

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to adjustments to the spay and neuter voucher value program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the recommendations from Alternative 1 from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated January 16, 2025, attached to the Council file, for on-site contractors, and contracted mobile spay and neuter clinics, and free vouchers for dogs, cats, and rabbits, including the Citywide Cat Program, for the first year ONLY.
2. INSTRUCT the Animal Services Department and the CAO to report quarterly to the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee and Budget and Finance Committee on the status of funding for the Spay and Neuter Program before exhausting funds to identify ways to close the gap.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the original recommendations in said report will authorize the Department of Animal Services to increase current spay and neuter vouchers for the Spay and Neuter Program and Citywide Cat Program, as approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The recommended approval of Alternative 3 will provide a reduction of \$864,541 in 2025-26 from current year funding, and an additional General Fund impact of \$2,223,930 in 2026-27, and \$89,761 in 2027-28. Should Council adopt Alternative 1, the increase to the vouchers will have an additional General Fund impact of \$2,251,373 in 2025-26. Should Council adopt Alternative 2, the recommended increase to the vouchers will have an additional General Fund impact of \$610,073 in 2025-26. The Department will be required to request additional funding to cover the voucher value increases through the annual budget process in subsequent fiscal years.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations included in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted funds are used for the intended purposes. Approval of Alternative 3 would require the Mayor and Council to provide sufficient funding in future year budgets to implement the approved action.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On June 17, 2025, your Committee considered CAO reports relative to adjustments to the spay and neuter voucher value program. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to amend the item, as detailed above.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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