

## Communication from Public

**Name:** kailey Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2025 01:30 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** paying and neutering our pets is one of the most important responsibilities we have as animal owners, not only for their health but also for the wellbeing of countless other animals. Every year, millions of dogs and cats end up in shelters because people fail to spay and neuter their pets, leading to unwanted litters that many owners cannot or do not want to care for. Sadly, this overpopulation crisis causes overcrowding in shelters, and with limited space and resources, far too many of these innocent animals are euthanized simply because there aren't enough homes available for them. By spaying and neutering, we can help break this heartbreaking cycle and give animals a better chance at finding loving families. Beyond controlling the population, these procedures also provide major health benefits, such as reducing the risk of certain cancers and infections, and they can improve behavior by lowering aggression, roaming, and marking habits. Choosing to spay or neuter is not just an act of love for your own pet—it is also a compassionate decision that helps reduce the suffering of countless others. It is one of the simplest and most impactful ways we can take responsibility, prevent needless euthanasia, and give animals the happy, safe lives they deserve.

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**Name:** Ruby

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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. Sincerely, Ruby Macias 90302

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ailen Beltran

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The sterilization of our furry friends is not only vital to decrease the amount of them in shelters but also to give them a healthier life. Access to sterilization should not be only for the wealthy but for anyone who has and cares for their furry friends. Pets encourage us to live an active life and we must fight for the right to give our furry babies a healthy and prosperous life as well.