

Communication from Public

Name: Mara Villa

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 09:26 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

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Name: Mary

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 03:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: A city the size of LA definitely NEEDS a robust animal services budget. It would be inhumane to cut this budget.

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Name: Samantha DeGhetto

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Our tax dollars should not be cut from the already underfunded animal services and cannot take any further funding cuts to help these animals in need. It is unnecessary to cut this funding to save money. It is inefficient and will cost more precious money to ignore these very real problems. Your budget is out of control because there are no audits to follow the money being done allowing people from gaming the system. We are watching your mismanagment and expect better without making these nonprofits fund the bill that will not fix the problem but only make it worse.
<https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/news/blaming-animal-shelters-for-euthanasia-is-like-blaming-libraries-for-illiteracy/>

Communication from Public

Name: Diana

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep shelters open! Spay/neuter services are essential to city of Los Angeles for ALL community members! Please continue to fund these agencies!

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Name: Jacob Kuczeruk
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:37 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: NO CUTS TO ANIMAL SERVICES!!!!

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Name: Alexandra Dahl
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:53 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Please please do not do any budget cuts for LA Animal Services! We already do not have enough shelters for our helpless animals so closing more shelters will be devastating to our poor animals with many more euthanasias! Please, we are their only voice! Let's show compassion and care for our animals! No budget cuts for animal services PLEASE!

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Name: Delia de Anda

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This program is imperative to maintain the health and welfare of animals and prevent any potential liabilities due to lack of resources.

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Name: Amanda
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Name: Carolyn A Esposito
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 11:21 AM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: Through LA's funding. I've been able to not only spay my pet cat Lulu, but I've fixed two kittens that I found wandering in my front yard. I've saved over three grand in the process

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Name: Bridgette Caswell

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 09:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We want to be that voice for the helpless animals that need our help. Animals overcrowded in shelters, animals struggling to survive on the street. Where is the compassion? We need more funds, for shelters and rescues and for more resources to help with spay/neuter. Build sanctuaries that can help house homeless animals. Give them a second chance. We failed them, we the people failed these precious animals. We can do better. We want to see a major funding increase to the sterilization funds! An increase in helping shelters actually help animals and not just euthanize them. Actual solutions! Animals don't deserve to suffer or be euthanized. Please don't cut funding. Add more funding.

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Name: Jennifer Anderson
Date Submitted: 05/02/2025 01:08 PM
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Jennifer Anderson CAMP LA

Communication from Public

Name: Jung Bell

Date Submitted: 05/02/2025 01:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please direct MORE, a lot more, exponentially more, funds and VETTED personnel towards animal welfare including city shelters (over crowding and shortage of care and personnel), spay and neuter programs (even those willing pay full price are required to wait sometimes months), make all shelters no-kill, support the volunteers who are often working more than full time job hours in TNR, fostering and adoption (while they spend more than a full time jobs' worth of personal funds), make it easier for renters w/ pets, and just like humans have evolved not to eat other humans or burn people at the stake for being witches, you can be a part of recognizing pets as family members and give them the same legal protections we give children and the elderly. Anything I mentioned would be a good start. LA is a huge representative of CA, west coast, Usa and frankly civilization. Others are watching in astonishment and disgust and the brain drain and mass exodus has been happening for decades now as faith in establishments have been taken over by a freak circus show. The people who remain here not because they can't leave but bc they are committed to help where there is need, those people you must protect as they are not only the volunteer unpaid branch of government but carry the light and spirit of community. They are out there all hours of the night helping save animals we domesticated as humans--saving from needless suffering and cruelty, providing sometimes the only 5 minutes of comfort and love and animal has ever experienced as they die in their care. I urge you as ones who have voluntarily taken job and career positions in public service to do your job and use taxes responsibly. The animal welfare situation is not a separate issue from any other. All are interconnected and all are complicit. We don't need the hoopla of Hollywood or other entertainment to dampen or distract us, we need real kindness and compassion. We don't need sympathy or even empathy we need effective and impactful use of real dollars and real man power. We don't need platitudes and sound bytes, we need boots on the ground. We don't need blame or convoluted excuses we need actual organized plans of action and the carry through of those actions. If you want to involve the community you get school kids involved to promote connections w/ animals and pets and the positive results of bonding with animals. Why wait for an animal to be in need of

rescue when we can promote a beautiful world. Please use taxpayer moneys towards what's needed not what looks good on paper or for politics. Please don't forget the government is a cost center and a public service and know your role. This is not an acting job. Thank you.

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