

Communication from Public

Name: Debra A Cornick

Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 06:08 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: One of my happiest school memories is going to the Griffith Observatory and hearing about the work they do there. Please continue to have programs to help channel young minds towards the future.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 06:36 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles and I have seen the overcrowded shelters, I have seen all of the animals that are strays in our city, and I realize the issue is that animals have not been spayed or neutered and are having puppies continuously, or kittens. We require funding in the city to reduce the number of animals that are being unintentionally born with no one to take care of them. As a resident, I expect that a sufficient amount of budget be allocated to help with the overcrowded shelters here in the city along with programs that help to spay and neuter both dogs and cats throughout the city of Los Angeles.

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

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA's parks are already incredibly under funded and the high rate of traffic is only making this more evident. I can't tell you the amount of times I've seen dog poop bags on trail or non-functioning toilets at a trailhead or in a park. LA has so much opportunity to invest in our incredible outdoor spaces, or literally anything other than giving more funds to police. Angelino's want to get outside. That's so clear. Invest in what the people actually want.

Communication from Public

Name: Ivy Ramirez

Date Submitted: 05/01/2024 02:24 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 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 we must 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 facing a shelter overcrowding crisis of unprecedented proportions, and the consequences are dire. Too many animals are paying the ultimate price because we failed 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: don tinling

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:54 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you Councilmembers for your civic services. This is not the time to make budget cuts for our parks and recreation facilities. There are so few ways that citizens engage with each other in person to build community in these post covid days of electronic advancements. Please do not provide our citizenry of the best services available to them in our few community building spaces. Our communities need safe, clean, well-maintained recreation and park facilities including Griffith Observatory's operations, public astronomy programming, and free STEM educational initiatives like our School Programs, which serve tens of thousands of students every year. I implore you not to diminish our lives together with this type of budget cuts.

Communication from Public

Name: allison takido

Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 10:21 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut or decrease finding for our public parks. Public Parks as we know are a benefit and a humane service that need our care and funding. Parks in LA need the funds they have and are often already in disarray in some form. Please I urge you to represent the public interest and love for our parks and help them stay beautiful and functioning and find the funds you need to cover elsewhere.

Communication from Public

Name: David Bassett

Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 12:36 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File # 24-0600 (Griffith Observatory) Distinguished Members of the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee: The Griffith Observatory and park are important to Los Angeles, to California, and to our nation. On May 1st(2024), during the afternoon and evening, I observed thousands of visitors appreciating the beauty and magnificence of the park and the wonder of the Observatory. Beaches are fantastic, but the observatory and park draw children, families, teens, and young adults, as well as some senior citizens like me to gather in a unique celebration. I hope that you recommend the continuation of full staffing and funding for Griffith Observatory. Sincerely, David Bassett 624 Essex Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Christinee
Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 01:08 PM
Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members, The Wellness Feed 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. 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 and sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, Council District 1, Council District 14, multiple city departments, 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 the Economic and Workforce Development Department (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. The Wellness Feed 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 tied to workplace standards to create a fair environment and bolster the sector, rather than fostering wage exploitation. 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. 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. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives. Sincerely, Lindsay Christinee
Founder / CEO The Wellness Feed



May 5, 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,

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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.**
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- 3) A WorkSource Center and Business Source Center pop up in the fashion industry to provide support to workers and businesses.**

The Wellness Feed 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 tied to workplace standards to create a fair environment and bolster the sector, rather than fostering wage exploitation.
- 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. 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. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Christinee
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