

Communication from Public

Name: Malia
Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 05:49 PM
Council File No: 24-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I want increased funding for spay/neutering.

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Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 06:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want increased funding for spay/neuter. This is CRITICAL to stop needless animal deaths and suffering. Please!

Communication from Public

Name: Nathaniel

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 08:58 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, public parks are important to me and my family mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Do not cut funding to public parks.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 09:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our communities need safe, clean, well-maintained recreation and park facilities including Griffith Observatory operations, public astronomy programing, and free STEM educational initiatives. Please do not cut recreation and park services and do not cut the Curator position at Griffith Observatory.

Communication from Public

Name: lily waco

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 10:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to urgently appeal to you to reconsider any proposed budget cuts to funding for our local parks in Los Angeles. As a resident who deeply values the green spaces within our city, I believe that investing in our parks is not just a matter of leisure but a fundamental necessity for the well-being of our community. Our local parks serve as vital hubs for recreation, exercise, and social interaction for people of all ages and backgrounds. They are not just patches of grass and trees; they are the beating heart of our neighborhoods, where families gather for picnics, children play freely, and individuals find solace amidst the hustle and bustle of urban life. However, beyond their recreational benefits, our parks play a crucial role in enhancing the health and quality of life of LA residents. They provide accessible spaces for physical activity, promoting active lifestyles and combatting sedentary behavior, which is particularly important in a city striving to improve public health outcomes. Furthermore, our parks contribute to the environmental sustainability of our city by serving as green lungs, absorbing carbon dioxide, mitigating air pollution, and providing habitat for wildlife. In a time of increasing environmental challenges, safeguarding and expanding our green spaces is essential for the long-term health and resilience of Los Angeles. Additionally, our local parks are economic engines, driving tourism, enhancing property values, and supporting local businesses. They attract visitors from across the city and beyond, boosting revenue for nearby establishments and creating employment opportunities. Cutting funding for our parks would not only undermine these invaluable benefits but also exacerbate existing inequalities. Parks in underserved communities already face disproportionate neglect and lack of resources. Slashing their funding would only widen the gap, depriving those who need them most, of essential recreational and environmental amenities. Instead of viewing parks as expendable items in a budget spreadsheet, I urge you to recognize them as investments in the future of our city. By prioritizing funding for our local parks, you demonstrate a commitment to the health, well-being, and prosperity of all Angelenos. In conclusion, I implore you to reject any proposals to reduce funding for our parks and to explore alternative measures to balance the budget.

Let us stand together in safeguarding these precious green spaces that enrich our lives and define the character of Los Angeles. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Name: Angela Llerenas

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 10:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Mayor and City Council members, I am an employee of the Department of Animal Services for more than 25 years and have observed positive movement in the direction of saving lives. The city of Angels is determined to lead the way in Animal Welfare but in order to accomplish this we need to develop a strong foundation to achieve our dream. We need an appropriate budget to support the infrastructure needed to reach this goal. It is essential that LAAS budget receive an increase in funding, NOT a decrease. A reduction to the operating budget will have a direct influence on our ability to serve our community and save lives of shelter animals.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 07:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Fund our public parks. We do not need more funding for the police.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: We do not need more funding for violent police activity in this city. Instead of using that money for settlements caused by police ineptitude, fund the parks program and create cleaner and bigger green spaces in low income communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabi Lizzoli

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

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Comments for Public Posting: S.O.S!! Los Angeles desperately needs more spay/ neuter services!!! OUR SHELTERS ARE OVER FLOWING, RESCUE GROUPS ARE AT MAX CAPACITY, WAIT TIMES FOR SPAY/NEUTER IS TOO LONG. SOMETIMES UPTO 3MONTHS WAIT TIME TO GET AN APPOINTMENT! WE THE PUBLIC, NEED BETTER EASIER ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE SPAY/ NEUTER SERVICES IMMEDIATELY! HELP CONTROL THE ANIMAL OVER POPULATION BY PROVIDING MORE FUNDING FOR THESE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES. THANK YOU!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jami Rudofsky

Date Submitted: 05/01/2024 03:09 PM

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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. Thank you, Jami Rudofsky
Board Member of The Rescue Train www.therescuetrain.org

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Name: Callista

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 05:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, As an LA resident, and as someone who cares for the environment, I am urging the committee to restore a minimum of 80 staff positions for the LA City Department of Recreation & Parks. Many parks are already underfunded and understaffed/maintained. It is critical to public health for people to have access to natural spaces. In addition, greened spaces that can absorb rainfall will be very important as we face incoming affects from increasing CO2 and atmospheric temperature levels. I am also urging you to refrain from increasing the LAPD budget again, as resources spent towards, education, housing, nutrition, mental health, and infrastructure would relieve pressure for crime to occur. Please consider compassion for the people

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/01/2024 08:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The fact that this is about our taxpayer money we are discussing and me being at work prohibits me from being present during something that scale of importance. To me this is saying, my voice doesn't matter but my money does!!! Atrocious. 4 million residents in this city... 1 day of comment. Think about how much of a spit in our face is that to most of your residents who can't afford to take a day off work!!

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Date Submitted: 05/01/2024 10:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I strongly disagree with the proposed budget regarding the funding specifically for the LAPD. It does not make any logical sense to repeat overspending of city budget on police forces. It's damn near the definition of insanity. Which clearly, some of you are. To make it as simple as possible for your uneducated and inflated ego, let me provide you with a simple question. Instead of spending money on police who criminalize people who, very understandably so, cannot afford a home, why don't we use that money to help with housing? Why are you not fixing the root issue? And to address any concerns about homeless people being "criminals" or "dangerous people": okay sure, we can debate all day about what actually is the root issue. So does that now mean that homeless war veterans have to wait out on the streets while you debate? People are suffering from your actions and even more so from the lack of education and critical thinking that you all seem to have. No one in their right mind would believe that funding police with damn near half the city budget would be a good idea. And if you do, there's really only 3 reasons for why you, a human being whose entire job to care for ALL in this city, would accept this proposal: 1. You're getting financially sucked off to fuck everyone else over, 2. You don't actually care, or 3. you're lying and you know it. And I'm sure some of you are a vile combination of all 3. If you actually give a fuck about our people, do not accept this bullshit and defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Opel barnes

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 08:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA, I want INCREASED FUNDING for spay/neuter!

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Name: Gila Brown

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 09:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want increased funding for spay/neuter!n. The current budget is unacceptable.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: The situation in our animal shelters is beyond horrific! It should be absolutely illegal to kill adoptable animals, but our Los Angeles shelter system doesn't have the resources it needs in order to care for them. As a result, the current situation is pure animal abuse and animal cruelty. Intentionally killing an animal is a crime under penal code 597. What is occurring in Los Angeles shelters is NOT euthanasia, this is killing adoptable animals. And now the proposed budget by the mayor REDUCES funds for animal shelters. This is shameful. Please modify the budget to increase the staff and resources for our shelters and for community outreach, including the incredibly important spay and neuter programs. We need to address why so many animals are flooding into shelters. This includes DRAMATICALLY reducing breeding permits, cracking down on illegal breeding, offering free spay and neuter services and addressing the issue of pets rules in apartments. Pets are often surrendered due to owners not being allowed to keep pets at their apartment. Landlords need a combination of incentives for allowing pets and potential penalties or other punishment for unreasonable rules against allowing pets. This crisis needs to be addressed on all fronts.

Communication from Public

Name: Naydelin

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Youth Development Department (YDD) is proposed to have an 8% cut on their 3 million budget. That's right, a cut on their 3 million not 3.2 billion like the police department nor 880 million like the fire department. As a resident of CD 1 and a former participant in the LA City Youth Council through YDD, I experienced firsthand the invaluable activities and support offered by the program. None of these opportunities would have been possible with a budget cut. Access to local government literacy, job opportunities, and youth representation in LA City is already limited. YDD plays a crucial role in providing essential support to youth across all districts. We must demonstrate our support for the youth of LA and affirm that the city values their future and contributions.

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Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 11:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I see that almost half of the proposed budget is for police spending. This is a ridiculous proposal. What about parks? Education? Public works? Infrastructure? Even the streets in Beverly Hills are falling apart. Homelessness is not a police issue and is rampant. Help the people. Help the city. LAPD can't even account for the money it spends, so why the fuck would you keep spending on them?

Communication from Public

Name: NICOLE FELDMAN

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 01:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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: Kelsy

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 02:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Carleen 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. Vulnerable Angelenos shouldn't pay the price for the City's fiscal irresponsibility which includes \$20 million for police vehicles while gutting programs that support the community. Instead, the City should prioritize its funds for community resources. We support the Garment and Fashion Industry Program being developed at the City through a special task force created by Council District 1.



May 2, 2024
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Elimination of 8 positions at EWDD

Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members,

Carleen 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.** Vulnerable Angelenos shouldn't pay the price for the City's fiscal irresponsibility which includes \$20 million for police vehicles while gutting programs that support the community. Instead, the City should prioritize its funds for community resources.

We support the Garment and Fashion Industry Program being developed at the City through a special task force created by Council District 1. Garment worker members at the Garment Worker Center and the business coalition, Responsible Apparel Manufacturing Collective, 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. It is critically important to take action urgently to protect and preserve garment manufacturing jobs in Los Angeles, particularly in light of the city's DTLA 2040 Community Plan, which poses a significant threat of displacing the entire garment industry, a vital economic sector providing jobs and livelihoods for thousands of workers. By advocating for initiatives that prioritize the retention and support of garment manufacturing businesses, we can preserve these essential jobs, maintain the cultural and economic fabric of our communities, and ensure the continued viability of the garment industry in Los Angeles.

For the past six months, Garment Worker Center, local ethical & sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, Council Districts 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 through a task force. The task force's recommendations rely on open positions at EWDD. These recommendations are timely and important to the implementation of the Garment and Fashion Industry Program. **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.** 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.**

Carleen recognizes the importance of these initiatives as they align with the values of promoting fair labor practices, sustainability, and ethical manufacturing. By investing in workforce development and providing resources to support compliant businesses, the task force aims to enhance the competitiveness of the garment industry based on quality, efficiency, and sustainability, while ensuring fair treatment of workers.

The workers and businesses participating in the task force are recommending that the City:

- Ensure garment manufacturers have the necessary space for their business to succeed and ensure workers can access jobs.
- Promote the High Road of Made in LA Garments.
- Support workforce development programs for the garment industry, including training in upskilling and advanced techniques.
- Provide access to incentives to create a fair environment, given the obstacles encountered by garment factories in adhering to regulations while competing against unethical sweatshops and exploitative brands. The proposed resources are designed to bolster the sector, enhance competitiveness based on quality, efficiency, and sustainability, rather than fostering wage exploitation, and should be tied to workplace standards.
- Provide access to educational resources needed to run a successful and compliant garment business.

We urge the Los Angeles City Council to prioritize the retention and support of garment manufacturing jobs by maintaining funding for vital services and programs, including the Garment and Fashion Industry Program. The City should maintain all 8 positions at EWDD otherwise it threatens the implementation of critical initiatives aimed at fostering a fair and sustainable garment industry ecosystem. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,
Kelsy Parkhouse-Benson
Founder
Carleen

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Cunningham

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It feels insane to even have to say that we should not be cutting funding to parks. The citizens of Los Angeles present and future deserve well kept i.e well funded green and public spaces. Especially as you are trying to give more money to a police force that not only displays active disdain for the safety and humanity of this city's populace. It's honestly shameful to be trying to pass additional fund for the police especially as they are currently trying to suppress college students' first amendment rights as they brutalize these students, and cause property damage as they trash a college campus these students pay a fortune to attend. Angelenos deserve more from this city than to have to beg them to stop overfunding a police force that is constantly not only fulfilling their role to serve and protect the citizenry, but also costing us money in the lawsuits that the city must pay for their seemingly endless lawsuits. It is your duty as elected officials to listen to your constituents. So let me make this loud and clear. DO NOT CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE LAPD BUDGET. If the LAPD was a business it would've been sued out of existence before I first drew breath in this world, for all of its incompetence and malice. I know you will continue to play willfully ignorant regarding the obvious solution to defund the police, but I beg you at least have the decency to not cut the budget of an actual beneficial service to this city in order to increase the LAPD budget. LAPD's budget is the only "service" that has shown consistently it needs to be slashed and gutted from top to bottom if it is to even begin to be helpful or usable.

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Name: Ani Bukaty

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 03:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that the city does NOT cut the budget for our city parks. They are already not maintained adequately and diverting funding from them will only make this very necessary public good less maintained. If you need to cut budget anywhere, cut it from the LAPD. The city needs well maintained public parks far more than they need police doing circles in helicopters over poor neighborhoods.

Communication from Public

Name: Corinne Brothers

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 03:53 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

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Creative Director, Owner
Rule Design & Development

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Name: Garik Himebaugh

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ECO-STYLIST

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Sincerely,
Garik Himebaugh
Founder and CEO
Eco-Stylist

Communication from Public

Name: Kestrel Jenkins McGill

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 04:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This letter is in support of The Garment Worker Center's proposal including: The creation of new positions dedicated to economic and workforce development within the garment industry; establishment of WorkSource and Business Source Centers in fashion districts to support workers and businesses; preservation of all positions within the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to sustain programs like the Garment and Fashion Industry Program.



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Communication from Public

Name: Kestrel Jenkins McGill

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 04:32 PM

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

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

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate more funding towards TNR and animal rescue spay & neuter programs. The only way to slow the constant influx of strays from the street is to stop them from breeding! We have to control the population, there is no way to adopt our way out of the overpopulated animal shelters

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Holder

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles, and I use LA City Parks and Rec spaces and facilities multiple times every week. This organization budget is already underfunded and the department is currently understaffed to manage the size and complexity of parks and green spaces. Please do not cut ANY of the budget for LA City Parks. Parks are a critical human resource and need, and the various parks facilities in LA allow us to connect to nature and each other. The world, and especially LA, needs more of this. We DO NOT need more budget for policing: more helicopters, more riot gear, more vehicles— none of those things keep us safe, many of those things have been used to harm innocent city residents exercising their rights peacefully and legally, and as a voting and tax paying resident I do not want any more resources going to that department. Increase funding for the care of our natural resources and decrease police funding!

Communication from Public

Name: Chavi Keeney Nana

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