

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amiel Vargas

**Date Submitted:** 05/03/2024 07:34 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** DO NOT cut the budget for our parks!! They are already not maintained well enough, cutting the budget further will only worsen this. Our parks need MORE funding! As it stands, area of LA—including parks that should be maintained but aren't—is littered with invasive, non-native Black Mustard. Nothing is being done about this, and budget cut to our parks in favor of a budget increase to LAPD is ludicrous. LAPD has more than enough money. Parks, animal services, teachers need more money.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/03/2024 08:21 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not cut the parks budget!!! We have to protect nature!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Critch

**Date Submitted:** 05/03/2024 08:51 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We support the maintenance of the public parks in Los Angeles as a public good for residents and as a reason that visitors come and contribute to our economy. The Griffith Observatory is a priceless gem and it, like the rest of Los Angeles parks and gathering places, must be maintained. No amount of cutting of the budget of these vital public resources is acceptable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Christiansen

**Date Submitted:** 05/03/2024 08:53 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please preserve funding for our recreation and park activities throughout the city, which includes the Griffith Observatory, which is just one of the many things that make our city great. These resources add to our community's education, the physical and mental health of its citizens, add to the beauty of our city, promote tourism, and more.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Grey

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 04:11 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Stephen Grey, with Positive Identity, a race focused positive media organization. I represent a great deal of the diverse digital community and the people who are engaged with content that is created through various art forms, designed to foster positive race relations. The proposed \$2.4 million budget cut to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), coupled with the elimination of 24 vacant positions, undermines the critical role that the arts and culture play in fostering community and driving our regional economy. SMU Data Arts found that of 947 Metro Areas, Los Angeles ranks #1 in arts providers per capita but #258 in government support. We often tout ourselves as the creative capital of the world, but fall short of bolstering that reputation with public funding. I ran the LA City Funded EmbraceLA dinner program back in 2017 where we talked about race and it was pivotal to bring together many people to talk about racial issues which helped lead to Positive Identity's growth and evolution. When then had a real positive impact on people of all races. We need this funding, and anything that can be given or brought would be extremely helpful. Please re-authorize the vacant positions as recommended by DCA and increase DCA's "salaries as needed" account by \$1 million. Thank you! Stephen Grey

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yevgeniy Solovyev  
**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 04:55 PM  
**Council File No:** 24-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need more funding to spay and neuter animals

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria Gartman

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 05:19 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not cut Parks Department budget, rather expand it!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie  
**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 07:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 24-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need more funding for spay/neuter



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 09:23 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Santa Clarita and want more funding for spaying and neutering programs in LA County

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cassandra Taylor

**Date Submitted:** 05/03/2024 06:59 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the council to reconsider budget cuts to the Parks Department. The world needs to be doing more to protect nature, native plants, and wildlife, not less. Supporting local biodiversity is so important to a healthy environment. Budget cuts will only lead to less protection and care, negatively impacting the health of plants, animals, and people in the LA area.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tish Lampert

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 07:56 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To All Council Members I want to go on record to say I strongly and fervently object to any funding cuts for Los Angeles city animal control facilities, and the department. I am a journalist. I have been advocating for Shelter Pets for over 30 years. At a time when Southern California has now seen euthanasia rates rise and stats pair our region with Texas in the highest kill for Shelter Pets in the country, this is no time to remove vital funds from our city shelters in Los Angeles. There are multiple reasons why our Shelter Pets are in crisis. It is up to you, in your job, to find every alternative route to secure ample funding, and in fact, find additional funding for these facilities. We are witnessing an onslaught of families who are ill equipped to care for their companion pets. We are witnessing pets being dropped off on the street because families don't know what to do. Why aren't you advising your animal control facilities to create educational programs, to work with the ASPCA, to work with every foundation in your region to mitigate the problem that exists and provide education pet food banks and veterinarian help as opposed to even think of robbing the shelters of vital funds? Your Focus is misplaced. This is a time when Los Angeles city needs to set an example... Especially when we see counties like San Bernardino and Riverside struggling as they are because their shelter systems are not as modern thinking as Los Angeles 's and to be the guiding light. Please step up to your jobs and do the right thing morally, humanitarily , and find some heart for our abandoned and vulnerable companion Shelter Pets! Tish Lampert

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy Stone

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 08:54 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Any cuts to funding for Animal Shelters will only make a horrific situation that much worse. There are those of us who dedicate every day to helping animals out of shelters before they are euthanized. We donate every extra dollar to save these precious 4 legged loyal friends. Animals give purpose and love and joy and acceptance to the masses. Don't take funding from their welfare when they cannot speak for themselves or comment or do anything but wait in a kill room.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Lee

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 09:01 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to share my comment about the Mayor's proposed 2024-2025 budget. I 100% oppose the Mayor's proposed increase to the Los Angeles Police Department. Enough taxpayers dollars are going to fund the police and their lawsuits. I do not want my money going to a City department that is terrorizing students and other members in our community. The sanitation department's budget needs to be increased. They are on the front lines in helping to manage public health crisis when encampments arise. The City has failed to provide enough teaffordablehousing for all of the people who live in LA, and the growing homeless crisis is a direct result of this. Departments that help to manage and care for the growing crisis need to be funded.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 09:28 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the Budget Committee: I request the restoration of RAP's authority for a minimum of 80 full-time positions and the reversal of the \$10M cut in the Department's part-time budget. As an environmental educator in Los Angeles, I believe that parks are essential for our communities' health and well-being. When parks are not well-maintained, community members may feel unsafe accessing them. Neglected parks can become areas for unwanted activity, further contributing to the perception that they are not safe spaces for families to enjoy. Additionally, the proposed \$10M cut in part-time recreation and programming positions will exacerbate inequities in LA's park system. Part-time recreation and parks staff play crucial roles in operating community centers, providing lifeguards for swimming pools, and maintaining park restrooms. Without these positions, the department will need to reduce hours and services provided to communities, where the recreation center often serves as the only safe space for children and families. I am urging you to restore a minimum of 80 full-time positions proposed to be cut to maintain essential services. While the Department's leadership is committed to closing the equity gap in access to park space, without sufficient staff, this goal may be unattainable. Access to parks significantly impacts mental and physical health, and it is essential to consider the long-term effects on communities across Los Angeles. Please take action now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katrina Kunstmann

**Date Submitted:** 04/30/2024 08:31 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want to increase funding for spay/neuter programs in Los Angeles. As a rescuer the only way to help the overwhelming influx of stray and abandoned animals is through spay and neuter. The amount allocated to spay and neuter needs to be doubled to cover the number of animals rescues expect to see this year.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:47 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want increased funding for spay/neuter



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cheryl

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 10:20 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am requesting the restoration of RAP's authority for a minimum of 80 full-time positions and the reversal of the \$10M cut in the Department's part-time budget. We need adequate staffing for the parks and no job cuts!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 10:54 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please have city councilman pay for private security from 10pm-7am in San Pedro to proactively patrol streets, alleys, and Peck Park.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 11:45 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** What are the kids gonna do when they have no were to go and play in the gym. get help with home work and we only have a few park in Harbor City where the kids fill safe at and without staff they will not have the opportunity come and play . the community also will miss the park and not to be able to come to be safe with their Family. so please don't cut hour from staff members. Please make it possible to work something out for La. Park & Rec. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2024 12:28 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** ATTN Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee Please do not approve cuts to our recreation and parks services. These are essential for the health and vitality of our communities!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Froschauer

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 02:09 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We all know that there are better ways to improve the city for everyone than giving such a substantial amount of the budget to LAPD. You know that. You may choose to ignore it, but you know it.