

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Olivia Bagdade  
**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 07:44 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0452  
**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 previous 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. This will allow for current rabbits to stay with their caretakers and prevent a spike in the rabbit population, creating problems of overcrowding at shelters and then putting them down. Most people are not aware of how rabbits are as smart and personable as cats and dogs. They and their humans deserve this type of veterinary health care. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosie Elane Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Rosie and I'm a city shelter volunteer and work primarily with the rabbits and rodents. I am urging council to please consider an amendment to the previous committee's recommendation, and ensure rabbits are included in the voucher increase. Rabbits are the third most surrendered animal in the United States, and from personal observations, a majority of the rabbits that are surrendered to our shelters are unaltered. It's a good thing that our city shelter requires rabbits to be fixed before adoption. I strongly believe if rabbits are included in the voucher increase, we will further support low-income families and save lives! As a volunteer, I feel it's important that I also include what we're hearing and seeing on the ground. For example, we often have members of the public stop by and ask our volunteers for recommendations for low cost rabbit neuters. Therefore, if we can increase the spay/neuter voucher for rabbits, you can trust that city shelter rabbit volunteers will inform the public of this resource. Including rabbits would be a big win for the city! Thank you so much for your efforts. Rosie Sanchez

## Communication from Public

**Name:** April Kelley Cushing

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 03:02 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** When Council File 23-0452 ("Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services") comes up for a vote, please please please request an amendment to the previous committee's recommendation to include rabbits in the voucher increases. Specifically, please advocate for the adoption of Alternative 1 in the CAO's report for the "free" vouchers, ensuring they cover dogs, cats, AND rabbits. Currently, veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the existing reimbursement rates for rabbit spay/neuter services. Spaying and neutering is critical - not only to prevent overpopulation but also for the health and well-being of our pets. Rabbits are the third most commonly abandoned mammal in the U.S. after dogs and cats and they are in all our City animal shelters. We should provide free spay and neuter vouchers for them so that the cost of this critical procedure is not a barrier for adoption. Rabbits reproduce at an exponential rate, and from a cost-benefit perspective, investing in rabbit neutering provides significant long-term savings compared to dogs and cats. Expanding this program to include rabbits is a proactive step toward reducing the burden on shelters and rescues. Thank you for your time and for your service to the Los Angeles community!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joanna Zaldana

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 10:19 AM

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comes up for a vote, please ask for an **amendment** to the previous 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.**

Example Arguments:

- 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.
- Rabbits are the third most commonly abandoned mammal in the U.S. after dogs and cats and they are in all our City animal shelters.
- 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara Engel

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 11:37 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Brion

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim R.

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 12:24 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember, RE: 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" I live in Mar Vista and volunteer at one of the LA Animal Shelter locations working with rabbits and rodents. I have seen first hand what happens when people have multiple unneutered pet rabbits – they reproduce exponentially, their numbers become more than they can handle, and the hoards are brought into the shelters. Just for reference, female rabbits can become pregnant as early as 3 months of age. Their gestational period is 28-31 days, so about one month, and because they are induced ovulators, they can become pregnant again within 24 hours of giving birth. Litters can be as large as 14, but average about 6. So, a female rabbit housed with a male can deliver a litter of kits every month, as can her offspring. Assuming no deaths, after 1 year a pair of rabbits can become 74 and after 2 years, 2,700. The current spay and neuter voucher is \$125 for rabbits. Veterinary hospitals cannot break even with that amount. So the “free” vouchers that are handed out to the public aren’t being redeemed because the public cannot find veterinarians willing and able to perform these surgeries for that amount. When 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" comes up for a vote at city council, 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. Because of their reproductive rate, from a cost-benefit perspective, investing in rabbit neuters far outweighs that for dogs and cats. Rabbits need to be included in the voucher monetary increase. Thank you for seeing the importance of this and thank you for all you do to serve the Los Angeles community. Kim Robertson Mar Vista, CA 90066

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Runge

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 12:27 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please approve the council file that includes spay/neuter vouchers for rabbits, and introduce an amendment to include rabbits in the \$250 voucher increase. This is an essential step in curbing the epidemic of rabbits being dumped at L.A. shelters. LA shelters are overwhelmed already and we need to prevent further suffering.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melinda McKee  
**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 12:38 PM  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Bennett

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 01:13 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly Ann

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 01:23 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Did you know that not a single clinic in LA currently accepts free vouchers for rabbits for the public? When I wanted to neuter my rabbit, I had to drive four hours to a place that offered discounted surgery. Most people won't do that, which means more bunnies will overwhelm our already overfilled shelters with nowhere to call home. 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 previous committee's recommendation so that rabbits are included in the voucher increases. And, ask that Alternative 1 in the CAO's report be implemented for the "free" vouchers for dogs, cats, AND RABBITS. Thank you, Pepper's mom

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Franka Schoening

**Date Submitted:** 06/16/2025 01:40 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Committee. I kindly ask for an amendment to the previous committee's recommendation, so that rabbits are included in the voucher increases. Please implement Alternative 1 in the CAO's report 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. Rabbits are the third most commonly abandoned mammal in the U.S. after dogs and cats and they are in all our City animal shelters. 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. Shelters and rescues are full and tax payers care about animal welfare and want their funds to go towards spay and neuter. Thank you so much! Franka Schoening

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/15/2025 06:40 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0452

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern: When Council File 23-0452 ("Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services") comes up for a vote, I respectfully ask that you request an amendment to the committee's recommendation to include rabbits in the voucher increases. Thank you for your consideration. Kindest regards,  
Heather Way

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina

**Date Submitted:** 06/15/2025 12:42 AM

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