened shelter system. The short term expenditure of more resources for free and low cost spay/neuter will save the city money in the long run, making shelters less crowded and decreasing the burden on other city resources like cleaning up deceased animals and dealing with hoarding situations. I urge you to look deeply into TNR as a cost effective solution for the overpopulation crisis and become a leader in the animal welfare space rather than taking the easy way out by cutting the budget now and creating even bigger problems for the future. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin S
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:39 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please no cuts to animal services\$

Communication from Public

Name: Tessa

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:35 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Last year I fostered a puppy pulled from the shelter through a private rescue. The shelters were so overfull, dogs were being mass euthanized. Cats are also mass euthanized. The only way to get on top of this issue in Los Angeles is low cost spay and neuter, spay and neutering and releasing of strays, and educating the public on the importance of spaying and neutering pets. The situation is already out of control, and cutting the budget will only make things far worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:34 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: I do not support the defunding of animal services. Cut the LAPD budget- they are useless!

Communication from Public

Name: Cari Kabinoff

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:50 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Council Members, My name is Cari Kabinoff and I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of Council District 13, who deeply cares about the welfare of our community and the animals that share it with us. I respectfully urge you to prioritize and increase funding for local spay and neuter programs. Overpopulation of cats and dogs remains a persistent and heartbreaking issue in our city. Every year, countless unwanted animals end up in shelters, and too many are euthanized simply because there are not enough homes. Spay and neuter programs are among the most effective, humane, and fiscally responsible solutions to this problem. By preventing unwanted litters before they are born, we can reduce shelter intake, lower euthanasia rates, and save taxpayer dollars in the long run. Beyond the financial benefits, investing in spay/neuter initiatives promotes a healthier, safer, and more compassionate community. Fewer stray animals mean fewer traffic accidents, less strain on animal control services, and a reduction in the spread of diseases. It is a proactive approach that not only benefits the animals but also enhances the quality of life for all residents. Organizations and clinics that provide low-cost or free spay/neuter services often operate on limited resources but make an extraordinary difference. With additional support from our city, their impact could be even greater — reaching more families, assisting more pet owners who need help, and ultimately creating a sustainable and humane solution to pet overpopulation. I believe that a city is measured not only by its infrastructure or economy but also by how it cares for its most vulnerable members — including its animals. By investing in spay/neuter programs, Los Angeles can be a leader in compassionate and forward-thinking public policy. I respectfully urge Mayor Bass, The City Council, to provide adequate funding for accessible spay-neuter services for LA's nearly 4 million residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Deena Bowman
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:00 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Zoe

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:01 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose budget cuts to LA shelters and TNR. Trap, neuter, release is a proven way to help the overpopulation of cats in our communities. If you end or limit this funding, already overcrowded shelters will be even more crowded and it will lead to negative outcomes. This is NOT the way to increase budgets for other line items. This is a civic duty to help animals in our communities. Do NOT defund this!!

Communication from Public

Name: Michelene Cherie
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:02 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a volunteer cat rescuer for 17 years in Los Angeles and have seen first-hand the plight of stray and feral cats on our city streets. Over the years, this situation has worsened due to the 11 year injunction by the city, the pandemic, staffing and funding shortages and now we are in a major crisis with millions of homeless cats in our neighborhoods. Of course, low income and underserved communities suffer the most. There are so many barriers to spay/neuter services for those citizens; unaffordable at \$300-\$700 at a vet and too many hoops to jump through to obtain free or low-cost services via city programs. We need more funding and better options. We need to keep our shelters open and functioning better and we need support for TNR and other wellness programs for animals. Our shelters are already overcrowded, understaffed and not functioning as they should. Further cuts to animal services will cripple our animal welfare systems in our city. The thought is unimaginable for those of us in the rescue community who already struggle to obtain resources. Rescuers work hard everyday to prioritize helping homeless animals. All we ask is that our city prioritize animals too. We ask that you reconsider cutting funding for animal services, particularly TNR (trap, neuter, return) programs for community cats. It has been proven that TNR works; it saves lives, provides a pathway to adoption for some cats and mends fences between neighbors. I urge the City Council to reject Mayor Bass' budget cuts to LA Animal Services. Please consider the people who work tirelessly to rescue animals off of our city streets. We need your support, we need adequate funding to keep our shelters open and keep programs viable. We need you to do better! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jen

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:43 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: This is a time when funding for spay/neuter and more Animal Services staff is needed more than ever before, not for any cuts! It is irresponsible and unethical to dump the burden of the city's animal welfare crisis on independent rescues and individual volunteers without any support, monetary or otherwise. The human infrastructure is there in the community - the expertise in TNR and follow up medical, the knowledge and willingness to educate, a corps of dedicated volunteers - to ensure that even a small investment will go a long way in controlling the overpopulation and mass deaths of cats and kittens. Why is city leadership abandoning the community and refusing to take responsibility for this significant problem? Please do the right thing. Please do not exacerbate a problem that has such a clear solution. Please do not wait until the problem reaches a point that the solution is no longer clear and no longer easily solved. **NO CUTS TO ANIMAL SERVICES. NO CUTS TO SPAY/NEUTER OR CAT PROGRAM. NO MORE SHIFTING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS.**

Communication from Public

Name: Melonie Acevedo
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:43 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Chieh
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:26 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: How dare you reduce the budget for animal shelters while INCREASING the budget for the corrupt mayoral office?!

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Larr
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:28 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't make any cuts to animal services.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandre Nguyen
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:07 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut animal services! Local rescues and individual volunteers cannot continue to shoulder the burden of combating the city's animal overpopulation crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmine S

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:09 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a 22 year resident of downtown LA, and I've been helping the homeless kitties in my neighborhood since 2021 through the practice of Trap Neuter Return which is the practice of humanely trapping homeless cats, neutering them so they dont continue to breed and returning them to the only homes they know, the street. The goal is to reduce the number of homeless cats suffering on the street and necessarily reduce shelter intake and euthanasia. The Citywide Cat Program is a vital program to achieving this goal and has been hugely impactful. We need to increase funding for this program not reduce it. It is deeply disturbing to see the city budget reflect how much it devalues the lives of the most defenseless, the homeless cats dogs bunnies hamsters and other pets. Closing 3 of 6 shelters when our shelters are already busting at the seams due to overpopulation from lack of access to free spay and neuter services is unfathomably cruel and will simply lead to more suffering on the street as the prevailing culture is that shelters are already a death sentence. Well unfortunately so is a life on the street. It's even more inhumane as cats especially face predators such as coyotes, dogs and yes even humans in addition to environmental threats such as cars. Cutting animal services would be catastrophic for the animals and the people that care for them and frankly it boggles the mind why and who thought this was a good idea? In a city where there are already about 1 million homeless cats alone suffering and dying on the street. What happens in 2028 when the world descends on Los Angeles for the Olympics and find it resembles a developing nation with stray sickly cats and dogs wandering the streets? It's been said that the measure of a humane society is how it treats its most vulnerable, it's children, disabled, old and feeble - and animals. A world class city such as Los Angeles must do better. We must not only not cut funding to vital animal services but must prioritize funding programs that have been proven to reduce the need for shelter intake in the first place - free and affordable spay and neuter services both for pets and free roaming homeless cats alike.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:41 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I want to voice my strong support for Los Angeles animal shelters and the essential work they do. defunding them will cause unnecessary suffering.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan McCaffery

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:46 PM

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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.

Sincerely,

Ryan McCaffery

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Hunt

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:49 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding a program knowing it will cost the lives of innocent animals is disgusting. There is NO reason the shelters should be run almost entirely by volunteers as it is, and now what? They'll be entirely volunteer run? The police budget and their liability payouts are where these cuts should be made and yet Mayor Bass would rather kill animals than lay off a single cop. Absolutely sickening. Austin, TX has been a no kill city for well over a decade and yet Los Angeles can't even keep these animals in livable conditions. Concrete floors covered in their own feces because not enough people work there, and we're going to take funding away? I can't wait until the audit comes out and reveals where the money has gone and why people who actually know how to run a shelter aren't in charge of them. We need the city to FUND TNR and spay and neuter!! It's really that simple and yet non-profits are the ones trying to do what the city should be doing. Subsidize their efforts and also have your own robust spay and neuter programs. Spay for LA is great but not enough. I am so grossed out by Mayor Bass' attempt to cut funding for the shelters, but not surprised. A city that lets humans die on the streets every day is of course not going to care if animals have to die so that the police can keep their funding. Cats not cops!!

Communication from Public

Name: Angelina Vollucci
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:50 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

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 opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on the well-being of pets and families throughout Los Angeles. Sincerely, Angelina Vollucci

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:53 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT defund animal services funding! It is crucial to keep this funding available given the enormous crisis at hand when it comes to animal shelters and strays. Funding for spaying and neutering should not be cut. Without it, we will see many many more animals on the streets and die due to the already overcrowded animal shelters! Cutting funding where funding is most important, is infuriating especially to the many people who tireless give their time to care for these animals! Do better, don't cut funding!

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:51 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider removing funding for animal services and child services. These are the two most vulnerable groups of our society. We cannot lose these safety nets. Where will the community turn to for animals? For children? This will do much more harm in the long run than the cost of maintaining. Please consider reallocating funds from the police department to maintain the current status. We aren't asking for more money, just please don't get rid of the services. There is nowhere else to turn to except for private services.

Communication from Public

Name: Kari
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:00 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to urge the city council to not cut the budget for the city animal services. They provide essential services to animals and citizens in the city, and are already understaffed and underfunded.

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Grossman
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:00 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: This is a terrible idea. Shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelvin Monroy

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:01 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We ask you: please do not cut funding for animal shelters. We have a serious problem with homeless animals in this city, especially with cats. Shelters simply can't afford to have resources taken away. Please consider establishing a city sponsored trap-spay-neuter program before cutting funding for shelters. Los Angeles has the money for humane solutions to these issues, but we are constantly being let down by politicking and poor city management. Please do better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Guin

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:06 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut funding to the animal shelters. They provide an important service in helping to cut down the strays and feral animal communities. They also help keep the public safe by getting unsocialized animal into shelters where they can be cared for by staff and volunteers and learn to trust people. Bringing them to the shelter also cuts down on the chances for any kids to get bitten by strays. And, on a personal note, I adopted my cat, who was semi feral, from the WLA shelter and it's been so rewarding earning his trust. I ask that you give this measure careful consideration and appreciate your attention when you go to vote. Thank you for your time and service to our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael J Lewis

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:11 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We should not be cutting services to animal welfare programs. Not only do these help get animals off the streets and into caring homes, these services also help ensure that our beautiful state is able to thrive. Managing the impact of animals in suburban and urban areas benefits not just the animal populations, but also benefits the human population as well. Further, proper control of the animal populations allows businesses to better focus on their day to day activities as opposed to having to monitor more potential animal contamination. We're now the 4th strongest economy in the world, dropping support for those who can't speak for themselves is shameful at best.

Communication from Public

Name: ANNE PAAS

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:14 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose any cuts to the city's animal shelters! There's already an overpopulation problem, healthy adoptable dogs and cats being euthanized each day -- closing shelters and laying off workers would be a death blow.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:15 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand that the city of Los Angeles do not defund animal services, or close any shelters. These services are crucial and prevent needless deaths. I adopted my cat from an LA city animal shelter a few years ago, and have am so grateful for the services these shelters provide. As a result, I've donated to LA Animal Services for the last several years. We can't reduce the number of shelters, we already have too many kill shelters in place. Animal lives are important.

Communication from Public

Name: Lily Feliciano

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:36 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The citizens of Los Angeles will not stand for further neglect and abandonment of proper funding and care for animals left and taken to our city shelters. We will also not stand for our tax dollars being used to euthanize more animals as a means of services rendered. To treat innocent and loyal companions this way, with our tax dollars entrusted to you as elected officials is an atrocity. It is an act of aggression toward your citizens. And an act of utter cruelty to the animals you refuse to help. We demand you find solutions to SAVE more lives, we demand you learn to budget without taking away from our animals in need, we demand you do better, we demand you right your wrongs, we demand changes, we have suggestions, you only need to LISTEN to us when we advise you on how to use the tax funds we entrust to you. Now, will you stop this madness and listen? Let's talk. Sincerely, Lily Feliciano, taxpayer, US Citizen, Los Angeles native, Los Angeles CA.

Communication from Public

Name: Penelope

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:12 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles for the past 21 years. I am also the proud adopter of 3 cats pulled from a LA shelter during the height of kitten season. I am dismayed to hear of planned layoffs of animal services personnel and that city shelters are at risk of closing. Local rescues and volunteers cannot continue to shoulder the burden of combating the city's animal overpopulation crisis. They are overwhelmed. It is heartbreaking. Please do not make any cuts to animal services!

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:12 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: It's obscene that the shelters which provide critical aid to many loved animals in LA are being considered for closing. Every year the budget has been cut for LA animal services and this is one of the most extreme cuts. The council should be aware that animals is one thing all residents regardless of political affiliation understand deserve help and the council should know that this measure to cut spending will forever tarnish future political candidates from seeking office as residents will remember the harm they have done.

Communication from Public

Name: Briana

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:20 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: NO CUTS FOR ANIMAL SERVICES!!!!!! DO YOU WANT
LOS ANGELES TO LOOK LIKE NEW MEXICO?! I DON'T
THINK SO

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Haviland

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:32 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider providing support for our shelters, which are vital in helping animals in dire need; the two cats I've adopted as an adult are both intelligent and loving, and came from shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: barb
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:34 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: These programs are essential. If cuts need to be made, start with the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:35 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Animal welfare services are so important — not just for the animals, but also the city's well being. Defunding spay and neuter programs leaves the burden on already over-burdened residents. It should not be up to volunteers to maintain the city streets. Strays that are not spayed or neutered can lead to overpopulation and disease. Keep the funding for animal shelters and services, do not leave that up to the kindness of strangers when so many of us are struggling just to put food on the table.

Communication from Public

Name: nicole Fulton

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:13 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please make spay and neuter affordable to all humans. It's not fair to our animal populations either!

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 07:01 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: As an animal lover and advocate, I have always felt a deep responsibility to help protect the vulnerable creatures who have no voice of their own. This sense of duty has led me to support animal shelters, spay and neuter programs, and fight against the harmful effects of backyard breeding. However, recent news about Mayor Karen Bass's proposal to cut funding for city animal shelters has left me deeply saddened and concerned about the future of these essential services. Animal shelters are lifelines for countless animals who find themselves abandoned, neglected, or lost. I've volunteered in LA animal shelters for almost a decade, and I've witnessed firsthand the overwhelming number of animals that need help. These shelters are often running at full capacity, with limited resources, and yet they provide the hope of a new life to animals who may have otherwise been left to suffer. Without them, many of these animals would have no place to go, no chance at adoption, and no way to escape the harsh reality they face. Spay and neuter programs are critical in the effort to control the overwhelming pet population. I've been involved with organizations that promote low-cost spay and neuter services, and I've seen the difference these programs can make. By preventing unwanted litters, we reduce the strain on shelters and ensure that more animals find loving homes rather than ending up in overcrowded facilities. It's heartbreaking to think of the many healthy, adoptable animals who are euthanized simply because there aren't enough homes for them. Spay and neuter programs are a necessary solution that can save lives and reduce suffering. Another issue that deeply concerns me is backyard breeding. I've witnessed the consequences of this irresponsible practice, where animals are bred without regard for their health or the welfare of the puppies and kittens. This often results in sickly animals with genetic defects or behavioral problems, many of which end up in shelters, unable to be adopted. Backyard breeders contribute significantly to the overpopulation crisis, and it's crucial that we enact stronger regulations to stop this from happening. The lack of oversight and compassion in these situations is something I feel we must work to eliminate. So, when I heard about Mayor Karen Bass's proposal to cut the city's animal shelter budget, I couldn't help but feel a deep sense of sadness and frustration. Los Angeles already struggles with countless homeless animals, overcrowded

shelters and a high number of animals in need, and these cuts will only exacerbate the problem. Closing shelters and reducing funding for these essential services is a step backward, and it risks undoing the progress we've made in providing a better life for animals. It's heartbreaking to think of the impact this could have on the animals in our community who depend on these shelters for their survival. As someone who has spent time volunteering and supporting these causes, I can't help but feel personally affected by the proposed budget cuts. I've seen how hard shelter staff work, often at great personal sacrifice, to care for these animals and ensure they find their forever homes. The thought of these efforts being undermined by financial cuts is deeply troubling. The animals deserve better, and so do the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to help them. In conclusion, the importance of animal shelters, spay and neuter programs, and restrictions on backyard breeding cannot be overstated. These efforts are essential to reducing the overpopulation of animals and ensuring their well-being. The proposal to cut funding for these services is a step in the wrong direction, and it's something we must fight against. As a community, we must stand up for the animals who have no voice, and we must do everything we can to support the shelters that provide them with a chance at a better life.

Communication from Public

Name: Alessandra M

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 07:45 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to demand an increase of funding for our animal shelters and to the animal sterilization fund. I am a lifelong Angeleno and I am proud to be from this city, however I am horrified that funding to care for our city's animals has been drastically cut. As a result many defenseless animals will lose their lives. Additionally, with efforts to sterilize animals on the street cut, the problem of having unhoused animals and crowded shelters will only be compounded. We must seek preventative solutions. I know this city to be humane, compassionate, and loving. Please, let our budget reflect these values I know are at the heart of this city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 08:01 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut resources for animal services. Our shelters are already full, if some are closed and parts of the City do not have access to a shelter it will have a very negative effect on Los Angeles. Cutting spay and neuter programs will only result in more unwanted pets which will create even more of a need for shelters. Please don't be shortsighted and have compassion for the lives of these animals and the humans that rely on assistance. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Gilbert

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 08:03 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 25-0600 Dear Mayor and Councilmembers, As a resident of Los Angeles, I'm writing to share my frustration with the proposed shelter closures and cuts that will decimate LA Animal Services. Our city shelters have already been overcrowded, understaffed and filled with underfed animals. According to shelter volunteers, dogs are also being inhumanely euthanized, with staff no longer providing tranquilizers and injecting heart-stopping chemicals directly into alert, awake dogs to save time. With these further cuts, the remaining shelters will be little more than slaughterhouses, and Los Angeles will quickly reach the high kill rates of areas like Hesperia and states like Texas. Furthermore, reports of abuse, neglect and hoarding will be left unaddressed as the department will lack the manpower to investigate them. However, this is not just an animal welfare issue but a public safety issue. We have already seen the results of budget and staffing cuts at county animal shelters during the pandemic: county shelters simply stopped accepting animals and stopped responding to stray dog reports, leading to an increase of stray dogs in the streets. With the mayor's planned cuts, kids walking home from school, children playing in their front yards, and adults who fear dogs will all be at increased risk of dangerous dog encounters with no one to call for help. The 2025-2026 budget contains large increases for fire and police services. Even a small reduction to these planned increases will allow us to retain another public safety service that is critical for pets and people alike. Thank you, Nora Gilbert

Communication from Public

Name: Christina S
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 08:22 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: To the Office of the City Clerk, I am writing as a deeply concerned resident of Los Angeles to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of multiple animal shelters and the devastating budget cuts to animal services. These actions are not only irresponsible—they are inhumane. Thousands of innocent animals depend on our city for shelter, care, and safety. Closing these facilities and slashing funding will result in overcrowding, neglect, and unnecessary suffering. This is not how a compassionate, progressive city treats its most vulnerable. The residents of Los Angeles overwhelmingly support animal welfare. We are ready to stand up, speak out, and fight for these voiceless lives. We demand that our leaders find more humane and ethical solutions that do not sacrifice the well-being of animals or the integrity of our city's values. Instead of taking away critical services, I urge the city to implement preventative, cost-effective solutions—starting with a citywide free spay and neuter program. These programs reduce overpopulation, save money in the long term, and show that our city leads with compassion rather than neglect. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject these cuts and prioritize both transparency and compassion in your budgeting decisions. The people of Los Angeles are watching—and we will not be silent.

Communication from Public

Name: Ben
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:59 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't close the shelters!

Communication from Public

Name: Hanui Choi

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:46 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: LA Animal Services and its shelters are a vital part of the city; cuts to these critical programs and the closure of shelter locations will signify a death sentence for numerous animals, as well as the worsening of the stray cat and dog population in Los Angeles. We must simply do better and prioritize LAAS in the city budget for the health of our city, its people, and their pets.

Communication from Public

Name: Candice Kumai

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:46 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Hi to Los Angeles City Council & Mayor Bass's office how are you? Every year millions of innocent cats and dogs are euthanized because of lack of animal resources and spay and neuter resources. I first hand worked alongside multiple rescue groups in Los Angeles, including Stray Cat Alliance, kitten rescue LA, best friends animal Society to name a few please keep the funding for these volunteers, rescue groups, as well as living beings. Please do not cut their funding if anything, the world needs more healthy, beautiful cats, and dogs. Remember that Gandhi once said: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Thank you so much - Candice Kumai

Communication from Public

Name: Melinda Chavira-Wheeler

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:47 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking to please revisit the decision to close and layoff shelters for animals we need reform ,we need tnr programs like we had in the 90s and early 2000s it worked very well please have a meeting with rescues they have many ideas for reform and financial cuts please listen please,,I will even run a shelter if needed,,ive been in rescue for over 30years. I can make it work

Communication from Public

Name: Erendira OrtizZarate

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:50 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles's animal shelters are life-saving measures to help abandoned animals across the county. You can't remove their funding to give it to undeserving departments on a whim without public input.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie D

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 09:06 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The amount of strays and overcrowding of shelters is a direct result of the lack of spay/neuter funding in Los Angeles. Reducing the amount of animals that need to be in shelters or rescued needs to be top priority. In order to do this there needs to be a major increase in funding for TNR or sterilization. Please take action.

Communication from Public

Name: Allyse Kwong

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 09:34 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding to the LA county animal shelters and programs. Find a way to increase funds for spay and neuter programs. This is where investments should be made. Mayor bass this will reflect on your future votes and legacy.

Communication from Public

Name: MG

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 10:18 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Put more \$ into spay/neutering services, mobile clinics/outreach in neighborhoods with low access

Communication from Public

Name: Malory Garcia

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 10:47 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

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 opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on the well-being of pets and families throughout Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Gio
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:49 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund LA county shelters. They are very needed and can't even withstand the capacity of animals it needs to currently. I will not be voting for anyone who votes to defund the shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Tarantini

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:57 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: SHAME ON YOU. YOUR ACTIONS WILL BE A DEATH SENTENCE FOR THOUSANDS!! SUPPORT OUR SHELTERS AND HELP US STOP THE SUFFERING OF INNOCENT ANIMALS! INCREASE THE SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER COVERAGE - TNR SAVES LIVES!! Invest in public shelter care and staff for lost, abandoned, abused, owned pets and free-roaming cats and dogs. It's already disgustingly underfunded because you refuse to protect and enhance the lives of the voiceless. You already ignore the unhoused human population in LA, don't ignore the unhoused animals as well. Step up your game, City Council, and be the people that your community desperately needs!

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Choe

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:59 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to any cuts to animal services funding in Los Angeles. Spay and neuter programs, shelter staffing, and rescue support are essential to controlling the city's animal population and preventing unnecessary suffering. Cutting funding will only push the burden onto already overwhelmed volunteers and nonprofits. Please prioritize keeping these programs fully funded. They are not optional they are life-saving.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:01 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Don't pull funding from animal services. Please. Please...

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:02 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: NO CUTS TO ANIMAL SERVICES

Communication from Public

Name: Eliza Petersen

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:08 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut funding for animal services. The shelters and spay/neuter programs are critical to saving many animals' lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:27 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: We are in a major crisis and cannot sacrifice the lives of more animals in our city. By cutting back funds the already overcrowding of the shelters is only going to worsen. For the past 13 years I've been volunteering my time to help fix cats in my community. There are a lot of us who are out there helping however we cannot keep carrying this heavy load. We need your help. Please consider increasing more spay neuter funding for both cats and dogs. We desperately need it. It's proven shelter surrender prevention. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason M.

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:28 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for animal services and shelters. Pet overpopulation is a serious problem in Los Angeles. We need all the help we can get and animals need all the help we can give them. Please continue to fund shelters and shelter employees and spay/neuter programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristel

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:16 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not make budget cuts to animal welfare efforts, including spay/neuter initiatives, animal shelters, and related workers.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:33 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: No cuts to animal services! We need to care for our animals, not cut funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy DiGenova

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:33 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed closing of three animal shelters in Los Angeles and layoff of 62 animal shelter employees would be beyond devastating for the city. Shelters are already over capacity and having fewer options available would greatly increase euthanasia numbers. Please be better than this, Mayor Bass and Los Angeles.
Sincerely, Kathy DiGenova

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Tellez

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:34 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Valerie and would like to say that spay and neuter programs should not be seen as a 'handout.' They are a proven, effective strategy for preventing shelter overcrowding and reducing animal surrender rates. ??? These initiatives save lives and taxpayer dollars. Right now, innocent animals are paying the ultimate price — with their lives — because we aren't doing enough. We urge you to view spay/neuter efforts as essential public services that protect our community's pets and strengthen our shelters. Thank you for reading this. ???

Communication from Public

Name: Robbie Downey
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:35 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding to animal services. Please provide adequate funding for prevention, spay and neuter resources and shelters that are already overcrowded. The animals cannot afford for Los Angeles to potentially close three shelters. Please stop the suffering.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:39 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't defund spay/neuter programs. Our animals need it and we need it in order to keep pet populations manageable. Please and thank you from me and my former shelter pet :)

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Moran

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:40 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I have adopted several dogs from the Harbor shelter, and am an animal lover. Reducing funding for LA's shelters would be a disaster, not only for these innocent creatures that need our help, but also for the citizens of LA looking for an ethical alternative for pet adoption, rather than buying animals from commercial puppy/kitten mills. Please don't do this! Find the money someplace else.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:43 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not make budget cuts to animal services and shelters. These cuts will lead to significant loss of life for lost pets and other Los Angeles animals in need. Please help however you can. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:49 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut any funding for animal services. The 6 shelters are already stretched thin, and closing 3 of them will overburden those left open. There is no evidence that cutting any funds from staffing and running the services will benefit the city in any way whatsoever.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:53 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: ANIMALS ARE PEOPLE TOO!

Communication from Public

Name: Jerry

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:50 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking you to prioritize funding and support for expanded spay and neuter services in our city. This is not a "handout" — it's proven shelter surrender prevention that saves lives and reduces the burden on our already overwhelmed shelter system. Every day the city fails to act, more innocent animals suffer needlessly. Private citizens, rescues, and nonprofits are doing everything they can, but without greater city support, this crisis will only get worse. It is cruel and irresponsible to continue ignoring this issue while animals — who have no voice and no choice — pay the ultimate price. I understand the city faces many urgent challenges, but this is a moral responsibility. Innocent animals are not "waste," and preventing their suffering must be part of how we serve our community. Please act with compassion and urgency. Support real solutions that prevent suffering before it starts.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Kaufler
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:01 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please PLEASE do not cut any funding for animal services. We must fund trap-neuter-return programs for vulnerable animals on our streets and in our shelters. Humans created this problem, not the animals. It's on us to fix it. Cut LAPD, please. The answer is not killing cats and dogs.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Kougl

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:03 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Animal shelters are one of the critical public services needed to maintain health and safety in our communities, both for human and animal residents. Reducing those services currently in effect would likely drive us into a crisis of strays on the streets. This seems obvious to most residents, and I would hope is also apparent to those in charge of budgets for these services.

Communication from Public

Name: Taryn A

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:13 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Our animal shelters need every single penny! Give them the \$\$\$!

Communication from Public

Name: Reese

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:14 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Save the animals!!! We have so much budget allocated for the police, a fraction of a percent no one would notice could save these animals. They need MORE funding not LESS!

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Ashley
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:35 PM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: There is a major crisis in LA for lack of services for animals in our city. Cats are reproducing at alarming rates, animal shelters are beyond overwhelmed and there's no recourse/support when citizens want to help an animal in need. People want to help — by getting animals spayed at a reasonable cost, or by fostering with the hope someone will adopt — but there's no resources available to us. A few organizations have stepped up, but they're beyond overwhelmed. Many innocent animals will starve, suffer and die because of this, and it is heartbreaking to anyone who loves and respects animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:36 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the funding for LA city shelters. They are already underfunded and overfilled as it is, and layoffs would be catastrophic for the animals left on the street to languish. We need more funding for trap/neuter/return, and for the shelters in general so that independent groups don't have to take the brunt of the hard work to save these poor animals. We CAN do something.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:41 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for animal services!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:46 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't decrease or stop funding for animal shelters and/or rescue organizations. These efforts are vital for managing the excessive amount of animals in dire need of safety and a chance to live in a loving home. I would not be here if I had not adopted my dog- we rescued each other. He gave me a reason to get up each day and build my life again. I gave him a safe and comfortable life where he was well-taken care of and loved deeply until the bitter end. So many lives, human and non-human, are saved and made better by the work done by these organizations and their army of volunteers. Please, please, please support the continuation of humane treatment and second chances.

Communication from Public

Name: A. Smith
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:48 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: No cuts to animal services, please.

Communication from Public

Name: stephanie a ritter

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:53 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close any more animal shelters! The ones that currently exist are already overworked and underfunded/staffed as they are, with many innocent animals dying every day. The amount of police in general is bloated, let alone their budget. Raising their budget has not stopped enough crime to warrant it, but cutting so much money from animal shelters will have an immediate and devastating effect on so many animals' lives. Please rethink shutting down any shelters. We need the ones we have.

Communication from Public

Name: CB

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:08 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

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, unaltered pets reproducing, suffering, and dying on the streets, 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. We really need more free and low cost spay and neuter access provided via the city in the form of easy access clinics, beyond a voucher program, but we cannot have NOTHING. 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. There is also not enough spay and neuter education for underserved communities of Los Angeles seeing animal suffering on the streets and shelters daily. The spay and neuter voucher program and more spay and neuter access and clinics is vital to solving this crisis, in addition to supporting volunteer TNR programs which are crucial in our underserved, low income communities. 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 and life on the streets. Together, we have the opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on the well-being of pets and families throughout Los Angeles. Sincerely, CB, an overwhelmed, low-income TNR volunteer, street rescuer, and

passionate animal welfare advocate in an underserved community
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