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Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 8:32 AM

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Date: Wed, 29 Oct 2025 07:45:08 -0700
Subject: Fwd: A city that breeds cruelty, led by a mayor who enables it.

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From: **Jewlianna Ruggiero** <jewlianna.ruggiero@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 10:49 PM
Subject: A city that breeds cruelty, led by a mayor who enables it.
To: <controller.mejia@lacity.org>, <CAO.Webmaster@lacity.org>, <kenneth.mejia@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Hernandez@lacity.org>, <annette.ramirez@lacity.org>, <ani.commission@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <Karen.Bass@lacity.org>, <councilmember.nazarian@lacity.org>, <sharon.tso@lacity.org>, <letters@latimes.com>, <fox11news@fox.com>, <editor@citywatchla.com>

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From: 'Carmen Yarbrough' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 5:10 PM

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From: **Rachel Monteleone** <baronespizza@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 10:24 PM

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From: **Samantha Pazvash** <samantha_pazvash@hotmail.com>
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Date: Tue, 28 Oct 2025 09:18:10 -0700
Subject: Fwd: Los Angeles Animal Shelters Are in Crisis — Restore Full Funding Now

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From: **Tiffany Murray** <etmurray9@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 9:16 AM
Subject: Los Angeles Animal Shelters Are in Crisis — Restore Full Funding Now

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Subject: Los Angeles Animal Shelters Are in Crisis — Restore Full Funding Now

Dear Mayor Bass and all who should take into consideration,

Los Angeles is watching — and the optics under your administration are not good. Our city shelters are in freefall, and the public is documenting it daily.

You have an opportunity — right now — to correct course and show leadership that is both compassionate and pragmatic. Fully fund our shelters, restore staffing, and stop pretending that “budget reallocations” solve the problem. They don’t.

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Visit SEAACA or Downey. See it firsthand — “hell on earth” is not an exaggeration.

California ranks near the top nationally for animal abuse risk, and the FBI has long confirmed what we already know: unchecked cruelty leads to broader community violence. This is not just an animal issue — it’s a public safety issue.

We demand that you:

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Los Angeles claims to be a compassionate, forward-thinking city. Right now, it’s failing that test. The measure of leadership — and of a city’s character — is how it treats the powerless. Please prove that this administration still understands that.

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