

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 08/08/2025 12:27 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles animals need more help, not less. In 2024, there was a 72% increase in dog and cat euthanasia rates from 2023. Spay and neuter is a proven, effective solution to reduce shelter euthanasia. Thank you so much for using your voice to advocate for affordable spay and neuter services in LA.

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Name: Jocelyn Garcia

Date Submitted: 08/08/2025 04:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Fully Fund All Spay/Neuter Voucher Types – Animals and Families Deserve Better Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type—for just one year—leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanised, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated \$12,000 per day in animal care costs—more than \$4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives.

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Name: DeeDee Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 08/09/2025 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Council's motion to raise voucher rates does is only for pet owners using free public voucher. This leaves out programs that do thousands of spay and neuter surgeries each year. So many of us were hopeful the city would take the pet overpopulation and shelter overcrowding seriously, knowing that spay and neuter is the KEY to reducing the number of unwanted animals. Can you please tell us, the public who cares about these animals, why you all voted YES of the changes? It was disappointing to see that small animals were left off, and now seeing this watered down version, a huge let-down. Myself and some other volunteers from a local shelter began hosting low cost spay and neuter clinics in the 15th city council district. It is very hard to raise money for these clinics, and now, even less dogs will be fixed due to the watered down voucher decision. It is ridiculous more money is not spent at the ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. It costs an extraordinary amount of money to house and care for (low quality care) these unwanted dogs. Why not invest more in spay / neuter, and have less animals in shelters? Make it make sense to us!

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Name: Lizania Mancia

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Name: Omar Antonio Gamez Munoz

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Comments for Public Posting: It brings great despair that our city is longer willing to provide a bare minimum in the battle against animals that are abandoned. Animal's don't know right from wrong, but we do. Defunding a program such as this while California is being audit for billions of dollars for a program that received 8 billions dollars and our elected officials have no clue what happened to the money is mind boggling. I am willing to do whatever it takes to get this program up and running again. Please let the public know how we can help these helpless animals. How I can help. Thank you for your time.