

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nora Ponce

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need your help to advocate for pets in need of medical care and population control, particularly for stray animals. There are too many animals in shelters and even more living on the streets. Street cats, in particular, are giving birth to numerous kittens everywhere. Thank you and God bless America.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly M

**Date Submitted:** 05/20/2025 11:10 PM

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**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. SHORT WOE SRAP AND NEUTE FOR DOWS OUR CATS, RESOLN A SEVERE 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 RECOGNIZING THAT THESE OUTDATED RATES NO LONGER COVER THE ACTUAL COSTS OF SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERIES, THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN 2024 TO INCREASE THE VOUCHER REIMBURSEMENT RATES.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 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, All Pet Owners in  
Los Angeles

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mel

**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2025 11:32 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: Immediate Action Required! End the Neglect of Los Angeles' Animal Crisis As I said to Mayor Karen Bass, I am writing as a deeply concerned citizen of Los Angeles, demanding immediate action to address the ongoing and worsening animal homelessness crisis in our city. The continued defunding of our animal shelters is not only irresponsible, it is inhumane! These decisions reflect a disturbing level of disregard for the most vulnerable lives among us and further undermine public trust in your administration. While the city continues to struggle with the overwhelming and unresolved human homelessness crisis, our streets are now also being flooded with neglected, abandoned, and suffering animals. These animals did not choose this life!!! They are victims of failed policy, poor planning, and a system that continues to turn its back on them. Your administration has an opportunity — and a MORAL OBLIGATION — to correct this. Defunding shelters, undercutting spay and neuter programs, and ignoring the compounding consequences is not just a failure in governance, it's an act of cruelty! These policies are making our streets more dangerous, our communities more strained, and our city's image more degraded. We elected YOU to lead with integrity, vision, and compassion. Right now, the animals of Los Angeles — and the people who care about them — are being left behind. If this administration is committed to real change, start by restoring and increasing funding to animal services. Reinforce spay and neuter programs. Support adoption initiatives. Ensure accountability from shelter leadership. The public IS watching, and we will NOT accept further neglect. This is your chance to do something right. To show leadership. To be the Mayor who stepped up when others looked away. Do not let the innocent continue to suffer for the failures of this administration.