

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy

Date Submitted: 05/08/2025 02:54 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Rabbits reproduce at rates FAR exceeding those of cats and dogs. From a cost-benefit perspective, the investment in rabbit neuters is a no-brainer. Veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the current reimbursement amounts for rabbit spay/neuter vouchers. As a result, NO clinics are currently accepting the free vouchers for rabbits for members of the public. This defeats the main purpose of the vouchers, to help alleviate overpopulation of pets and assist low-income Angelenos. When 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" comes up for a vote, please ask for an amendment to the committee's recommendation, so that rabbits are included in the voucher increases. Please ask that Alternative 1 in the CAO's report be implemented for the "free" vouchers for dogs, cats AND rabbits.

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Name: David Moskowitz

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Comments for Public Posting: When 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" needs an amendment to the committee's recommendation including rabbits in the voucher increases. Also, please ask that Alternative 1 in the CAO's report be implemented for the "free" vouchers for dogs, cats AND rabbits. Rabbits reproduce at rates exponentially greater than cats and dogs do. The cost-benefit of investing in rabbit neuters is accordingly stratospheric. Unfortunately, veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the current reimbursement amounts for rabbit spay/neuter vouchers so no clinics currently accepting the free vouchers for rabbits--defeating the whole purpose of the vouchers: alleviating pet overpopulation and assisting low-income Angelenos.

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Name: JEJ

Date Submitted: 05/08/2025 03:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am pasting a sample letter below but adding my own words: I cannot state how much adopting a bunny has changed my life and made me aware of all the misinformation and number of abandoned bunnies that desperately need specialized attention and care and often shelters have zero bunny experience and so they suffer. They need help and one way to do this is to reduce the number of births as we know bunnies replicate quickly! Please, for every dog or cat that is fixed, a bunny could be having a litter of 4-7 bunnies at a single time! Please increase the funds available for bunnies to fix them and help use achieve a better life for all bunnies in Los Angeles. You may not own a bunny or had the opportunity to experience the joy and special personalities that bunnies gift their caretakers - they deserve as much, if not more, attention and financial assistance due to not being considered much in the past and they are one of the top pets in Los Angeles. Thank you. When 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" comes up for a vote, please ask for an amendment to the committee's recommendation, so that rabbits are included in the voucher increases. Please ask that Alternative 1 in the CAO's report be implemented for the "free" vouchers for dogs, cats AND rabbits. Rabbits reproduce at rates FAR exceeding those of cats and dogs. From a cost-benefit perspective, the investment in rabbit neuters is a no-brainer. Veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the current reimbursement amounts for rabbit spay/neuter vouchers. As a result, NO clinics are currently accepting the free vouchers for rabbits for members of the public. This defeats the main purpose of the vouchers, to help alleviate overpopulation of pets and assist low-income Angelenos.

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Name: Alexander James

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Comments for Public Posting: When 23-0452, the "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" comes up for your vote, please push for an amendment to include rabbits in the voucher increases. I'm asking you to support Alternative 1 from the CAO's report for the "free" vouchers - but make sure it covers dogs, cats AND rabbits too. Rabbits multiply much more quickly than cats and dogs, making spaying/neutering them an even more pressing issue than it is for cat/dog populations. At the moment, vet clinics can't afford to offer rabbit spay/neuter services at the current voucher rates. As a result, no clinics are accepting these free rabbit vouchers from the public right now. This completely undermines the intention of the voucher program, and needs to be addressed.

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Name: Rose B

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Comments for Public Posting: Those of us in the rabbit/bunny (and Guinea pig) community, are in desperate need of spay/ neuter vouchers. The cost has increased yearly, and as we know rabbits/ bunnies are prolific breeders. To cut down on all the unwanted rabbits/ bunnies(and Guinea pigs), that end up in the streets or shelters, we can do something that would make a big difference in over population. Affordable spay/neuter is the only way that is going to be possible. Those of us who rescue and care for all the surplus bunnies/ rabbits (and Guinea pigs), urge city council to please consider and not leave out these pets. We are a growing community in dire need of affordable spay/ neuter services. We are willing to do the transport and recovery, we just need the spay/neuter affordability. City Council has the means. We are willing to do our part. Thank You . Rose B.

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Name: Elizabeth Mercado

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Eunisses Hernandez, I am emailing you about the spay neuter voucher program. Please consider adding rabbits to the vouchers. I have two cats and I was able to use a voucher on both of my cats to help with the cost of spay/neuter. This program helps a lot of pet parents with their pets. I took in a rabbit that I found. I added her to my little family. I was not aware of how expensive rabbit Veterinary care is. They are consider exotic pets. So I have to take her to Exotic Animal Veterinary Center. I need to get her spayed now, but it is so expensive,that I haven't had the money to get this done. If I don't get her spayed, I am told that she could develop cervical cancer. I am going through stage 4 cancer myself and would not like my rabbit to develop cancer. Please consider adding rabbits to these voucher. It would help a lot of pet owners. Thank you so very much. Elizabeth Mercado