

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Melendez
Date Submitted: 05/05/2025 10:24 AM
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 Recognizing that these outdated rates no longer cover the actual costs of spay or neuter surgeries, the City Council voted unanimously in 2024 to increase the voucher reimbursement rates.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, Kimberly Melendez

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Forman

Date Submitted: 05/02/2025 02:34 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Mullen
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 07:45 PM
Council File No: 23-0452
Comments for Public Posting: No cuts to animal services. They are necessary to our community for the animals as well as the jobs they provide.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda

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

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members & Mayor Bass, My name is Linda, and I am a resident of District 14. I am here today to urge the City of Los Angeles to prioritize funding for spay-neuter programs. For decades, spay and neuter programs have proven to be the most effective strategies to reduce shelter intake, euthanasia, and animal suffering. Spay-neuter is shelter surrender prevention. Unfortunately, the City's spay-neuter voucher value has not increased since 2015, even though veterinary costs have risen over 60% over the past decade. The roadblocks, restrictions, and lack of service providers make it nearly impossible for residents to prevent their pets from breeding. For example, it can cost anywhere from \$300 to as much as \$1,000 to spay a cat, and thousands to neuter a dog—putting responsible pet care out of reach for many families. This is what's driving L.A.'s animal overpopulation crisis and why Angelenos are witnessing inhumane outcomes in our neighborhoods. If Los Angeles intends to be a humane city, we must address the root of the animal overpopulation crisis with proven, preventive action. I respectfully urge Mayor Bass and the City Council to provide adequate funding for accessible spay-neuter services for L.A.'s nearly 4 million residents. We have a moral responsibility to protect the most vulnerable. Please act now.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Gorham

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:12 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: I am currently sitting here with 2 adult foster cats and 6 tiny babies. Rescues are struggling to keep up and animal shelters are drowning. We need HELP not cuts. We are begging you to not cut funding to shelters! We need FREE spay and neuter. We need MORE HELP not less.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Voss

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 03:06 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Mukhtar Bahadory

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 11:46 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund spay/neuter programs. They provide safety, cleanliness, and support to both the animals and peoples of the city. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: amy Loescher

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:39 AM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: it is sickening to see how these animals are treated & all of the euthanasia that happens. please place people in these positions that care about animals & no budget cuts . maybe the upper management , etc should get a pay decrease

Communication from Public

Name: Dulce Martinez
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:01 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

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THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. SINCERELY, DULCE
MARTINEZ ORGANIZATION CAMP