

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lindsay Daitch

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:59 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, as a resident of L.A. who is a cat rescuer and TNR trapper, I want increased funding for spay/neuter. The animal overpopulation crisis is out of control and the only way to solve it is to get to the root of the issue. We have focused too long on "adopt, don't shop," but we cannot adopt our way out of this. We need funding so that everyone can have free/low cost access to spay and neuter their own animals and the animals in their community. Rescuers are tired of having to help injured animals, abandoned kittens, abandoned pets. These animals are left to breed and suffer in the streets because LA resident's don't have access to spay/neuter. The voucher system is outdated and ineffective. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lula

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 03:04 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Tan

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 11:02 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** CANNOT rely on LAPD In order to solve crime issue, all city dept and citizen must participate and contribute, thats why I oppose increase budget for LAPD, e.g. In order to solve the complaint regards to slow speed elavator, install a mirror possibly solve people's complaints by distracting their attention. Please think outside of the box, please ask what homeless really want, please ask why people commit crime. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna Cesar

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karn Myers

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**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** LAAS public comment LACouncilComment.com Council file: 24-0600 I am the co-founder and executive director of FixNation, a local nonprofit with programs that have sterilized over 250,000 cats over the past 25 years. The majority of our clients are community cats that we provide with spay/neuter surgery, vaccines and other services completely free of charge. I believe I am in a position to have some very well-informed, boots-on-the-ground opinions about the multitude of benefits provided by municipally subsidized spay/neuter programs: The most effective way to address the challenges of pet overpopulation and shelter overcrowding is to prevent them from occurring in the first place. To do that, more funding is required for spay/neuter programs, not less. Spay/neuter programs should be a cornerstone of animal welfare in Los Angeles, offering a proactive solution to the challenges of pet overpopulation and shelter overcrowding. Adequately funded community cat programs are low-hanging fruit that allow shelters to focus their efforts and resources on helping the animals already in their care. The traditional approach to managing free-roaming cats (impoundment, usually followed by euthanasia) has been used for more than a century, yet there is no evidence that it has resulted in a sustainable reduction of the community cat population. It's also wildly unpopular and costly. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) needs to be the primary focus of LA's community cat programs. It is a common-sense, cost-effective solution for controlling the cat population by preventing additional births, which is far more effective than trying to house, feed, and euthanize cats. Community cat programs prevent animal welfare issues, keep cats out of shelters, save the lives of vulnerable cats and save taxpayer money. This is an opportunity to empower communities and pave the way for a future where every animal has the opportunity to thrive. I strongly urge the City of Los Angeles to increase the budget for spay/neuter programs. Karn Myers

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madison

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 11:11 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Mayor's proposed 2024 budget is in gross opposition to the demands of her constituency. We continue to loudly demand divestment from the police and yet we are looking at a budget that is determined to cut 2,000 much needed positions from our city to inflate the already enormous police budget. All this in the midst of protests that are being treated with violence and criminalization by an aggressive police force. It has never been more apparent that WE KEEP US SAFE. There is an obvious way to save the desperately needed jobs in Los Angeles and that is to cut the bloated budget increase to the LAPD. What are you trying to build for the citizens of Los Angeles with no services and all cops?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** greg wootton

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Lee

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident and homeowner in Los Angeles. I want increased funding for spay/neuter. Reducing Animal Services' budget would be unconscionable.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 11:51 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why is the police department getting almost half of the entire budget when they stand by and not only do nothing to protect the community but actively harm the community? \$3.4B is absolutely disgusting. Defund the police

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jocelin Lila Cruz

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 11:53 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In my neighborhood, my peers have the ambition to succeed So they turn to the streets. Danger pursues us and the world does not see us. I pretend not to notice, that even our role models don't even believe That there is a possibility That we could reach our dreams Instead were prone to stealing and dealing Prone to anything but real education and safety Not because we don't have a the potential to But because of this system That is not meant for people like me Daughter of two hard working immigrants and not wealthy So, In the future I build, we will be seen We will have the funding Necessary to reach our dreams In the future I build, we will be seen by our city.

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**Name:** Mirjam

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**Name:** Melissa Sherman

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of LA, I want increased funding for spay/neuter. Rescues and shelters are overflowing with unwanted animals and telling people to fix their animals is only as helpful as the services available for them to do so. The Citywide Cat Program is a good start and we need to follow through with it. FUND SPAY/NEUTER!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 03:39 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I just moved here six months ago and I am just devastated about this issue. I saw the short on the news about the LA shelter. I cannot believe this is Not being addressed by the 'powers at be'. These animals deserve better!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ariana Azoulai

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 03:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles, I have a very deep concern for the current state of LA Animal services. They are at over capacity and the animals are not getting the care they need while a lot of animals are being euthanized due to lack of resources, manpower and most of all, funding. I urge you to declare an emergency to obtain additional funding for LA Animal services. I demand that a portion of the funding to go towards the spay and neuter program in order to control the stray population of dogs and cats in LA.  
Thank you, Ariana Azoulai

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Urzulo Glaviano

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to implore the Mayor to allocate more of the city finances to affordable housing and social services, rather than increasing the policing budget. We also could better use that money to fill the amount of vacant city positions by offering pay that matches the cost of living in Los Angeles, which will help our city from falling deeper into disrepair.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oscar Alberto Dominguez

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 09:42 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Oscar and I am a community member of Council District 8 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. I am advocating for youth development because of the disappointing lack of Investment in Youth in this year's proposed budget. Not only are youth the least of the cities budget priorities but this upcoming year the Mayor wants to decrease the little amount of money that does already exist in the Youth Development Department (YDD)! It is a shame on how every year youth development is not prioritized and not many resources are given to youth in the city especially in a equitably manner. It is difficult for youth to get access to mental health support, housing, fun educational activities, and youth-centered spaces. I am advocating for more funding for the Youth Development Department. How do you expect for this new department to grow and reach its full potential if 8% of the budget is being cut off from their 3 million budget. These cuts will hurt youth and cost the city more long-term. Every year LAPD gets more funding and youth get nothing. Youth don't need to be policed more, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop which is what the YDD was created for. Youth need to be invested in wholistically because they are the future and that will support their public safety too. This department that the youth and community advocated for needs to be funded long term. Stop taking away the little resources YDD already has regardless of the cities financial deficit which is not the fault of Youth. The YDD deserves to have a higher budget, everything in its proposed budget is a necessity to the youth and their futures. The most important components were left out by the Mayor which includes funding for the Youth Hubs Pilot Program, YDD 3 Year Strategic Plan, and hiring youth for the YDD. The department is going on 3 years since it has been created and there is still not enough short term and long term funding. I URGE YOU TO INVEST FULLY IN YOUTH, INVEST IN THE PRESENT & FUTURE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT LA ACTUALLY DOES CARE ABOUT IT'S YOUTH.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 09:46 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a taxpayer in Los Angeles, I strongly disagree with the disproportionately high proposed police budget. We have extremely high levels of houselessness due to artificially inflated housing prices, our roads and infrastructure are falling apart, and our public school system is severely underfunded and underperforming. Extensive research has shown that these are not issues that can be solved by throwing more money at the police. I, as well as many Los Angeles residents, would strongly prefer the money spent on the police to be reallocated to education, infrastructure, and lowering housing costs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosa Nava

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 09:54 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Subject Line: DVHSC requests additional funding for CIFD programs for survivors Dear Chair Blumenfield and the Budget and Finance Committee, The Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (“DVHSC”) requests that the budget on Homelessness and Housing prioritize survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking who are experiencing homelessness. Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence. We have become the largest coalition of our kind across the nation creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families Though we appreciate in this challenging budget year that the current allocation for survivors of domestic violence maintains funding from the previous fiscal year, survivors and service providers cannot afford to maintain the status quo when the number of people experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence has increased 54% in the past year (2023 LAHSA PIT). Nearly 40% of the adult homeless population in Los Angeles has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence, a 7% increase from 2022. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women’s Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness. While the number of people impacted by domestic violence increases, funding to support survivors in Los Angeles City programs are facing a drastic cut from a federal funding resources: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). VOCA funds used by Victim Service Providers leverage into our City of Los Angeles funded programs and are set to decrease 58% from the previous year. This reduction in funding, with no current plan to compensate from any other funding source, will have devastating impacts on survivors and service providers. As numbers increase, and funding does not, the DVHSC requests that survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault are prioritized in this budget. To do this, we request for the city to:

- Allocate funding for additional domestic violence and

human trafficking shelter locations, and for enhancing existing shelters. To support the enhancement of existing shelter, and to support the opening of three new shelters, the DVHSC requests an additional \$6 million to be allocated in this budget. • Help bridge the funding gap for domestic violence services in light of devastating VOCA cuts. With a projected loss of \$6.5 million in funding for FY 2024-25 to Victim Service Providers in the City, thousands of survivors will be impacted. Reducing staff, housing programs, availability of services, shelter beds, and more, will hurt a population already incredibly vulnerable to experiencing homelessness. Thank you for considering our requests. We appreciate your continued dedication to ending homelessness in Los Angeles and hope to continue to collaborate in supporting survivors. Sincerely, Rosa Nava

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber Kloss

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 09:58 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you for reading this and consideration. I'm a volunteer with a cat rescue in Los Angeles and am very familiar with the needs of TNR and it's proven effectiveness. I urge you to please fund/increase funding for spay/neuter. We are the only voices for voiceless Angeleno animals and hope there will be change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evelyn Larios

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:06 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a voter, I am appalled by Karen Bass's budget proposal. As a public servant, she has a duty to prioritize the needs of the community, particularly the most vulnerable among us. However, her proposal fails to adequately address the pressing issues facing our city. As a social worker, Bass should understand the importance of equitable distribution of resources and support for marginalized communities. Yet, her budget proposal falls short in providing adequate funding for essential social services, education, healthcare, and affordable housing. Furthermore, as a community organizer, Bass should be amplifying the voices of those who have been historically disenfranchised. Instead, her proposal seems to prioritize maintaining the status quo rather than enacting meaningful change. It is deeply troubling that Bass claims to want peace without addressing the systemic injustices that perpetuate violence and inequality. Peace without justice is no peace at all—it is merely the preservation of an unjust order. As voter, who voted for her, I demand a revision so significant that is accountable and demand budget proposals that reflect our values of fairness, equity, and justice for all. Karen Bass, do better in fulfilling your duties as a public servant and advocate for the communities you represents not just those in power.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer W

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:11 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles/CD13 and animal welfare advocate, I humbly request your support for the following: Please, increase the funding for spay/neuter, for both voucher program and for the citywide cat plan Please, increase the funding for spay/neuter, by raising the amount (or, increasing the dollar amount) of the voucher program Please, increase the funding for spay/neuter, so it's more enticing to spay/neuter vendors and providers to accept them, therefore making it easier for the public to access these services Please, increase the funding for spay/neuter, so every single animal entering or leaving the shelter is spayed or neutered Please, increase the funding for spay/neuter, as spay/neuter is the only humane method to reduce the amount of animals entering shelters and being abandoned on the streets

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nora  
**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 08:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 24-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** You must budget for LA Animal Services spay and neuter vouchers, the pet population is out of control



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jana Whalley, on behalf of Public Counsel

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 09:00 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello City Councilmembers, My name is Jana Whalley and I am writing to show my unwavering support for the Represent Los Angeles program and requesting a two-year budget allocation of \$1.5 million in FY 24-25 and \$3 million in FY 25-26 to sustain the mission of RepresentLA. I believe that continuing the vital work of RepresentLA is imperative. I am a Supervising Staff Attorney with Public Counsel's Immigrants' Rights Project and supervise a team funded through the RepresentLA program. I have seen first-hand, through my own RepresentLA cases and those of my colleagues, the critical services and impact that RepresentLA brings to our clients. But this impact does not end with just our clients. Our RepresentLA clients are parents, siblings, children, and neighbors. Their immigration cases impact their families and communities as well. One of our RepresentLA clients, Ricardo M. is a dedicated single father to his three children, all of whom were born in Los Angeles. He came to the United States in 1999 and has lived here ever since. In 2019, as he was driving his children to school, ICE stopped Ricardo and arrested him, leaving his children alone in the street. ICE transferred Ricardo to the Adelanto Detention Facility, where he secured an attorney through the Los Angeles Justice Fund (now RepresentLA). With the help of his attorney, Ricardo was granted bond and released in less than two months, allowing him to reunite with his children and continue pursuing his case from outside detention. Ricardo, his children, and his LAJF legal team put in long hours of work preparing the case – gathering documents, preparing declarations, and undergoing the emotional process of psychological evaluations – to show that his children would face exceptional and extremely unusual hardship if Ricardo were to be deported. Their work paid off and the immigration judge granted Ricardo's case in 2020. Ricardo later received his lawful permanent resident card ("green card") in August 2023 with the help of his RepresentLA attorney. RepresentLA stands as a beacon of hope and support for immigrant Angelenos, providing critical legal services to individuals and families since its inception in 2021. RepresentLA has been instrumental in strengthening the safety net for immigrants across the City of Los Angeles by providing legal consultations and representation to thousands of people since 2017. Represent LA also plays a crucial

role in uplifting and upholding principles of racial justice by ensuring Black immigrants and other immigrant communities of color are not denied their due process in an inequitable and unjust federal immigrant system. The most recent commitment of \$14 million over a two-year period, jointly funded by the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, the California Community Foundation, and the Weingart Foundation, has been indispensable in ensuring that RepresentLA can fulfill its mission. However, with this funding expected to be depleted by December 2024, it is imperative that we take action to sustain this invaluable program. With the release of the Mayor's budget, we have seen that the RepLA Program has been left out. Public Counsel vehemently requests that the RepLA program be included in the budget to ensure a two-year budget allocation of \$1.5 million in FY 24-25 and \$3 million in FY 25-26. The impact of RepresentLA extends far beyond legal consultations and representation; it embodies the values of justice, inclusivity, and compassion that define our city. We are deeply grateful for the City's past support of RepresentLA, and now look to you with an urgent request to ensure that this support continues. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Jana Whalley Supervising Staff Attorney Immigrants' Rights Project Public Counsel

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosco V

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 02:22 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Less funding for the police. They already receive enough money, and they don't make communities safer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alyssa Michek

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 02:27 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Alyssa Michek, and I'm a resident of Council District Four. As a supporter of comprehensive and accessible unarmed crisis response for LA City residents across the city, I'm writing in support of LA Forward's ask of an additional \$4.5 million to the 2024-2025 budget for unarmed crisis response services. In Mayor Bass' proposed 2024-2025 budget, the Mayor does not increase funds to expand, evaluate, or centralize dispatch for the city's emerging set of unarmed crisis response services. The budget proposes to carry over remaining unappropriated funds from last budget year (\$13.2 million) into this upcoming budget year. Some of this can be used to ensure that current programs – CIRCLE and UMCR most notable among them – continue their work this upcoming year. At this juncture in its commitment to unarmed crisis response, we believe that the City of LA needs to: 1) Fund the capacity to draft plans and infrastructure changes for centralizing dispatch for emergency management/crisis service, so that unarmed crisis response services might be leveraged by call operators and emergency responders with more frequency and regularity WHILE creating efficiencies for a city currently running multiple types of services, including different dispatch protocol for each. 2) Evaluate all current unarmed crisis response services, which (at the moment) serve different needs, populations, and geographies, and operate with different practices and systems; data is currently not being collected across these services in a way that would help the city make decisions about the quality and efficacy of services being offered LA Forward has worked with several council offices and city agencies to estimate that an evaluation could cost about \$2 million and first steps toward the centralizing of dispatch could cost an initial \$1 million at the research and planning stage. Therefore, while we appreciate \$13.2 million in roll-overs from 2023-2024 budget, we need to see this growth of our city's commitment to comprehensive and accessible unarmed crisis response – not stagnation. We support an additional \$4.5+ million in city funds as a down payment toward building a comprehensive unarmed crisis response system for our city — a system that centralizes dispatch so that residents can get the help they need as quickly as possible, and a system that is grounded in quality services that we know through evaluation really helps people.

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and we hope you're able to make this relatively small adjustment for the betterment of our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Warner

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 02:28 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable Mayor Bass and Esteemed Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I urge you to swiftly address the pressing issue of shelter overcrowding that is currently gripping our city. This is an urgent crisis that demands immediate attention. By allocating more resources to LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter programs and increasing voucher amounts for veterinarians, we can take crucial steps toward addressing the underlying causes of this problem. With each passing day devoid of action, more animals endure suffering and face euthanasia due to limited space. The very essence of our city is under scrutiny, and it is imperative that we exhibit compassion and accountability towards our animal companions. Let us not falter in our duty to support the city's animals and the people that care for them during this critical juncture.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gordon Lenhart

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 02:40 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a concerned resident, I oppose the proposed LA City budget for FY24-25. The budget shortfall reflects police overspending and costly lawsuits, indicating a need for fiscal responsibility and accountability. Allocating additional funds to the LAPD without addressing these issues sends the wrong message. It's time to prioritize equitable distribution of resources across departments to better serve our community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie Farman

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:28 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Friends who care about our terrible shelter conditions, please read the following and follow through. It just takes a minute and will help a lot. The Rescue Train is a terrific and respected place that I work with a lot. Thank you, Sharon Liveten Dear Mayor Bass' city budget hearing schedule has been released for the coming week, and each department will have a hearing to review and consider the Mayor's proposed budget changes for 2024-2025. You can find the proposed budget here. LA Animal Services is on the agenda for committee review on Monday, May 6th, however, TODAY, May 1st, is the only day for public comment on any city department budget, including LAAS. We need your support to ask for more spay/neuter funding and an increase in voucher amounts. This will likely be the only opportunity to share your concerns and advocate for what you would like to see in the final budget. Please consider being a voice for animals TODAY by sending in a written comment to the site below. [LACouncilComment.com](https://LACouncilComment.com) Council file: 24-0600 (It will look like digits are missing from the case number, but it will still go through). After you submit your comment, you will receive Mayor Bass and members of the Los Angeles City Council, I implore you to take immediate action to address the dire situation of shelter overcrowding plaguing our city. It's a crisis that demands urgent attention. By allocating more resources to LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter programs and increasing voucher amounts for veterinarians, we can begin to tackle the root cause of this problem. Every day that passes without action means more animals suffering and being euthanized due to lack of space. Our city's character is at stake, and it's imperative that we demonstrate compassion and responsibility towards our animal companions. Please, let's not fail them in their time of need. As a Los Angeles resident, I strongly urge Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council to increase LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter and increase voucher amounts so more veterinarians can participate in the city's voucher program. The lack of access to pet sterilization is greatly contributing to the severe overcrowding crisis in Los Angeles city shelters. Our treatment of animals reflects our city's character. Please don't let animals suffer under your watch. Mayor Bass, City Council members, the time for decisive action is now. Los Angeles is



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## Communication from Public

**Name:** UNITE-LA

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:29 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** May 1, 2024 Honorable Mayor Bass Esteemed Members of City Council 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Subject: Appeal to Protect Capacity for Vital Programming in 2024-25 City of Los Angeles Budget Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members, First and foremost, thank you for your service! Secondly, I'm reaching out on behalf of UNITE-LA, a longstanding Los Angeles-based nonprofit co-founded by the City of L.A. and dedicated to equitable economic mobility through education and workforce development. I write in the spirit of partnership to share my concerns regarding proposed budget cuts to the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) of the City. As a longtime partner of EWDD dedicated to ensuring Angelenos facing systemic barriers to economic mobility have meaningful onramps to high mobility careers in growing sectors, I respectfully request reconsideration of the proposed budget cuts that will reduce EWDD's capacity, and thus impact our collective ability to effectively serve city residents. The proposed budget cuts include the elimination of 29 EWDD positions, including several vital fiscal roles. Due to capacity constraints, EWDD has grappled with challenges in timely vendor payments, which could be exacerbated by further reductions in staffing. UNITE-LA has been impacted by payment delays over the years. While our organization's City-related Accounts Receivable (A/R) have been higher in the past, as of the start of Q2 2024, our nonprofit is carrying approximately \$400K in A/R. This substantial amount, equivalent to roughly 5% of our total 2024 revenue budget, has a meaningful impact on our organization's financial health, and is a challenge in carrying out mission-driven work while awaiting payment for services rendered. As a partner organization deeply committed to advancing economic mobility and supporting the well-being of our community, we have a vested interest in ensuring that EWDD maintains sufficient staffing levels to deliver on its mission effectively through both direct service and a wide variety of partnerships. We share many goals aligned to UNITE-LA's vision for Los Angeles to have a diverse and inclusive rising workforce that experiences equitable economic mobility and well-being, resulting in a thriving region. Our city's future prosperity relies on the strength of its workforce, underscoring the critical need to

invest in programs and partnerships that foster the success of all Angelenos, with a focus on those experiencing systemic barriers. We are enthusiastic about the collaborative opportunities before us, and I appreciate your consideration of the matters detailed in this letter. Thank you for your consideration, and the team at UNITE-LA stands ready to partner and to answer any questions you may have. In partnership, Alysia Bell President, UNITE-LA



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Bell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alysia Bell  
President, UNITE-LA

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Harrington

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:30 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ricky Abilez

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:32 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my deep concerns with the proposed \$2.4 million budget cut for the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the elimination of 24 vacant positions. This proposed budget actively undermines the critical role that the arts and culture play in fostering community resilience and driving our regional economy. Did you know that in 2021 alone, the creative sectors were collectively responsible for 15% of the state's \$3.4 trillion economy? Each job supported by creative industries resulted in over \$194 billion in federal, state, and municipal taxes. In that same year, SMU Data Arts found that out 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. The arts and culture are too often undervalued, disproportionately targeted for budget cuts, and the last to be restored. I understand that the city faces an enormous budget deficit and difficult decisions must be made, however, with the LA28 Olympics on the horizon, now is not the time to divest from arts and culture. Instead, we should be expanding our capacity to meet the demands of events like the Olympic Cultural Olympiad, leveraging this global platform to showcase LA's diverse cultural heritage. Therefore, I urge you to increase DCA's "salaries as needed" account by \$1 million to continue paying part-time staff operating city-owned spaces which serve as community hubs and drive social cohesion, economic growth, education, and cultural experiences. Furthermore, securing new positions within city departments is notoriously challenging, which makes it an imperative to reauthorize vacant positions even if they initially go unfunded. This is especially true for spaces like the Barnsdall Art Park, which has been operating without a Director for far too long, and the Lankershim Art Center, which may need to close as a result of this proposed budget. Contrary to popular belief, investing in the arts does not only result in entertainment and creativity; it results in stronger, more resilient communities, proven increases in civic participation and graduation rates, and decreases in crime and recidivism. We must reimagine the ways in which we fund our communities. Community health and safety does not only occur through one department, and the budget should reflect that. I urge you to heed

DCA's recommendations. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tina P Thuy Nguyen

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:33 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** samara saffian

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:35 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking that in the mayors budget be more money for spay/neuter funding and an increase in voucher amounts. Our Shelters are BEYOND capacity with animals in cages in the lobby. Puppies and kittens being euthanized at alarming rates because there's just no space. We are NEVER going to adopt our way out of this mess. Spay/Neuter programs and vouchers are the only thing that will help end the senseless killing of thousands and thousands of highly adoptable animals in our city shelters. Please care about the animals - they are the voiceless Thank you  
Sincerely Samara Saffian

## Communication from Public

**Name:** isabel raab

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:36 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** please increase the spay/neuter budget in LA. It is the fastest, easiest, best way to help resolve this issue! Rescue orgs are doing their best to help with this issue and we need the support of the city behind us. Please help us!!!!

## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erica Bose

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:47 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dori Chandler

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:56 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Dori Chandler, policy advocate with the Coalition for Clean Air. The Port of Los Angeles has made record-breaking profits this last year, what a thing to celebrate! 210 million dollars in budget surplus and profit (and 2 billion in profits over the last 15 years). So why are we not celebrating? For decades up until today the port continues to pollute and harm the surrounding community! With an 8 year lower life-span in communities around the port than the LA county average, this is just not acceptable. While there is a lot of rhetoric about commitment to the environment there need to be real changes made. The port should use this surplus money to invest in a clean energy transition. There is a huge need for utility investments at the ports to provide enough support to power a Zero emissions transition. As the landlord port, it should be the landlords job to provide this service. Electrification requirements should also be integrated into port terminal leases through environmental covenants as these 200 leases with its tenants start to enter re-negotiations. WBCT Everglades terminal lease expires this year, Yusen's contract expires in 2026 and APM in 2027. These are only negotiated every 20-30 years, so let's not miss this rare opportunity to get important environmental language into these enforceable contracts today. The city council also needs to provide structure for these changes by supporting both rail and port indirect source review rules. The Indirect Source Review Rules provide needed coordination, collaboration, incentives, and enforcement to help the ports achieve our community clean air needs. This change has to come from the top - we need leadership at the port that will demonstrate a commitment to these goals—walking the walk, rather than talking the talk. Let's not put profit over the health of port residents and workers. We can afford to invest in clean air.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** BONNIE STERN

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 05:08 PM

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## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 05:28 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is imperative for all animals to be spayed or neutered and LA Animal Service who provide this service must be included in the budget. If we plan for and pay for this up front it will benefit us in the long run.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** G Hobson

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** M Mulhern

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 05:48 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been a Los Angeles resident for the past 12 years. In that time, I have only seen the homeless problem get worse. The things you've tried - sweeps, temporary housing - are not working. They address symptoms, not the problem. You KNOW the only things that work are incentives to build more affordable housing; renter protections to stop evictions; and giving permanent housing, mental health support, and monetary aid to those experiencing homelessness. Sending cops to sweep or arrest the homeless is not a solution. This budget is not designed to make the problem better. I sincerely hope that you reconsider it. The astronomical amount spent on LAPD is not making anyone safer. The only time I've EVER heard gunshots in my neighborhood, it was the police escalating a situation to the point that they shot and killed a homeless person. I assure you this police action did not make me feel at all safer. In fact none of the actions of LAPD in the past several years have made me feel safer. Please decrease spending on law enforcement and increase spending on ACTUAL support for renters and for our homeless population. Increase spending on schools and libraries, on protected bike and bus lanes, on transit, on parks. Things that actually make Los Angeles better. NOT the LAPD.

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**Name:** Estela Betancourt De Mercado

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 06:27 PM

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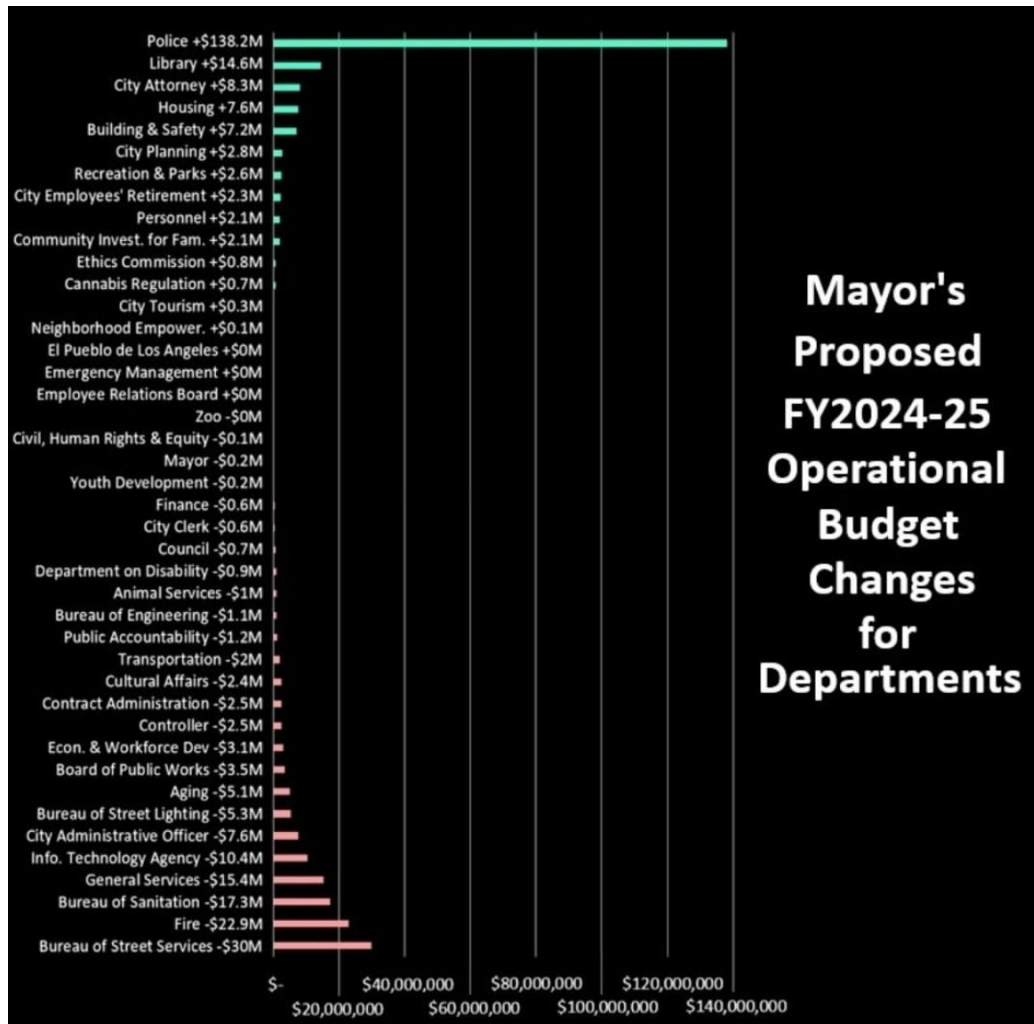
## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karl

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:20 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am incredibly disappointed that so many departments (including Fire, Sanitation, Transportation, Street Services...) are receiving budget cuts between 0-30 million while the LAPD receives an additional \$138.2 million. If you add up the cuts to Street Services, Fire, Sanitation, General Services, Info Technology, City Administrative Officer, Street Lighting, Aging, Public Works, Econ & Workforce Development, Controller, Contract Admin, Cultural Affairs, Transportation, Public Accountability, Engineering, Animal Services, Disability, City Council, City Clerk, Finance, Youth Development, Mayor's Office, and Civil Human Rights and Equity, that totals \$136.6 million. That's every department receiving a budget cut. You could fully fund all of those departments with the extra money that the LAPD receives in this budget, with enough left over to give the police \$1.6 million more. This isn't a call to defund the police, I want justification for why the LAPD should receive so much at the expense of almost every other city department.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:33 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Adding my name to the LONG list of people who live in LA City and strongly oppose this proposed budget! We need more money for social services and less for an outdated and ineffective police department. Cutting spending for animal services and the controller are especially ridiculous ideas considering the current state of our shelters and the need for financial over. Please do the right thing and oppose this budget. Nicole Blume, Resident of LA, Council District 4

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paula Zimmermann

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:35 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD needs to cut down on spending and that money needs to be used to support our youth development. Seeing that the LAPD eats a majority of our budget and lives crumbs for other departments, I find it vital to reevaluate how the LAPD spends money. A lot of it, frankly, seems bogus and rampant. I suggest cutting down on unnecessary helicopter rides. I know each helicopter ride costs a lot of money and frankly, we are tired of hearing them! I support spending on homelessness issues. I support any and all spending on urban forestry. We need more trees, especially California native trees, to beat extreme heat, especially in the San Fernando valley. On top of that we need to make sure we plant trees in school yards instead of paving up the yard. It is a health threat to our children. I support spending money on training police officers and detectives to battle and deter crime. I do not support spending money on simply hiring more undereducated police officers without training them to protect the public. I support spending on dismantling LAPD gangs. I support a tax on luxury real estate sales. I support spending on fire prevention, especially by means of goat herds who eat invasive yellow mustard. I support spending for the LA controller office. Their work is very important. I support spending on keeping city positions in place and filling them. I do not wish for them to go away.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Siobhan Sullivan

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:35 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging you to increase funding for spay and neuter services in the 2024-2025 budget. Our city is currently overwhelmed with animals that need homes and the only way to get this problem under control is to expand low cost (or free) spay and neuter services for all of the citizens of Los Angeles Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:47 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, I am writing in because I don't like the proposal budget for the fiscal year of 2025. I am disappointed to learn that my hard earned money and other tax payers money in Los Angeles is going towards more funding for police, specially when we're in a deficit and our current accountant Kenneth Mejia has advised against it. Instead of adding \$3.2M towards the police, I believe we should be adding more funding towards Parks and Recs, Emergency Management, Department of Disability, Economic and Workforce Development, Civil, Human Rights and Equity, Youth Development, Animal Service, Cannabis Regulation and plenty of more departments that are extremely underfunded. I hope this email brings to your attention how much the people of Los Angeles want a change that isn't just funding a polluting helicopter program from the LAPD that has done nothing to protect or make less crime happen to the civilians of Los Angeles. Furthermore, specially during a deficit, we need to keep job openings open in the city of Los Angeles instead of reducing the amount of jobs we have in the city. I think some more lenient rules towards applying to these vacant positions will help people apply more and not feel ridiculed if they aren't 100% the right candidate. I like giving people the benefit of the doubt and believe we all have room to grow into these positions. Thank you for your time and I hope you take my email seriously just like you take funding the police seriously.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Kohan

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:55 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Brian Kohan, and I'm a resident of Council District 13. As a supporter of comprehensive and accessible unarmed crisis response for LA City residents across the city, I'm writing in support of LA Forward's ask of an additional \$3 million to the 2024-2025 budget for unarmed crisis response services. In Mayor Bass' proposed 2024-2025 budget, the Mayor does not increase funds to expand, evaluate, or centralize dispatch for the city's emerging set of unarmed crisis response services. The budget proposes to carry over remaining unappropriated funds from last budget year (\$13.2 million) into this upcoming budget year. Some of this can be used to ensure that current programs – CIRCLE and UMCR most notable among them – continue their work this upcoming year. At this juncture in its commitment to unarmed crisis response, we believe that the City of LA needs to: Fund the capacity to draft plans and infrastructure changes for centralizing dispatch for emergency management/crisis service, so that unarmed crisis response services might be leveraged by call operators and emergency responders with more frequency and regularity WHILE creating efficiencies for a city currently running multiple types of services, including different dispatch protocol for each Evaluate all current unarmed crisis response services, which (at the moment) serve different needs, populations, and geographies, and operate with different practices and systems; data is currently not being collected across these services in a way that would help the city make decisions about the quality and efficacy of services being offered LA Forward has worked with several council offices and city agencies to estimate that an evaluation could cost about \$2 million and first steps toward the centralizing of dispatch could cost an initial \$1 million at the research and planning stage. Therefore, while we appreciate \$13.2 million in roll-overs from 2023-2024 budget, we need to see this growth of our city's commitment to comprehensive and accessible unarmed crisis response – not stagnation. We support an additional \$3+ million in city funds as a down payment toward building a comprehensive unarmed crisis response system for our city — a system that centralizes dispatch so that residents can get the help they need as quickly as possible, and a system that is grounded in quality services that we know through evaluation really helps people.



Thank you for your attention to this issue, and we hope you're able to make this relatively small adjustment for the betterment of our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Enid Nilsson

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please finance spay and neuter to control the unwanted puppies and kittens, which are filling the shelters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christy Schilling

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:56 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** May 1, 2024 Christy Schilling Executive Director and Co-Founder betterTogether Forever Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council Budget Hearing 2024-2025 Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members: We urge you to allocate more funding towards veterinary spay and neuter vouchers and spay and neuter programs within LA Animal Services as communities are desperately in need of free/affordable and accessible spay/neuter. By focusing on this preventative measure, we would not only save lives but money as well reducing the number entering shelters, being housed, and cared for and then euthanized. Animal shelters everywhere are beyond capacity and one of the main reasons is because pets are being surrendered in record numbers with the majority not being spayed/neutered. So not only are pets not being adopted from a rescue/shelter in the first place, but they are also procreating, being sold, or given away unsterilized multiplying, and are flooding the animal shelter system. This is also creating a backlog for getting pets out on the overcrowded system as before pets can be released, they need to be spayed or neutered. In addition, there is a growing number of unhoused and homeless encampments where more people have pets with the majority not being spayed/neutered. Pet populations are exploding because again, offspring are being sold or given away unsterilized compounding the problem exponentially. More and more animals are entering shelters with people sharing they obtained the pet from an unhoused person and there are more puppies entering as well from people who could not connect with free, affordable, and accessible spay/neuter. One step to solving this crisis is increasing the reimbursement rate for the LA Animal Services spay/neuter vouchers as it is currently insufficient to cover the veterinary costs and pet parents are not able to pay the difference. This would also increase the list of veterinary providers accepting the vouchers. Also, by investing in mobile spay/neuter and being out in the community providing these services so they are accessible, this problem can be tackled at the root. Los Angeles is a leader in a multitude of ways, but homelessness, poverty, and animal euthanasia are not areas in which we want to lead. This can be changed but we need your help. By allocating resources towards prevention impacts all three, and through innovative programs, we will preserve the human-animal bond, help reduce

people and pets experiencing homelessness, and alleviate overcrowding and needless euthanasia in animal shelters. This benefits the health and wellbeing of communities, saving lives and government and taxpayers' funds, as Los Angeles leads the charge in systematic change. We urge you to support increased funding for spay and neuter within the LA Animal Services budget. Sincerely, Christy Schilling Christy Schilling Executive Director and Co-Founder



May 1, 2024

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Executive Director and Co-Founder

Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council  
Budget Hearing 2024-2025

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Sincerely,  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Nilsson

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:18 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mayor Bass and members of the Los Angeles City Council, I implore you to take immediate action to address the dire situation of shelter overcrowding plaguing our city. It's a crisis that demands urgent attention. By allocating more resources to LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter programs and increasing voucher amounts for veterinarians, we can begin to tackle the root cause of this problem. Every day that passes without action means more animals suffering and being euthanized due to lack of space. Our city's character is at stake, and it's imperative that we demonstrate compassion and responsibility towards our animal companions. Please, let's not fail them in their time of need.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 12:59 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** What does a 3 million dollar budget increase for LAPD do to benefit the hardworking people of Los Angeles? All of this while cutting support programs which will further disenfranchise those who depend on them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Beaumont

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:00 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am IN SUPPORT OF more spay and neuter funding and an increase in voucher amounts!!!! WE DESPERATELY NEED THIS to get to the root of the problem.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Veronica Gonzales

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:25 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to comment on the absurd budget the mayor is proposing. Why do we continue to cut funds from city offices that are actually needed and continue to funnel these monies to the police force? We need to invest in our community! Find long lasting solutions to those experiencing homelessness and not continue to waste funds on cleaning up encampments again and again. Do right to the city of LA. We voted for you to turn things around in a humane way and frankly you're on the edge of being a Rick Caruso. Stop giving funds to Police and Fire. They have PLENTY!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** CAROLYN MCGUIRE

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 04:26 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The animals, TNR trappers, rescues, shelters, transporters, , vets, feeders, fosters, trainers, and animal advocates everywhere BEG YOU to give the funding and vouchers needed to help all of us, save animals, and end this crisis! DO THE RIGHT THING.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shawn Richardson

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:28 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to register my support to divest more funding from the police and instead put it toward Street Services, Street Lighting, Disability, Animal Services, and the Controller's office. 45% of the entire city budget is far too much for the LAPD. The police have more than enough funding, and our city infrastructure is in deep disrepair. It is absurd that my taxes are being spent so irresponsibly. I also demand the city end the hiring freeze for city positions in Street Services and not cut any positions directly responsible for homelessness/social services. Thank you for your time, and I trust you will act accordingly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alejandra Castillo

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dearest Council, I urge you to please increase the allotted budget to LA Animal Services. Any community member who visits their local shelter can clearly see all shelters are DROWNING in dogs. This is particularly true at South LA/Chesterfield Square Animal Shelter. Please take a day to visit the shelter as I and so many other concerned animal advocates do. The dogs are housed in their own feces for days. There is not enough staff to constantly keep up with the clean up. Dogs are spending weeks in pop up crates in hallways. More staff is needed! More funding is needed. This is NOT the time for budget cuts. Much of the burden is falling on volunteers. Every time I go to the shelter I see more volunteers than staff. How are pets supposed to be adopted if there are no staff to show them to potential adopters? I myself am going broke donating my little free money to rescues and buying items for shelters. The burden should not fall on us! You HAVE the funding, we pay some of the highest taxes in the country, not to mention the revenue we get from being the entertainment industry capital of the world! What good is it to boast about our industries and then subject animals to these conditions? Even worse, perfectly adoptable pets are being euthanized EVERY day. I'm taking in a foster that I can't afford right now just because I don't want the poor animal to die. It is a dire situation. It is an emergency. If you don't believe us, see for yourselves. More staff and kennels are needed. In fact, a new shelter location is needed so that our shelters stop killing animals for space. I don't understand why we spend so much money on the police and the incarcerated and not on defenseless animals. They didn't ask to be born. We are spending so much money housing, feeding, and even providing enrichment activities for inmates (murderers and rapists) but killing perfectly innocent animals. It is shameful. Rest assured that if these needs aren't met and the budget for animal services isn't rightfully increased, I will not be voting for Karen Bass again and I will ensure nobody in my community does either.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brianne Holland

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:31 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles, I demand that the budget allocation for the Police and Sheriff Departments be REDUCED. The Mayor's proposal calls for a \$138.2M increase to Police. That is ludicrous and absurdly dangerous. We do not need more armed police. We need housing, we need infrastructure, we need public services. Defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Figueroa

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:32 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** With all due respect, The Mayor's proposed budget for the City of L.A. is absolutely ridiculous. Mayor, you ran on a campaign to solve the homelessness crisis in L.A. and in this budget you're going to decrease the money allotted to an already inadequately funded and much needed public service! I am one of the many Angelinos who takes the public metro everyday. The public transportation in this city is a laughing stock. Few buses, disgusting trains and unreliable time tables abound, but sure, let's give more funding to the LAPD so they can shuffle our unhoused neighbors around and arrest student protestors exercising their first amendment rights! The proposed budget for LAPD is nearly 7 times more than anything allotted to any other public service! It's unnecessary, impractical, unsustainable and frankly disgusting! I demand that the Mayor put our money toward the public services that actually better the lives of Angelinos instead of funding more hired guns! Sincerely, Angry Voter, Samantha Figueroa

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:32 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Karen Bass' proposed plans for this city are insane. She has zero strategy, is harming already struggling programs, and is bankrupting this city to line her own pockets. The LAPD is wildly and severely overfunded, and rely on tax dollars to pay out there misconduct. Their disgusting behavior is paid away with our outrageously expensive taxes, and Karen Bass is cheering them along. Our infrastructure is falling apart, homelessness is the worst we've ever seen, with painfully obtuse "plans" put in place, and our animal shelters are ALREADY in crisis mode, set to be made worse by cut budgets. Karen Bass is the worst thing to happen to this city, and needs to be removed from touching anything to do with any mayorship. REDUCE the sick LAPD budget and radical loss of control. Stop pretending anyone can control the homeless criss, cap rents, and insane fees, and provide more support to our animal shelters. We're tired of watching our city fall apart. Our roads are very literally falling apart, damaging vehicles, making our city look like a dump, while Karen Bass throws on a fake smile and rolls in kickbacks. We're fucking sick of her and the state of our city.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Henry Korman

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The mayor's proposed budget overindexes on police spending while shortchanging the departments that would actually improve our city. How about taking a couple billion from the LAPD and giving it to sanitation to clean our streets and communities, or transportation to make Los Angeles run more smoothly? Or maybe just hand the cops some brooms so they can be useful and sweep up while they stand around. Too much money for LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Krikorian

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The mayor's proposed budget is an insult to every Los Angeles resident. Increasing the police budget while simultaneously decreasing funding to parks, street services, etc. merely drains the life out of our city. The mayor should instead increase funds for housing, street services, parks, etc. As a resident who pays an insane amount of money in property taxes, I'm appalled that I have 6 month old and incomplete service requests for replacing street lights on my block. It's nearly impossible to have speed bumps or stop signs installed on my street to combat the drivers who fly up and down echo park ave (resulting in at least two major accidents in the previous three months). In this light, the amount of money we happily feed to the police is absolutely disgusting. How much overtime have we paid the police to brutalize peaceful protestors on our college campuses? Decrease funding to cops, and put money in places that will actually improve the lives of residents in our city. I'm appalled.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jose Sandoval- Greater Los Angeles Animal Spay Neuter Collaborative

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:42 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 4/30/24 Mayor Karen Bass and Los Angeles City Council Budget Hearing 2024-2025 Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members: The new budget needs to contain more funding for spay/neuter. As we write to you today, the Los Angeles area is grappling with hundreds of tiny kittens being born to mothers living outside, with no homes, because they weren't spayed. Finders are at a loss about what to do if they decide to become involved at all. "Who can take these kittens?", they lament on forums and other social media posts. Shelters are overrun with adoptable animals, including dogs, rabbits, and other small animals, all being euthanized daily for space. This is an instant replay of last year, and years prior. There are too many adoptable animals and no place for them to go. Concerned members of the rescue community are also bearing an unsurmountable brunt of our current pet overpopulation crisis. The community needs more spay/neuter services: free or very low cost, accessible not only geographically but with the least amount of effort for residents in need. Veterinary clinics can charge high fees because of the current veterinary shortage, and many pet owners can't afford it. Education about why spay/neuter is critical needs to be a component of the plan because lack of understanding leads to inaction. We need to make this easier. The Greater Los Angeles Animal Spay/Neuter Collaborative met with Deputy Mayor, Intergovernmental Affairs, Joey Freeman, during your campaign and we shared our summation of the challenges, including our concerns about the current overpopulation landscape and the lack of services. We concluded that meeting optimistically, looking forward to the positive changes you would make to help more animals and their owners or caregivers. Now we respectfully ask you to help remedy a longstanding issue that has cost so many animals their lives, and for those who care for them, so much sorrow. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Young on behalf of The Rescue Train

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 02:41 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As The Rescue Train, a longstanding advocate for the welfare of animals in Los Angeles, we urgently appeal to Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council to address the escalating crisis of shelter overcrowding head-on. With nearly two decades of dedicated service to the most vulnerable pets in our community, we witness firsthand the devastating consequences of inadequate access to spay and neuter services. Despite our tireless efforts, the reality remains stark: we cannot adopt our way out of this crisis. The time for action is now. By increasing funding in LA Animal Service's budget for spay and neuter programs and expanding voucher amounts for veterinarians, we can begin to stem the tide of overcrowding that plagues our city shelters. It's a desperate situation that demands immediate attention and decisive action. Lives are at stake, and we cannot afford to delay any longer. As an organization committed to the well-being of animals in Los Angeles and acknowledging the human-animal bond, we implore you to prioritize animal welfare in the city budget. Our ability to continue our mission hinges on your support. Let's work together to create a future where no animal suffers needlessly due to overcrowded shelters. The Rescue Train stands ready to collaborate and support efforts to enact meaningful change. Mayor Bass, City Council members, the time to act is now. The animals are counting on us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yancey Franco

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

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like to say that the budget is insane. Cutting services and budgets for the rest of the city is insane while more money goes towards an already brutally inflated LAPD budget that has shown to cost the city even more money in settlements. If the LAPD cannot make do with over half of the city budget, they will not make do with more and it shows that the entire budget is a scam. Either properly fund the city so we can help our unhoused neighbors, help them out of homelessness, feed the people starving in our city, and bolster the services that get people to safety, to work, and towards community or you will show that you are all just shills for big business that will drive Los Angeles into one of the worst cities in the Nation as well as the State.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katerina Romanenko

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:26 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund police. The police budget is INSANELY disproportioned, especially in a time where all they are being used for is to attack the community. YOUR CONSTITUENTS DO NOT SUPPORT THE MILITANT POLICE NOR THEIR BUDGET. DEFUND THE POLICE. ABOLISH PRISIONS. CARE NOT COPS. INVEST IN COMMUNITY. PROTECT FREE SPEACH, STUDENTS LIVES, AND FREE PALESTINE. END THE OCCUPATION. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES BY INVESTING IN PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND MORE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SOCIAL GROUPS. WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT COPS WALLETS MORE THAN THE COMMUNITY YOU PRETEND TO SERVE AND LISTEN TO?!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allen Balcarcel

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:33 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mayor Bass, City Council members, the time for decisive action is now. Los Angeles is facing a shelter overcrowding crisis of unprecedented proportions, and the consequences are dire. Too many animals are paying the ultimate price because of our failure to provide adequate resources for spaying and neutering. We cannot allow this cycle of suffering and euthanasia to continue. I urge you to prioritize funding for LA Animal Services' spay/neuter programs and expand voucher amounts for veterinarians. Lives depend on it. Our city's compassion and integrity are on the line. Let's not be remembered as leaders who turned a blind eye to the plight of innocent animals. The time to act is now, and the responsibility rests with each of us to make a difference.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ellen Evans

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:34 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Effective short-term rental enforcement requires expenditure of resources from various departments. This enforcement has been notably light since program inception, with non-compliant rentals continuing to be a substantial problem. Every non-compliant rental is a unit of housing no longer available on the long-term market. Its absence from that market creates substantial cost to the City by increasing long-term housing prices and adding to the housing shortage and for that reason, adequately funding enforcement is critical even during this difficult budget cycle. City Planning is the lead department on short-term rentals and now has 26 positions devoted to the program. Many of those resources go towards administering the program rather than providing enforcement against non-compliant rentals and listings. Planning, however, is not an investigatory or enforcement body, and so collaboration with Housing, Building and Safety and the City Attorney's Office is necessary to effect enforcement. In the budgets of none of those departments is a single dollar specifically allocated to short-term rental enforcement. In Housing and Building and Safety, short-term rental program issues are presumably have been folded into general residential code compliance, although Housing did request positions directly tied to home sharing enforcement. Without funds specifically allocated to the task, the departments get to decide whether and when to prioritize home sharing enforcement. Likewise, the primary residence status of many short-term rental permit holders is disputed by nearby residents. Nothing can be done about this without investigations. The City Attorney's Office is best equipped to handle these potentially fraudulent claims, yet no resources are allocated to the task. This means that discretion over the scope and scale of short-term rental enforcement is up to the various departments, and this enforcement must compete in the marketplace of other demands. As long as this is the case, short-term rental enforcement will be inadequate, housing will be kept off the market and public safety and quality of life issues will continue. In general, the short-term rental program should be operated with fiscal accountability. The costs associated with the program - administration, investigations, enforcement - should be knowable across all departments and should be commensurate with the fees collected related to administration of the program.



Registration fees and fines revenue now land in the Short-term Rental Enforcement Trust Fund where they are allocated only to Planning and come nowhere near covering Planning's program costs. Finally, the revenue forecast predicts an increase in revenue from the transient occupancy tax collected in conjunction with short-term rental activities. This prediction would seem to assume that enforcement mechanisms will continue to fail in reducing the number of non-compliant short-term rentals on the market. This is profoundly discouraging. We implore you to budget for robust short-term rental ordinance enforcement. It will pay dividends in reduced housing costs and an increase in available units.



preservelaneighborhoods@gmail.com

April 30, 2024

Mayor Bass and Councilmembers  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF 24-0600 Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2024-25/Short-term Rentals

Dear Mayor Bass and Councilmembers,

Preserve LA Neighborhoods is a coalition of neighborhood groups working together to address the lack of enforcement of our short-term rental enforcement.

We appreciate the hard work that has gone into creating a balanced budget amid difficult circumstances. We implore you to ensure that adequate funding is made available for short-term rental enforcement and to institute unified budgeting for the program moving forward.

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Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of the Preserve LA Neighborhoods Steering Committee

Christina Binkley  
The Oaks Neighborhood Association

Ellen Evans  
Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Garment Worker Center, Daisy Gonzalez

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:35 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Garment Worker Center (GWC) respectfully requests that the City Council maintain funding for services and programs for our families, youth, and elders, like workforce development programs for garment industry businesses and low-wage workers. For the past six months, GWC, local, ethical, sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, Council District 1 and 14, multiple city departments including the Economic and Workforce Development Department EWDD, and representatives of LA County have come together to reimagine the local garment manufacturing landscape. This task force aims to create: 1) A new position dedicated to economic development and real estate, assisting emerging and existing businesses to thrive and remain located in LA as well as to attract new businesses to LA in the garment and fashion industry 2) A new position dedicated to Workforce development to support upskilling and other support for workers in the garment industry 3) A WorkSource Center and Business Source Center pop up in the fashion industry to provide support to workers and businesses. All 8 positions at EWDD slated for elimination should be kept in order to grow programs such as the Garment and Fashion Industry Program as well as to support our local economy and labor force.



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May 1, 2024

Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Through the taskforce, the garment worker members of GWC aim to address various challenges faced by garment workers and businesses in Los Angeles, with the overarching goal of fostering a fair and sustainable garment industry ecosystem. Workers are recommending that:

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1. The City should ensure garment manufacturers have the necessary space for their business to succeed and ensure workers can access jobs.
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  - b. Identify and provide affordable, available, accessible, and appropriate light industrial space for a variety of garment business types and sizes.
  - c. Consider the creation of a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Zone in relevant garment manufacturing areas, designed to support economic development, job creation, and community empowerment. A JEDI Zone aims to foster equitable opportunities for all residents, particularly those from historically marginalized communities, by prioritizing investments, resources, and initiatives that promote inclusivity and social equity.
  - d. Require commercial air conditioning in new garment manufacturing facilities.
  - e. Supply the City's apparel needs from local, high road manufacturers to comply with the city's anti-sweatshop procurement ordinance and support the local industry.
  - f. Support the growth of worker cooperatives (worker-owned businesses) by working with the county on implementing its Worker Ownership Initiative across the region, particularly in providing grants and resources to cover consultants and startup costs.
2. The City should promote the High Road of Made in LA Garments.
  - a. Launch a campaign to promote skilled labor, the industry and its workforce to attract compliant businesses to set up in LA and work with other businesses in the Fashion District and LA Garment Sector. For example, pay for registration fees for High Road LA factories to exhibit at LA Textile trade shows
  - b. Support businesses and workers to access opportunities like procurement for events such as the Olympics and World Cup.
3. The City should support workforce development programs for the garment industry.
  - a. Fund and support the development of classes to cultivate and grow the skills necessary for the garment industry (i.e. operating new machines, advanced techniques like those used in high fashion and sample making, laser cutting, upcycling, sustainable production methods, etc) at local colleges, for example LATTC, FIDM.
  - b. Provide financial assistance for unemployed workers participating in these skills-building classes.

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- c. Recruit experienced garment workers who have aged out or retired to serve as skills teachers for peer-to-peer learning.
  - d. Implement a certification program for the courses developed, emphasizing the importance of professionalizing the garment industry workforce and ensuring standardized skill levels.
  - e. Offer incentives to businesses that hire certified workers from the program, recognizing the value of hiring individuals with verified skills and qualifications.
4. Given the obstacles encountered by garment factories in adhering to regulations while competing against unethical sweatshops and exploitative brands, it's essential to provide financial support to create a fair environment. The proposed resources are designed to bolster the sector, enhancing competitiveness based on quality, efficiency, and sustainability, rather than fostering wage exploitation, and should be tied to the criteria listed below in order to incentivize compliance.
- a. The city should offer grants, subsidies, and reimbursements for businesses to:
    - i. Invest in education and training for workers to enhance their skills and productivity.
    - ii. Cover operational costs such as rent, workers' salaries, and facility upgrades to ensure a conducive working environment.
    - iii. Invest in new machinery, technology, and infrastructure upgrades to improve operational efficiency and quality standards.
    - iv. Implement environmentally sustainable practices, such as installing solar panels or upgrading to energy-efficient systems.
    - v. Install commercial air conditioning systems in garment manufacturing facilities to ensure a safe and comfortable working environment for workers.
  - b. In order to receive the recommended incentives, businesses must:
    - i. Pay the minimum or above the minimum and provide benefits. Payrolls should be verified.
    - ii. Comply with city, county, and state laws.
    - iii. Have a clean record with no cases of wage theft and up to date registration.
    - iv. Provide access to the Garment Worker Center for training.
    - v. Prioritize hiring workers from cooperatives or specific training programs like those we hope to see developed at LATTC and FIDM.
  - c. The City should also establish a city certification for compliant businesses that meet the criteria above and dedicate a city staff person to supervise the program. This role should work in collaboration with the Garment Worker Center or LA City Office of Wage Standards.

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5. The City should provide access to resources needed to run a successful and compliant garment business including:
  - a. Educational resources for business owners, including assistance with registering and maintaining compliant businesses; trends and marketing tools; guidance on accessing benefits like health care for the workforce; and training on building collective power among LA garment factory contractors to negotiate fair contracts from brands in order to comply with minimum wage standards.
  - b. A centralized physical location in the Fashion District and other garment industry hubs by 2025 to offer these resources and ongoing support to garment businesses in LA.

We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,  
Garment Worker Center

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**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:39 PM

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Delilah Loud Los Angeles, 90004

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 01:51 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles, I have a very deep concern for the current state of LA Animal services. They are at over capacity and the animals are not getting the care they need while a lot of animals are being euthanized due to lack of resources, manpower and most of all, funding. I urge you to declare an emergency to obtain additional funding for LA Animal services. I demand that a portion of the funding to go towards the spay and neuter program in order to control the stray population of dogs and cats in LA. Thank you. Sam

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**Name:** Alma

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrei Muresianu

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 08:40 PM

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**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 09:22 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** "I want increased funding for spay/neuter." the city council must prioritize funding for spay/neuter.

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**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:14 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Naden  
**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2024 10:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 24-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of L.A. and an animal rights advocate, foster and donor, I want increased funding for spay/neuter. The current state of affairs is absolutely appalling - PLEASE do the right thing.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Los Angeles resident, I strongly urge Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council to increase LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter and increase voucher amounts so more veterinarians can participate in the city's voucher program. The lack of access to pet sterilization is greatly contributing to the severe overcrowding crisis in Los Angeles city shelters. Our treatment of animals reflects our city's character. Please don't let animals suffer under your watch.