

Communication from Public

Name: Jimitria
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 06:44 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Save the pups!

Communication from Public

Name: V.Y.
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 09:01 AM
Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a volunteer at the Harbor Shelter and can't imagine our community without the shelter. The San Pedro and wider South Bay community provide so much support to this shelter and to these incredible animals who deserve so much more than the hand they've been dealt. This is a community that cares about animals and animal welfare, and the South Central shelter is not close enough to the South Bay to handle the influx of animals that are sure to be in the street without the Harbor Shelter. The Harbor Shelter changed the way I thought about city shelters, as the staff and volunteers truly care so much about these animals. The program they have there is so strong. Closing this shelter doesn't make any sense.

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Name: CD

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA's general fund, fueled directly by taxpayer dollars, is the second largest operational city fund in the US, and sits at just under 8 billion this year. Please leverage the current multi-million dollar unappropriated expense segment of the almost 8 billion dollar budget on behalf of our vulnerable animal population. Millions of the general fund every year are granted to shady and non-specific non-profits that fail to produce clear recaps of how they use the money. For government admins to make hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayer money while cutting funding to programs like this is deplorable. The corrupt and greedy allocation of this budget must be audited. I want my hard earned my tax money to be used for the greatest good. Please do the right thing and re-evaluate the contribution to the animal welfare system. The city of LA deserves this.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Lardiere

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:29 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lu

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:39 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund the spay/neuter programs, do not lay off tens of animal services personnel, and 3 shelters at risk of closing. Local rescues and individual volunteers cannot continue to shoulder the burden of combating the city's animal overpopulation crisis. Animal carers need the funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Augustson

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Pets are a wonderful addition to a full life. Cats and dogs bring joy and love into a home. Please continue to support spay and neuter funding for dogs and cats in Los Angeles rescues and shelters. This service helps more pets get adopted, as private vets generally quote a prohibitive charge of \$500-\$1,000 to spay a cat. "Low cost clinics" are almost always backed up for months, and there is a limited window for when this surgery can happen. Having animals spayed and neutered in the city is a preventative measure to stop unwanted animals from being produced. The end result of unwanted animals is systematic euthanasia, which will force Los Angeles to be known widely as a kill city. Euthanasia on perfectly healthy animals is depressing work. Consider the workers in the city currently doing this challenging work. Nip this in the bud. Fund Preventative Care, and stop foisting expenses to those who cannot afford it.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Hubbard

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 05:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Animals life's MATTER! Would you cut the funding that help a human child. It is no different then Babies that have Fur. Animals deserve rights and Life. GOD put them in our care. Animals should have rights also. PLEASE don't cut funds for Living Beings they deserve rights also.

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Name: Haerin F.

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund the spay/neuter program. In a time where climate change is already negatively impacting native animal species, we need to keep feral cat populations at bay. Otherwise, they will keep hunting our birds and mammals and disrupt the local ecosystem. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Patchi

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 09:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut funding for this. Removing funding for this puts shelters at risk of closing and not only endangers animals at the shelter but poses risks to public health and local wildlife. The voucher programs are also a huge lifeline for pet owners who are struggling in this financially unstable period.

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Name: Maribel Fort

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 03:38 PM

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Name: Elizabeth Barker
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 09:31 AM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please protect the animal shelters!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 09:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to increase funding for our city's animal shelters and related programs. Simply maintaining the current budget is no longer enough. With more families being forced to surrender beloved pets and our No-Kill status recently lost, we're at a critical turning point. Additionally, spay and neuter programs urgently need additional support. There is high demand from residents who want to do the right thing, but not enough availability at clinics. Without accessible preventative care, we're left managing crisis after crisis. Our city has long prided itself on compassion. Let's reflect those values in our funding priorities and give animals—and the people who care for them—the resources they need.

Communication from Public

Name: Azusena Martinez

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 04:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget for the animal shelters there are already too many animals being euthanized. We need to help decrease the animal population by spaying & neutering we must invest in this.

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Name: Vanessa Robles

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:13 PM

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Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 10:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass and Los Angeles City Council Members, I am here today to demand that you immediately and unequivocally prioritize free and accessible spay and neuter programs across Los Angeles. We are in the middle of a preventable crisis in our city shelters. Every day, healthy, adoptable animals are being killed simply because there is no room left. This is not just a tragedy for the animals—it is a devastating moral failure for our city. The people working in and volunteering at LA Animal Services are being traumatized. They are being forced to participate in an inhumane system that kills animals due to lack of space and resources. And this isn't just wrong—it's completely avoidable. Spay and neuter programs are the most cost-effective, humane, and proactive solution. Preventing unwanted litters reduces intake and saves countless lives. This is not just a compassionate policy—it is fiscally responsible. Prevention always costs less than crisis management. Los Angeles must invest in free, city-backed spay/neuter services—especially in underserved communities—and stop letting bureaucracy and budget excuses justify this ongoing cruelty. If this city continues to allow animals to be euthanized due to neglect and underfunding, then let me be clear: I will campaign vigorously to ensure every city council member and the mayor are held accountable and not re-elected. This is a moment for leadership. Do the right thing. Fund and expand spay and neuter programs now. The animals—and your constituents—are watching. Thank you.

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Name: Deniz Zarate

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Name: Sandra Hernandez
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:22 PM
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Name: Aria Ruiz

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

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Comments for Public Posting: These clinics and shelters have helped my low income family get our pets serviced and neutered. they deserve to get help and not have to turn a blind eye to animals in need. Please reconsider the budget cuts- animal shelters are already hurting financially and lots of animals have been losing their lives just by lack of.

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: We need low cost spay and neuter services in LA in order to control the stray cat population and provide a better quality of life for everyone in the city, both animal and human alike!

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Name: Anahy Bautista

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:24 PM

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Name: Patricia M Chaplan
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:31 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: NO CUTS FOR ANIMAL SERVICES!!! This is an ESSENTIAL service and needs to be protected.

Communication from Public

Name: Monique

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:35 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Recent and continuing overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats has to stop! We need more funding to help those in need. Please dont stop the funding we need to help others we are all we got.

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Pratt

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I hear it's 5 million dollars being cut and we will lose 1/2 the animal shelters and the rest will become kill shelters. Please do not cut funding for city animal services, even if what I stated before isn't accurate. Compared to the entire budget 5 million is a drop in the hat for LA City and prioritizing the care of animals shouldn't be lost in the mix. I'm sure that some reorganization of the budget could happen to ensure that the animals are not neglected and killed. Those are future pets of LA residents. Medical research has shown that having a pet is more therapeutic to one's mental health than therapy and even medication in some circumstances. Having a pet can save thousands in mental health care. That value alone is worth more than 5 million in LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Di Lullo

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for our animal care services. These vital funds help support crucial spay/neuter programs, pay wages for dedicated and hardworking animal services personnel, and help keep our shelter system accessible. The animal population crisis is already bleak, and funding cuts could lead to the closure of 3 shelters, shelters that serves 10s of thousands of people and animals. Local rescues and individual volunteers, like myself, cannot continue to shoulder the burden of combatting the overpopulation crisis ourselves. Please vote no on any budget cuts for animal services. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 01:31 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Continuing this funding is extremely important. Initiatives like this are what government is for.

Communication from Public

Name: priscilla calderon

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: The funds are being cut from the wrong departments. The Mayor should be taking a salary cut as well as all those in higher level positions who have 6 digit salaries.

Communication from Public

Name: Presley

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:31 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund LA's animal shelters & their programs! This city is built on animal lovers. We do not have the capacity to be closing shelters as populations keep growing, especially after their resources have already been depleted from caring for pets after the fires.

Communication from Public

Name: Daisy S

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:57 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: These animals need our help. Let's not abandon them. They are not insignificant.

Communication from Public

Name: LYNDA RAMIREZ

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:47 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: No budgets cuts! Slashing \$6.4 MILLION for LA Animal Services is, inhumane and irresponsible! Please KEEP LA HUMANE!

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah W

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:23 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of CD-14 where there are many stray cats and dogs. My neighborhood needs Animal Services to be funded in the city's budget to ensure that these animals have dedicated resources and a safe place for a chance to be reunited with their families, find new homes, and receive proper care. The city's shelters have been at or over capacity every time I have checked the website in the last year. The workers and volunteers that sustain the shelters work need more support and funding, not less. Fund Animal Services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut vital funding for shelter / animal services. Resources are already limited and this would be a devastating blow.

Communication from Public

Name: Monica

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop killing them! We need to take care of them! They did not chose to be sheltered! Stop the killings!

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Smith

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:50 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am staunchly against Mayor Bass' proposed budget cuts that will result in three animal shelters closing. These shelters provide an essential service to the Los Angeles community. Please reconsider this foolish agenda item.