

Communication from Public

Name: JD Cat Lady

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing half of the city's animal shelters as part of the new budget is the stupidest thing I've ever heard. Shelters in LA are constantly filled, especially in the summer. Shelters require volunteers outside of the system just to barely function. Absolutely insane anyone would think this is a good idea. You should be ashamed suggesting it as a viable solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Melisa

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is unacceptable that LA wants to shut down 3 Animal Shelters in Los Angeles area. We need more support from the government for a solution to help all the abandon animals that we have and to help people take care of their pets. The costs for having a pet lately have been enormously increased and it's hard for people to keep them. In the last years, people dropping off their pets and abandoning them have been increased and the solution is NOT euthanize them or shut down the shelters. We need to take action into this and save our animals. STOP killing animals as a solution.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council not to slash funding for Los Angeles' animal shelters. Displaced and abandoned animals already suffer tremendously from human negligence and climate disasters; the least we can do is to keep shelters running so they might have a safe(r) place to stay in the interim.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Pascoe

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council, I urgently call on you to immediately halt the proposed closure of three Los Angeles animal shelters and the layoff of 92 essential shelter staff—a devastating move that threatens both the welfare of our city’s animals and the livelihoods of those who care for them. Our shelter system is already operating beyond capacity. These cuts would push it into a full-blown crisis, resulting in more animals abandoned on the streets, fewer adoptions, increased suffering, and a tragic rise in euthanasia rates. These are not just statistics—these are living beings who deserve compassion, care, and a chance at life. Eliminating these vital resources is not a solution—it’s a moral failure. Dedicated shelter workers who serve on the frontlines of animal care will lose their jobs. Community members will lose a critical public service. And our neighborhoods will feel the impact as more stray, injured, and vulnerable animals are left with nowhere to go. We implore you to reconsider this harmful proposal and explore alternative budget solutions that do not sacrifice the safety and dignity of innocent animals or the livelihoods of hardworking Angelenos. There are other paths forward—paths that protect both fiscal responsibility and the values of our city. If these shelters close, countless dogs and cats will suffer and die. They will be left without sanctuary, without care, and without hope. The people of Los Angeles will not stand by while this happens. Please—protect our shelters, our workers, and the animals who rely on them. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Horowitz

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am begging that you please not close any animal shelters???? or take any money away from animal shelters or firing any staff or shelter system is already broken enough and all the shelters are already overcapacity and so many beautiful innocent dogs are being euthanized for space.. It's so crushing to watch for so many of us. Dogs are man's best friend and deserve better treatment. Karen Bass has not delivered on her promise to help shelter dogs... as it is there are too many people who are irresponsible and apathetic dump their dogs in a shelter because they changed their mind or they had a baby or whatever lame excuse they have we really should be charging \$\$\$ to all the irresponsible people who give up their dogs.. please please please do not close the shelters or take money away from the already short staff at the shelters. Thank you. Joanne Horowitz??

Communication from Public

Name: Luella

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:04 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not take away funding for senior citizens' programs, particularly ONEgeneration. Seniors have worked all their lives, paid taxes, and voted. They deserve to have local government provide programs and activities for their retirement years. As the senior community continues to grow government must continue to look for ways to provide future funding, not cutbacks. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Auri Jackson

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am absolutely incensed that the Mayor's office is proposing to eliminate the landmark Climate Emergency Mobilization Office. Climate work, preparation, and advocacy is what we need to be focusing on to be a resilient city so we can be prepared in a warming world. It is unconscionable that the city wants to forfeit the \$750,000 of grant funding already awarded to CEMO and try to shutter this office, especially in light of the recent LA wildfires. We must continue the vital work of CEMO to make sure we are prepared for future disasters and the challenges of extreme weather. Many Angelenos live near oil and gas wells that are leaking hazardous chemicals that impact our health as Los Angeles has the most urban oil wells in the nation. Downsizing the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas and eliminating positions that oversee pollution from oil wells in the city and work to phase out urban oil drilling is a threat to our health and safety. CEMO can not be cut from the LA budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Pablo R Escobar

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am Pablo, Direct of Legal Services for 1736 Family Crisis Center. CIFD Funding must not be diminished as it is the life blood of vital programs that benefit the most vulnerable in our city. Annually, at least 9,000 survivors in Los Angeles are unable to secure a safe bed, Los Angeles County reports fewer than 1,000 beds dedicated to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, including the City's 567 beds specifically for GBV survivors. Without CIFD funding, the number of available City beds will decrease dramatically. According to the 2024 Homeless Count, 41% of adults experiencing homelessness have also experienced domestic violence or intimate partner violence (DV/IPV) in their lifetime. This is a higher percentage than those with mental health (26%) or substance use (25%) challenges, both of which are often seen as primary contributors to homelessness. 1736 Family Crisis Center's DV Program not only provides crisis intervention through our 24-hour hotlines/DART program and confidential emergency shelters but also provides victims with supportive care including case management, mental health, legal, and housing services, ensuring that victims move forward towards a stable life while healing. These additional services are provided free of charge through leveraged funding sources that combined with Survivor Services System funding creates a holistic supportive environment. DV shelter providers are a vital part of the solution to homelessness. Reducing current and future funding for victim services will only exacerbate homelessness and strain public systems, including social services and law enforcement. The Survivor First program, a component of Survivor Services, achieved a 94% housing retention rate for survivors of intimate partner violence. We cannot allow our progress to be destroyed. Thank you. o Cuts to the Survivor Services System would directly impact the more than 8,000 victims 1736 Family Crisis Center serves each year. Cuts to the Survivor Services System would reduce our ability to provide our program's robust service offerings and drastically limit the number of victims we can assist.

Communication from Public

Name: Susanna Bjornsson

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I adamantly oppose the closing of ANY shelter providing animals the option of being nursed back to health and adopted! This State, as well as most every County in it, has been GROSSLY mismanaged. Every county official should be ashamed at the state of affairs. And Karen Bass, how dare you fund programs that serve little to no real purpose and propose the closing of animal shelters. If I could allocate my tax \$ to animals, I surely would. May the thought of hundreds and thousands of euthanized animals literally keep you up at night. DO BETTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hope everyone who voted for you mourn the day they checked that box.

Communication from Public

Name: Cal Soto

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding Los Angeles' worker centers is a devastating blow to our city's resilience, economy, and moral compass. These centers are lifelines for immigrant workers—many of whom are already rebuilding communities like the Palisades, Altadena, and Pasadena after wildfires this year. Day laborers account for a large percentage of disaster recovery workforces nationwide. Cutting their access to safety training, fair wages, and health resources jeopardizes not only their well-being but our city's ability to recover from climate-driven crises. Worker centers are also a fiscal investment. For every \$1 allocated to these programs, studies show a \$2.50 return in local economic activity via wages spent in communities and reduced reliance on public aid. Yet the proposed funding for worker centers stands in stark contrast to LAPD's massive budget, despite police misconduct settlements costing taxpayers \$122 million in 2023 alone. Redirecting a minuscule percentage of LAPD's budget could fully restore worker center funding. This is not a question of affordability but of priorities. These centers are more than job hubs: 82% of day laborers rely on them for OSHA training, wage theft prevention, and healthcare access, per UCLA Labor Center data. Without this infrastructure, exploitation surges—50% of day laborers report wage theft when working outside centers. Defunding them abandons 50,000+ workers in LA County to unsafe conditions, undermining the city's "sanctuary" promises. Los Angeles thrives because of immigrants, who make up 35% of our population and 44% of the labor force. To slash funding while relying on their labor to rebuild fire-ravaged neighborhoods is hypocrisy. It also contradicts California's \$75 million investment in immigrant inclusion just this year. Do not capitulate to austerity politics that punish the vulnerable. Reinstatement worker center funding to uphold our values, strengthen disaster preparedness, and invest in an equitable recovery. The world is watching: Will LA stand with its workers, or side with those who criminalize survival?

Communication from Public

Name: Lucille Liu

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:55 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Once again the city continues to not only fail its constituents but the animals that dwell within it. The homeless billions of dollars that have literally disappeared into thin air have NEVER been accounted for but yet you continue to ask for more taxes, more measures to combat a leaking hole. Meanwhile, as you have squandered our dollars our city....innocent shelter animals are being killed on a daily basis. All of them are being stuffed into corners filled with feces and urine and now you are wanting to close 3 of the shelters. When we already have a problem and actually need MORE shelters to be opened, you want to close them. DO NOT CLOSE THE ANIMAL SHELTERS. Find other areas to cut, like the salaries of those running LAHSA and LADWP. Maybe try and retrieve some of the money from Upward Bound House and other places that LAHSA gave contracts to. OUR TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN WASTED WITH ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY. Do not punish the animals because of the cities inability to manage their money....

Communication from Public

Name: Beverly Grossman Palmer

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter regarding the Los Angeles City Health Commission.

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April 25, 2025

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Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Council Member Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee
Council Member Tim McCosker
Council Member Bob Blumenfield
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Re: City of Los Angeles Health Commission, Council File 25-0600

Honorable Mayor Bass, Council Member Harris-Dawson and Yaroslavsky, and Clerk Santos:

This firm writes on behalf of Michael Weinstein and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation regarding a recent budget proposal to eliminate funding for the Los Angeles City Health Commission (Health Commission). The purpose of this letter is to explain the origin of the Health Commission and why the proposal to strip the Health Commission's limited funding would be illegal.

The Health Commission is an advisory commission to the Los Angeles City Council which meets monthly and issues an annual report. Its work has included threats from the COVID 19 virus and the prevalence and danger of subsequent iterations of the virus; personal and public health implications of homelessness along with pragmatic solutions; infectious diseases; readiness of paramedics and first responders to fires and major events like the Olympics; medication shortages; STD / HIV testing resources; maternal and child health; outreach and education on measles, meningitis, typhus, West Nile virus, and reproductive health; healthy living; emergency medical services; food insecurity and the Affordable Care Act implementation.

The Health Commission was created by a successful initiative petition. That petition, of which Mr. Weinstein was a proponent, was filed on April 14, 2014, with over 100,000 signatures. (See Exhibit A [May 8, 2014 Certification of Sufficiency].) The initiative petition was certified as sufficient and was presented

to the Los Angeles City Council. On May 27, 2014, the Los Angeles City Council adopted Ordinance No. 183093, codifying the initiative petition. (See Exhibit B.)

Thus, the Health Commission was established not by decision of the Council but as the result of a citizen's initiative. The Council's May 2014 adoption of the Ordinance No. 183093 was one of two legally permissible responses to the initiative petition – the only alternative to putting the measure on the ballot. Under Charter Section 464, the initiative may not simply be “amended” by Council. The initiative establishing the Health Commission allows for amendments only “to further its purposes,” and requires an ordinance with a two-thirds vote, upon 30 days notice to the Health Commission.

Ordinance No. 183093 (codified in the Los Angeles Administrative Code) requires that “[t]he Commission shall be staffed and funded at a level necessary to fulfill the functions and requirements of the Commission.” The functions of the Commission include the preparation of an annual health services plan addressing “the health needs of the City, specific goals for improving health in the City, and a strategic plan to meet those goals.” The Commission is also required to prepare and present reports to the City Council on progress on meeting health goals, and conduct reviews of health services contracts. These functions require that the Commission be provided a minimal amount of City administrative support so that its members can convene public meetings that satisfy the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act in the performance of its functions.

Removing all funding for support of the Commission would certainly constitute an “amendment” of the initiative. “A statute which adds to or takes away from an existing statute is considered an amendment . . . [or] ‘a legislative act designed to change some prior or existing law by adding or taking from it some particular provision.’” (*Franchise Tax Bd. v. Cory* (1978) 80 Cal.App.3d 772, 776-777.) Removing the Health Commission's funding would “take away” from the initiative's specific commandment that City provide funding sufficient for the Commission to achieve its statutory purposes.

Indeed, the only time that the initiative was amended, it was to increase the City's ability to provide funding to the Health Commission. The initiative provided that funding could not come from the General Fund. (See Exhibit B.) However, this proved problematic and in May 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 183500, which created a City Health Commission Trust Fund, but also amended the initiative to allow the City to utilize the General Fund to fund the Health Commission, at its option. (See Exhibit C.) Reading the current language of the provisions together, the City is obligated to fund the Commission, and while it is not obligated to fund it from the General Fund, it

may do so. Removing funding for the Commission entirely would nullify its existence and prevent its operation, “amending” the initiative to preclude any effect.

The Health Commission already receives almost no funding from the City. It simply receives support from the City Clerk and City Attorney, along with technological support in running its meetings. Removing this funding will incapacitate the Health Commission, reduce the information available to the public and Council regarding health outcomes in the City, and save very little funds. Worst, it would violate the people’s right of initiative.

The initiative’s proponent is prepared to enforce the rights of the people to maintain their measure in force, and to seek judicial intervention if necessary to ensure that the Health Commission retains the very modest level of funding necessary to continue conducting its public meetings and preparing annual reports on highly consequential public health issues.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beverly Grossman Palmer".

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EXHIBIT A

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA



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Office of the
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May 8, 2014

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Certification of Sufficiency of an Ordinance Initiative Petition Regarding
Creation of a City Health Commission**

Honorable Members:

On April 14, 2014, in accordance with Charter Section 451, an Initiative Petition entitled Creation of a City of Los Angeles City Health Commission. Initiative Ordinance, containing 102,966 signatures, was filed with the Office of the City Clerk, for which 61,486* valid signatures were required. As provided in City of Los Angeles Election Code Section 711 (b), a random sampling of five percent (5%) or 5,148 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the entire Initiative Petition.

Of the random sample of 5,148 signatures, more than 3,380 were required to be valid in order for the Initiative Petition to qualify as sufficient. Based on the examination of the signatures compared with the voter registration records maintained by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, a total of 3,386 valid signatures were identified. Thus, I have determined that the Initiative Petition is SUFFICIENT, and I hereby present the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council.

Charter Section 452 provides that the Council must take one of three actions within 20 days of the transmittal of the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance, without alteration; or
2. Call a special election to be held not earlier than 110 days nor more than 140 days after Council action on the petition to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City; or

* This number reflects 15% of total votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected (May 21, 2013) prior to the time the petition was filed.

3. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the earlier of the following two elections that occurs more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition:
 - a. The next regular City election, or
 - b. A special election consolidated with the next election conducted by the County of Los Angeles occurring wholly or partially within the same area provided that the voters eligible to vote in the County-conducted election comprise 100% of all the voters eligible to vote on the measure.

Option 1 would adopt the proposed ordinance without alteration and avoid the necessity and cost of an election.

Option 2, ordering a City special election, is not recommended as it would be more expensive than consolidating with the County's next election. The cost of a standalone City election is approximately \$5.5 million.

Option 3 speaks to placing the matter at the earlier of either a) the next regular City election, or b) the next election conducted by the County of Los Angeles at which all City voters are eligible to vote. Because the next scheduled election in the County is the November 2014 Statewide General Election, and that election is earlier than the next regularly scheduled City election in March 2015, exercising Option 3 would mean placing the measure on the ballot at the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election. The cost to place the first ballot measure before the electorate on the County election would be approximately \$4.4 million.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve one of the following two actions:

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance presented by the Initiative Petition proponents, without alteration; or
2. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election to be conducted by the County of Los Angeles, and request the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare funding recommendations in Fiscal Year 2014-15 to provide for the approximately \$4.4 million in City and County costs for administering the special election.

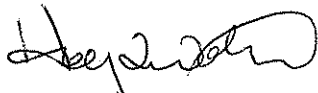
FISCAL IMPACT

To adopt the ordinance as presented incurs no election related costs. To place the matter on a City Special Election would cost approximately \$5.5 million. The cost to place the measure on the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election is approximately \$4.4 million.

Honorable Members of the
Los Angeles City Council
May 8, 2014
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A report on the financial impact to the General Fund to create and staff a new City Commission can be prepared by the CAO if the City adopts the ordinance as presented, or if it is approved by the electorate at the 2014 Statewide General Election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly L. Wolcott", written in a cursive style.

Holly L. Wolcott
Interim City Clerk

Attachments

HLW:amm
EXE-009-14

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES)

CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

**ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION: CREATION OF A LOS ANGELES CITY
HEALTH COMMISSION**

I, HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, hereby certify to the Los Angeles City Council that I have verified the signatures submitted with the Initiative Petition for the above referenced initiative ordinance, utilizing the random sampling method provided for in Election Code Section 711 (b); and further certify that the Initiative Petition is **SUFFICIENT** and that the attached summary represents a true, correct, and complete summary validation of the Initiative Petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the City of Los Angeles
this 5th day of May, 2014.




+ HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
INTERIM CITY CLERK

INITIATIVE PETITION: LA CITY HEALTH COMMISSION

Random Sample Figures

Official Count: (A) 61,486 valid signatures are required*
(B) 102,966 total signatures targeted for submission

Compute percentage of necessary valid signatures to signatures submitted:

$$\frac{61,486}{102,966} = 59.7\%$$

Draw at least a 5% random sample quantity of anticipated signatures submitted:

$$5\% \text{ of } 102,966 = 5,148$$

Apply valid signature percentage to random sample:

$$59.7\% \times 5,148 = 3,073$$

Compute 90 to 110% range of random sample valid signature amount:

$$\begin{aligned} .9 \times 3,073 &= 2,766 \\ 1.1 \times 3,073 &= 3,380 \end{aligned}$$

Determination

If less than 2,766 valid signatures, then insufficient.

If more than 3,380 valid signatures, then sufficient.

If number of valid signatures falls between 2,766 and 3,380 inclusive, then all signatures will be examined and verified.

**15% of the total votes cast for all candidates for the office of Mayor in an election at which a mayor was elected prior to the filing of the petition.*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
PETITION STATISTICS REPORT

PETITION ID: 12665 REPORT RUN DATE: 5/5/14 8:32 am
PETITION DESCRIPTION: THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH PROTECTION ACT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted	102,966
Total Sample Size	5,148 (5%)

Total Valid Signatures	3,386
Total Invalid Signatures	1,295

Total Processed	4,681
Total Not Processed	98,285

TOTAL	102,966
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BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES

<u>CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	490
CANCELED	33
FATAL PENDING	78
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	5
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	7
MISCELLANEOUS	61
NO ADDRESS	11
NOT REGISTERED	464
OUT OF DISTRICT	1
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	22
WRONG DISTRICT	122
WRONG REG DATE	1
TOTAL	1,295

Petition Statistics

5/5/2014 8:39:41AM

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH PROTECTION ACT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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FP	FATAL PENDING	
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MADD	PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	
	Total	5
MAX	MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	
	Total	7
MS	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Total	61
NADD	NO ADDRESS	
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NR	NOT REGISTERED	
	Total	464
OD	OUT OF DISTRICT	
	Total	1
SIG	MISMATCH SIGNATURE	
	Total	22
WDIST	WRONG DISTRICT	
	Total	122
WREG	WRONG REG DATE	
	Total	1
TOTAL		1,295

TOTAL VALID : 3,386

EXHIBIT B

ORDINANCE NO. 183093

An ordinance proposed by initiative petition establishing a City of Los Angeles Health Commission.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "The City of Los Angeles Health Protection Act."

Sec. 2. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose and intent of The City of Los Angeles Health Protection Act is to create the Los Angeles City Health Commission within the City of Los Angeles' government. The Commission's purpose is to determine the health needs of the people of the City of Los Angeles, determine whether those needs are being met, and to help determine the best and most cost effective ways of meeting those needs.

Sec. 3. Amendment to Division 8 of the Administrative Code of the City of Los Angeles.

(a) Chapter 22, entitled "Health Commission," is added to Division 8 of the Administrative Code of the City of Los Angeles to read:

Article 1. Creation and Organization of the Los Angeles City Health Commission.

Section 8.270.

(a) The Los Angeles City Health Commission (the "Commission") is hereby created within the government of the City of Los Angeles (the "City").

(b) The Commission is composed of fifteen (15) members. Each member of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles (the "City Council") shall appoint one member of the Commission, who shall serve as a Commission member, without compensation, for a term of one year.

(c) The Commission shall be staffed and funded at a level necessary to fulfill the functions and requirements of the Commission.

(d) The funding for the Commission shall be allocated by the City Council, in a revenue-neutral manner and not from the City's general fund.

(e) The Commission's operations shall be governed by such rules and procedures as the members of the Commission shall adopt and as required by law.

Article 2. Duties of the Commission.

Section 8.271.

(a) The Commission is empowered to and shall:

(1) Cause one or more Commission members or Commission staff members to attend all meetings, hearings, working sessions, and other events held or conducted by any and all governmental bodies, agencies, or entities of the County of Los Angeles (the "County") that formulate, debate, enact, and/or implement health policies or actions, unless otherwise prohibited by law. The City will request representation by Commission members on all relevant Los Angeles County bodies dealing with health policy where the City is not already represented on that body.

(2) Publish an annual health services plan, setting forth health information, including but not limited to, the health needs of the City, specific goals for improving health in the City, and a strategic plan to achieve those goals. The City Council shall consider and respond to the Commission's annual health services plan in a public meeting to which the Commission members and Commission staff shall be invited.

(3) Prepare and present a report, twice yearly, to the City Council evaluating the City's progress toward meeting its health goals as set forth in the Commission's annual health services plan.

(4) Review, on an annual basis, a representative sample of health services contracts executed by the County which provide health services in the City. The Commission shall report to the City Council whether these contracts maximize: (i) the quality and quantity of health services in the City, (ii) competition in the delivery of health services in the City, including maximizing competitive bidding for health service contracts, and (iii) efficiency and cost effectiveness in the delivery of health services. If the Commission finds that the contracts do not maximize these criteria, it will make recommendations to the City and the County as to how these contracts may be drafted or amended in the future to better fulfill these criteria.

Article 3. The City Council's Annual Health Services Evaluation.

Section 8.272

The City Council shall evaluate, on an annual basis, whether the health needs of its residents are best served by continuing to contract with the County to satisfy such health needs. The Council shall, at such time as it deems appropriate, study and publicly report on the feasibility of returning to an independent City health department, which it had until 1964, such as those in the cities of Long Beach, Pasadena, Vernon, and Berkeley, instead of continuing to contract with the County to satisfy such health needs.

Sec. 4. Effective Date.

Except as otherwise provided herein, this ordinance shall become effective the day after its approval by the voters.

Sec. 5. Conflicting Measures.

This measure is intended to be comprehensive. It is the intent of the people of the City that in the event this measure and one or more measures relating to the same subject shall appear on the same City-wide ballot, the provisions of the other measure or measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure receives a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety, and all provisions of the other measure or measures shall be null and void.

Sec. 6. Liberal Construction.

This measure is an exercise of the public power of the people of the City for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City, and shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.

Sec. 7. Amendment and Repeal.

This measure may be amended to further its purposes by ordinance passed by a two thirds vote of the City Council and signed by the Mayor of the City, after at least thirty (30) days' notice has been provided to the Commission.

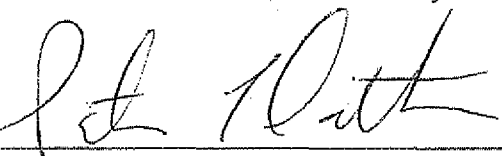
Sec. 8. Severability.

If any provision of this measure, or part thereof, or the applicability of any provision or part to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions and parts shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions and parts of this measure are severable. The voters hereby declare that this measure, and each portion and part, would have been adopted irrespective of whether any one or more provisions or parts are found to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of MAY 27 2014.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By 
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By _____

Date _____

File No. 14-0596

Said ordinance was presented to the Mayor on MAY 28 2014; the Mayor returned said ordinance to the City Clerk on JUN 10 2014 without his approval or his objections in writing, being more than ten days after the same was presented to the Mayor.

Said ordinance shall become effective and be as valid as if the Mayor had approved and signed it. (Section 250(b), City Charter)

EXHIBIT C

ORDINANCE NO. 183500

An ordinance adding a new Chapter 124 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a City Health Commission Trust Fund and amending Chapter 22, Section 8.270(d) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove funding restrictions applicable to the City Health Commission.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Chapter 124 is added to Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 124

CITY HEALTH COMMISSION TRUST FUND

Sec. 5.524. Creation and Administration of the Fund.

(a) There is hereby created in the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles a special fund to be known as the "**City Health Commission Trust Fund**" (**Fund**).

(b) The purpose in establishing the Fund is for the receipt, retention and disbursement of any monetary gift, contribution, bequest or grant. Any offer of a gift, contribution, bequest or grant to the City for the purposes set forth in this chapter shall be submitted to the City Council for acceptance or rejection.

(c) The monies in the Fund shall be used for the exclusive purpose of offsetting the City's administrative and overhead costs associated with the operations of the City Health Commission, including, but not limited to, budgetary salaries for staff, offices, furnishings supplies and equipment, as well as costs and expenses.

(d) All interest and other earnings attributable to monies in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund.

(e) The Fund shall be administered by the City Clerk. Funds not disbursed in any fiscal year shall remain in the Fund and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund.

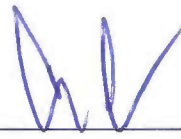
Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of Section 8.270 of Chapter 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(d) The General Fund of the City shall not be obligated to finance any cost or expenses associated with the operation or management of the City Health Commission. However, nothing shall preclude the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, from appropriating funds for such purposes to the City Health Commission.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of APR 1 2015.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

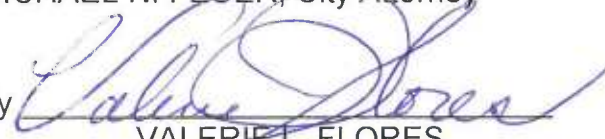
By  Deputy

Approved 4/8/15


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 
VALERIE L. FLORES
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Date March 4, 2015

File No. 14-0596

DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

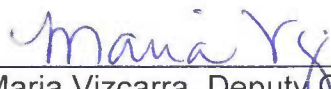
I, MARIA VIZCARRA, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 183500 – Adding a new Chapter 124 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) establishing a City Health Commission Trust Fund and amending Chapter 22, Section 8.270(d) of the LAAC - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on April 1, 2015, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on April 10, 2015 I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of the three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on April 10, 2015 and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 10th day of April, 2015 at Los Angeles, California.



Maria Vizcarra, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: May 20, 2015

Council File No. 14-0596

Communication from Public

Name: Cheryl

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently opposed to your proposed budget cut to LA Animal Shelters. There are many other ways to cut the budget. DO NOT take money away from vulnerable animals. Many defenseless animals will die if their budgets are reduced. It is cruel and unnecessary and soulless.

Communication from Public

Name: Kirsten Rosenberg

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:17 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am horrified by Mayor Bass' proposal to slash funding for animal services and close several city shelters. Absolutely no one with any compassion or knowledge of LA's already beleaguered, overwhelmed shelters thinks this is wise. Not only will it result in far more adoptable animals being euthanized, it could also be detrimental to public safety with more stray animals left to fend and roam on the streets. This is absolutely the wrong service to gut! Thank you. Kirsten Rosenberg

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa M

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to plead with officials to reconsider the proposed budget for LA Animal Services. The current shelter budget is insufficient to effectively and compassionately manage animal welfare in the city's shelters -- to slash it further is insanity that will literally jeopardize more lives. As one of the "most progressive" cities in the world, it is shameful how government officials, particularly the mayor's office, treat animals and continue to ignore constituents' please. As a long time resident of Los Angeles, there is no greater issue for me than the compassionate and appropriate handling of animals in our city. I voted for Mayor Bass in the first election and am eager to vote her and any allies out in the following election if an actionable and humane animal welfare plan cannot be reached that takes rescuers' and citizen's concerns into consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Periel Stanfield

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I call on Mayor Bass, the Budget and Finance Committee and the L.A. City Council to immediately revise the budget to appropriate sufficient funding for our animal shelters. It is an outrage that Mayor Bass has proposed cuts to the Department of Animal Services when the department has been and continues to be in an absolute crisis. We need MORE funding not less. We need more shelter workers not less. Our shelters are overflowing with adoptable animals that are being KILLED for no valid reasons. They are being killed because there is not enough room to house them all yet Mayor Bass in her infinite LACK of wisdom proposes CLOSING HALF of the shelters!! Such a draconian measure would undoubtedly result in massive slaughter of shelter animals, animals being abandoned in the streets, getting hit by cars, causing accidents, biting people. It will be chaos and pandemonium. L.A. will resemble a 3rd world country. What will be next? Using the over-bloated police budget to shoot dogs in the streets?? The Mayor's budget has a line item called "Other Special Purpose Funds" which has a massive budget yet there is not an itemization of what these funds will be spent on. Perhaps this is a "slush fund" to be used at the Mayor's discretion. I don't know but what I do is that funds from that budget and others such as "cultural events", library and others need to be moved into Animal Services. We can survive without a bunch of unnecessary "cultural events", parades, etc. but we cannot tolerate animals being killed and dying due to inadequate shelter space, staff, food, medication and supplies. Books don't feel fear and pain. We have enough books in our libraries. It's plain wrong to give more funding for inanimate objects than for living beings. L.A. is an animal loving city. For a large percentage of us, pets are family. Sadly, many people are irresponsible and add to the problem of shelter overcrowding but the answer is not closing shelters, it's public education and MORE services and programs for our animals. Do the right thing and fund our shelters so that our animals can survive and thrive not suffer and die. Thank you- Periel Stanfield

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine Livesey-Fassel

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Aware of the budget constraints under which our city is burdened, this citizen and long time animal advocate is profoundly concerned at the possibility that we might have to close some Animal Shelters. I am aware that we only have 6 Shelters and even these are not now meeting the needs of our current number of homeless dogs and cats (and some smaller animals) and that possibly 3 might now be cut. This would be beyond devastating as euthanasia/killing would occur and even more of these dear sentient creatures would be sacrificed . Needless to say, I oppose this and plead with you to do all possible to stop such closures. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Angel

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to stand with the Department on Disability and oppose any proposed cuts to its programs and staff. These cuts don't just affect numbers on a budget sheet—they directly impact the lives of Angelenos who rely on emergency response, digital accessibility, HIV prevention, language access, and vital community support services. Disability is already one of the most marginalized identities in our society. Slashing funding only deepens that marginalization. At a time when we should be moving forward—toward equity, inclusion, and justice—we cannot afford to go backward. Los Angeles must stand apart from the current wave of neglect and mistreatment toward those in need. We must lead with compassion and commitment, not compromise. Our city's integrity is reflected in how we support our most vulnerable. Let's get this right.

Communication from Public

Name: Kacie LaGuire

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts for animal services in Los Angeles. The decision to lay off critical staff and close multiple shelters will have devastating consequences for the safety and well-being of both people and animals in our city. The loss of animal care technicians will result in more sick and injured animals being left untreated, increasing their risk of death. Eliminating animal control officer positions poses a serious safety risk to both the public and animals. Cutting the Public Relations team will eliminate crucial visibility for adoptable animals and the shelters overall, further reducing adoption rates. Los Angeles is already facing a deadly overpopulation and shelter overcrowding crisis. These proposed cuts will inevitably lead to a higher euthanasia rate for animals who could otherwise be adopted, but are instead at risk of being put down due to limited space and resources. Reductions to medical teams will slow intake exams and reduce the number of spay/neuter surgeries performed - worsening the overpopulation issue. Low-cost spay/neuter services are essential to controlling the animal population, and defunding these services will have serious long-term consequences. Funding for the canine enrichment services contract is also critical. These services help keep dogs mentally and physically healthy, improving their chances of adoption. Without this support, dogs will deteriorate more quickly, making it harder for them to find homes and increasing the likelihood they'll be euthanized. Cutting public services and administrative support will create significant delays in processing adoptions, fosters, and other inquiries - further hindering efforts to reduce overpopulation and connect animals with safe, loving homes. I urge LA County to allocate the available \$5 million in funds to maintain essential services, prevent mass euthanasia, and avoid the closure of animal shelters. The lives of thousands of animals, and the safety of our communities, depend on it.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Jirik

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas does critical and time sensitive work for the City. We can't afford budget cuts and staff layoffs and expect that this important work will still get done. Please reconsider cutting this program.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fund the Public Bank Feasibility Study. My name is Norma Santa Cruz, and I'm a Senior Technical assistant Associate at Inclusive Action For The City. The LA City Council has approved funding for the public bank feasibility study. I urge the Council to immediately fund the next phase. This plan will outline how LA can use its own balance sheet to save money, cut borrowing costs, and reinvest in priorities like affordable housing, green energy, small businesses, and community development. As LA faces a \$1 billion budget deficit and thousands of union jobs at risk – this is urgent. Delays will keep costing the city billions in debt service and finance costs. It's time to stop sending public money to Wall Street, reinvest it in our communities, and help prevent future budget deficits. Thank you all! Norma Santa Cruz

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Writing to you as a member of your district in hopes that you can advocate for your many constituents that are very upset and disappointed in the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to Animal Services. LA Animal services is desperate for MORE funding and cutting these funds, closing shelters and firing staff is detrimental to the voiceless animals of la county. It is cruel and unjust. Please advocate against these cuts on behalf of your constituents and the animals. So many more vulnerable animals will be killed if this happens.

Communication from Public

Name: Toni

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: For many years I fostered for SPCALA and I was flabbergasted by the lack of support and staff for the shelter. It appears to have grown worse since then. It would not only be a grave disservice for the residents but especially for the animals who depend on the shelter workers to help and care and protect them from the abuse and neglect that they face on the streets. They are after all God's creatures and deserve to have a chance at life.

Communication from Public

Name: Sydney OToole

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I whole-heartedly oppose the proposed cuts to the Department of Disability. Cuts like these will negatively impact services we so desperately need.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Callobre

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:04 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Mayor and City Council to reconsider the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. My dog Emmylou, adopted from an LA shelter, has been with me for 10 years through thick and thin - we were single girls in a tiny apartment together, and she's seen me change jobs, meet my husband, get married, buy a home, and has always been the first cornerstone of the family I'm now growing. She gave a shy young woman the confidence to go out into the world, and I try to emulate her "never met a stranger" attitude everywhere I go. I truly don't know what my life would look like if Harbor Shelter hadn't taken her in as a stray off the street, cut the dirty and matted hair from her, and housed and fed her for nearly a month before I saw her profile online and went to adopt her. Reduced budgets would mean dogs like her wouldn't have a chance; she'd likely have been euthanized early in her stay at a shelter and would never have gone on to profoundly touch my life. Every year on her adoption anniversary I make a donation to Harbor Shelter in her honor, but donations alone can't make up for the neglect, abuse, overpopulation, and financial strains that land dogs like Emmylou in shelters through no fault of their own. Humans' actions have devastating effects on these animals' lives, but we can make enormous differences in the lives of the pets that come through shelters - even giving them just a bit of time and some food is all they need. The amount of funding required to give the shelter system a fighting chance is relatively tiny. Please, please give dogs like Emmylou a chance to love and be loved.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Wong

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of The Anti Recidivism Coalition, we write in strong support of a critical element in Mayor Bass's proposed budget: the \$2.7 million allocation for the LA:RISE program. LA:RISE is a proven and transformative initiative that connects individuals experiencing homelessness, reentry, or chronic unemployment with meaningful employment and the long-term support necessary to succeed. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to maintain this funding. LA:RISE has already changed thousands of lives—and many more Angelenos still rely on this pathway to stability and opportunity. Preserving this investment is essential to advancing economic equity and supporting some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, as the City considers consolidating the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), we urge you to ensure that this process does not result in the loss of critical leadership and institutional knowledge. In a time of significant economic uncertainty, strong and experienced leaders are essential to guiding this work forward. The futures of those we serve—and the values of equity, dignity, and opportunity that define Los Angeles—depend on your continued leadership and commitment.

Communication from Public

Name: Christian Seabaugh

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:17 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing the animal shelters is borderline criminal. There are already too few in LA City. The shelters are overwhelmed, understaffed, underfunded, and you want to...cut more? That makes zero sense. Other major cities (like New York!) have figured out this problem, why can't you?

Communication from Public

Name: Russell

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am very disappointed to see the city cutting the animal services budget. These animals rely on the critical services through no fault of their own. So little can go so far for the animals. Please reconsider reallocating funds to further support animal shelters in LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:14 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, I am a volunteer at one of the city shelters and I am writing you to please reconsider the proposed budget cuts to the LA shelters. It is difficult to express how poor the current situation is - overcrowding, understaffing, animals getting sick, animals getting killed for space with fake justifications. The inhumanity of it all would make you think that, if anything, the city would be working to increase resources to stop the crisis that we have now been in for years. It is absolutely astounding that anyone would think that doing the opposite would be an option. Hundreds (likely thousands) of dogs and cats will lose their lives with the proposed cuts; the already under resourced staff will be further reduced; volunteers and rescues will find themselves with too much on their plates to make any kind of dent. Los Angeles is supposed to be a bastion of upholding the right values, especially for the voiceless. Please, don't allow innocent lives to go to waste.

Communication from Public

Name: Whitney

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass Mayor Bass's budget cut proposal for the animal shelter. Closing a few shelters will make the ongoing problem worse. What is her solution if she's opposed to spay and neuter sites? How does budget cuts solve the issues she said she would fix?

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Isenberg

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my opposition to the slashing of budgets and stuff for animal welfare in Los Angeles. Los Angeles animals are already subject to high kill rates. We owe them much more than this. Please find another place to cut money from. Perhaps from salaries or perhaps, from events planning or somewhere else. Animals are not a luxury. They are our responsibility. I say this as a dog owner who adopted my dog from the East Valley shelter. Before I did that, I looked at dogs in several of Los Angeles is shelters. Shelter staff were helpful in matching me with a dog that I could care for for life. As I sit here right now, with my friendly pit mix, my beloved companion of the past nine years, I can't imagine leaving her to the streets or euthanizing her as might well have happened under such policies. The need is great. Please don't make the need worse by cutting off funds to these innocent animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Itzel Canada

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fund the Public Bank Feasibility Study. My name is Itzel Canada, and I'm a LA resident and representative of Inclusive Action for the City organization. The LA City Council has approved funding for the public bank feasibility study. I urge the Council to immediately fund the next phase. This plan will outline how LA can use its own balance sheet to save money, cut borrowing costs, and reinvest in priorities like affordable housing, green energy, small businesses, and community development. As LA faces a \$1 billion budget deficit and thousands of union jobs at risk – this is urgent. Delays will keep costing the city billions in debt service and finance costs. It's time to stop sending public money to Wall Street, reinvest it in our communities, and help prevent future budget deficits.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily D.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed closure of three animal shelters in the Los Angeles region is not only deeply concerning—it is a decision that would have devastating ethical and humanitarian consequences. At a time when our city is already facing immense economic hardship, eliminating these shelters would result in the loss of countless jobs and, more tragically, the lives of thousands of vulnerable animals who rely on these facilities for safety and care. There are reportedly \$5 million in available funds—funds that could and should be used to prevent these closures and protect both the workers and the animals whose futures are at stake. Turning a blind eye to this crisis is a failure in leadership, and the people of this city are watching. We urge you to act now—compassionately and responsibly—before irreparable harm is done. This community does not support such a decision, and we will remember those who chose to stand by silently in the face of such cruelty.

Communication from Public

Name: Elayna Seabaugh

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close ANY animal shelters. They are already so underfunded. We have hoards of helpless animals being dropped off at shelters every single day. Shelters are needed! We even need so many more! How could you even propose to do this? This is ridiculous. What are our tax payments even going towards then? How is it that Los Angeles hasn't figured this out?

Communication from Public

Name: Balmore M.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to urge LA CITY officials to keep the funds that help the DAY LABOR CENTER continue to provide services to our community and support jornaleros provide great support and assist in projects to make private homes, businesses and individuals better. I have been to their Centers many times and I find it irrational to cut our public funding to this city program. Think about it: Labor centers help private citizens find the right person for their needs like repairing a home or help rebuild a small or medium business. They can be of great help to rebuild the city in a different way if you know how to redirect their resources in a smart and strategic way. I'll tell you how: Labor Centers and help the City redirect all these great workers exactly to where they are needed in their communities. LA traffic is killing the city. Hundreds of thousands of people commute to their jobs, sometimes driving hundreds of miles weekly just to get to their job. Sometimes people have to drive from their jobs operation base to where their services are needed. By providing more funds to the Day Labor Centers, you can help not only alleviate the traffic and crowded commutes, but you will ensure that Angelenos get a great service, at a fair price at home and feeling safe about who enters their home or business space because the jornaleros and domestic workers who come to the Day Labor Centers are trained, honest and hardworking people. The staff and people who run these centers are awesome people, too, and in fact, many times, they concern themselves with making sure the jornaleros/domestic workers AND the community get the mental health, general health and safety-at-work, and all the services LA CITY provides for its residents. It wouldn't be smart to defund them. Instead, provide more funding and sit down with them to discuss how you can do better and Angelenos get the most out of the help and services the Day Labor Centers give us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please maintain funding for city career positions and refrain from layoffs in youth development, disability, city planning, animal services, civil rights, human rights, equity, and transportation. Please keep CEMO. Please keep career centers (currently proposed cuts). Please, instead, cut LAPD budget, which has ballooned. Please maintain services that support civilians rather than police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jaza Shaikh

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain - understaffed, overcrowded, and struggling to provide basic care for the thousands of homeless, abandoned, and injured animals that rely on them. Cutting their budget will only worsen this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles to turn its back on its most vulnerable creatures. These shelters also serve the public - supporting pet owners, reducing stray animal populations, and protecting public health and safety. Budget cuts would limit essential services like adoptions, spay/neuter programs, and emergency response. The impact will be felt citywide. I urge you to reject any proposal that cuts funding to animal services. Instead, we should be investing in solutions that address this crisis humanely and effectively. Our city must do better - for the animals, and for the people who care about them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers and Budget Committee, I am submitting this comment as a rescue partner to Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) and an advocate for shelter animals' welfare in our city. Our organization has worked directly with LAAS to pull at-risk animals, provide urgent medical care, rehabilitation, and placement into loving homes. I am deeply concerned about the proposed budget cuts to LAAS and urge you to reconsider any reductions that would further endanger the lives of the animals in our city shelters. As it stands, LAAS is already critically underfunded, understaffed, and overburdened. Staff and volunteers are stretched to their absolute limits, trying to provide basic care to thousands of animals. The effects of the current staffing shortages are already visible: animals living in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions; delays in medical treatment; limited access to behavioral support; and an increasing rate of illness, injury, and euthanasia. Cutting the budget even further would have devastating, irreversible consequences for both the animals and the people who are committed to saving them. Through our rescue work, we see firsthand the impact of this system every day. We have pulled dogs who were deteriorating mentally and physically due to lack of enrichment, medical attention, and basic human interaction. We have taken in animals who sat in kennels for months without walks because there simply weren't enough staff or volunteers. We have paid for urgent surgeries and medical care that the city could not provide because of resource limitations. Rescue partners like us are doing everything we can, but we cannot replace a fully functioning public shelter system. The City of Los Angeles must take responsibility for the animals under its care. Slashing the LAAS budget will not save money in the long term — it will only deepen the crisis. It will increase costs associated with public health, legal liability, and community safety. It will result in mass euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals. It will destroy public trust. Instead of cutting vital services, we should be investing in solutions: hiring and retaining more staff, improving shelter conditions, funding spay/neuter and community programs, and supporting partnerships with rescues who are trying to help lighten the load. The animals in LA shelters are living beings who feel fear, pain, joy, and love. They are not line items to be erased from a budget

sheet. They are the city's responsibility — and they deserve better. Please do not balance the city's budget on the backs of the most vulnerable. Protect and fully fund LA Animal Services. Our city's values demand it, and the animals depend on it.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca H.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of three animal shelters in Los Angeles. The decision to close these shelters will have devastating consequences for the animals and the community. Firstly, the closure of shelters will lead to a significant increase in euthanasia rates. Overcrowding is already a huge issue and with fewer shelters available, it will force the remaining shelters to euthanize more animals simply to make space. This is a tragic outcome that can and should be avoided. Secondly, animal shelters provide essential services to our community. They offer a safe haven for lost, abandoned, and stray animals, giving them a chance to find loving homes. Without these shelters, many animals will be left to fend for themselves on the streets, leading to increased suffering and public health concerns. Moreover, the closure of shelters will result in the loss of jobs for dedicated staff members who work tirelessly to care for these animals. These employees are crucial to the operation and success of our animal services, and their layoffs will further strain the system. It is also important to consider the impact on community members who rely on these shelters for pet adoption, veterinary services, and support. My family has adopted all of our pets from the Harbor Animal Shelter and been grateful to have been able to give them a home. The closure of shelters will limit access to these vital resources, making it harder for people to adopt pets and receive necessary care for their animals. It is unconscionable that our taxes continue to rise while the services provided to LA citizens are being reduced. Please reconsider the proposed budget cuts and find alternative solutions that do not involve closing animal shelters. Our community and its animals deserve better and should be prioritized. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Save Day Labor Centers! Los Angeles was declared a sanctuary city- in response to the federal administration activities, which target immigrant communities & working class. How can you call this a Sanctuary City when you leave day laborers without a safe place to get employment support, information about their rights and access to resources. Restore Day Labor Funding!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my profound disappointment and strong opposition to the proposed city budget. This budget reveals a disturbing misplacement of priorities, one that will severely harm our city's most vulnerable residents and undermine essential public services. The proposed allocation of increased funding to the Los Angeles Police Department, while simultaneously cutting crucial services like street services and public works, is unconscionable. Our streets are crumbling, our infrastructure is failing, and our communities are suffering from inadequate sanitation and maintenance. These cuts will exacerbate existing problems and lead to a further decline in the quality of life for all Angelenos. Furthermore, the proposed budget fails to adequately address the city's growing liability costs, which stem in part from the very over-policing that this budget seeks to expand. Investing in preventative measures, like social services and community-based programs, would be a far more effective and fiscally responsible approach. Of particular concern is the potential defunding or weakening of the Office of Wage Standards. This office plays a vital role in protecting the rights of low-wage workers, ensuring fair compensation, and enforcing labor laws. At a time when income inequality is rampant and many Angelenos are struggling to make ends meet, dismantling this office would be a grave injustice. We need more investment in worker protections, not less. This budget proposal demonstrates a clear disregard for the needs of working-class families and a dangerous overemphasis on policing. It prioritizes the expansion of a system that has repeatedly failed to address the root causes of crime and social unrest, while neglecting the essential services that build healthy, thriving communities. I urge the City Council to reject this flawed budget and demand a revised proposal that:

- * Prioritizes funding for essential services like street services, public works, and sanitation.
- * Invests in community-based programs and social services to address the root causes of crime and inequality.
- * Strengthens and fully funds the Office of Wage Standards to protect the rights of low-wage workers.
- * Adopts a more fiscally responsible approach that reduces liability costs by investing in preventative measures.
- * Reallocates police funding into community based solutions.

The people of Los Angeles deserve a budget that reflects their needs and values. We deserve

a city that invests in its communities, protects its workers, and prioritizes the well-being of its residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Desiree sierra

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut animal shelters. There is not enough help for the animals. I don't understand how the county can loose millions of dollars for homeless and yet continue to give more money to them. We have seen you are so far incompetent in handing out this money. No reason to cut animal services.

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Estrada Jr.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Dr. Adrian Estrada Jr. and I am here representing 1736 Family Crisis Center. This is an urgent request for your help in saving vital public and community safety services that if eliminated will cause destructive harm to thousands of Angelenos seeking services through the Community Investment for Families Department's Survivors Services System. The Survivor Services System provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and other critical housing services to victims of domestic violence (DV). DV Shelter providers are a vital part of the solution to homelessness. Reducing current and future funding for victim services will only exacerbate homelessness and strain public systems, including social services. The Survivor First program, a component of Survivor Services, achieved a 94% housing retention rate for survivors of intimate partner violence. Cuts to the Survivor Services System would directly impact the more than 8,000 victims 1736 Family Crisis Center serves each year. These cuts would reduce our ability to provide our program's robust service offerings and drastically limit the number of victims we can assist.

Communication from Public

Name: Colleen Phillips
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:36 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the proposed budget cuts to the LA Department of Animal Services . This department is already severely understaffed and underfunded . The current euthanasia rate is unacceptable in a civilized society . The City of Los Angeles will have the eyes of the world on it in the upcoming World Cup and Olympics . The lives and suffering of LA's animals are more important than sporting events or diplomatic trips abroad . Thank you .

Communication from Public

Name: Black Planners of Los Angeles

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We, the Black Planners of Los Angeles (BPLA), strongly oppose the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, particularly the drastic and disproportionate cuts proposed for the City Planning Department. The deficit our City faces is not just a crisis to which we must respond, but a moment in which we must reaffirm our priorities as a fair and equitable City. Please see our attached position letter outlining our key issues and concerns. We welcome conversation with your office in the coming days to share our perspective on the impact of this proposed budget. Sincerely, The Black Planners of Los Angeles (BPLA)
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April 25, 2025

Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
Los Angeles City Council, c/o City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4801

The Black Planners of Los Angeles Strongly Opposes Proposed FY 25-26 Budget ([CF: 25-0600](#))

Honorable Yaroslavsky and the Budget and Finance Committee,

We, the Black Planners of Los Angeles (BPLA), strongly oppose the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, particularly the drastic and disproportionate cuts proposed for the City Planning Department. The deficit our City faces is not just a crisis to which we must respond, but a moment in which we must reaffirm our priorities as a fair and equitable City.

As a qualified minority employee organization within the City of Los Angeles, BPLA works towards the betterment of Black employees working within the planning profession and related fields, as well as the fair representation of communities impacted by planning policies. The proposed budget specifically targets programs that represent cornerstone issues for our organization. The elimination of these programs would only serve to exacerbate the inequalities seen across Los Angeles that are the direct result of past planning practices.

BPLA was an early and vocal advocate for many department-led equity initiatives, including the creation of a South Los Angeles field office; the establishment of the Office of Racial Justice, Equity, and Transformative Planning (ORJETP); allocating positions to the Environmental Justice Policy Unit; and efforts to accelerate the phase out of oil drilling citywide. These work programs demonstrated the City's commitment to serving historically underrepresented communities and are the culmination of decades of advocacy by Black planning professionals.

In light of the national political climate where programs that encourage or promote "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" are under threat, the City of Los Angeles must stand as a beacon to uphold those principles and the workers who advocate for them in their everyday jobs. Planners ensure that all voices, especially those from historically marginalized groups, are represented in decisions about land use, transportation, housing, and public spaces. Our work ensures that development does not disproportionately impact disadvantaged populations, but instead uplifts all residents through fair access to resources, opportunities, and a high quality of life. Additionally, the proposed layoffs target planning assistants and non-managerial staff who conduct the bulk of planning work. These layoffs would negate recent efforts to build a workforce with diverse perspectives that represent the communities that we serve.

The impacts of this proposed budget to the communities and planners we represent are profound; however, at minimum, BPLA respectfully requests that the Budget Committee amends the proposed budget to include the following items:

Preserve Transformative Planning Functions within Los Angeles City Planning:

- **Fully restore the Office of Racial Justice, Equity, and Transformative Planning (three positions)** to continue work addressing the inequitable impacts of past planning practices on underserved communities and support the ongoing operation of the South Los Angeles Field Office.

- **Fully restore the General Plan Health & Environmental Justice team (six positions)** to update the City's General Plan to meet state regulations and incorporate equity into planning practice.
- **Restore three positions for the newly established South Los Angeles Field Office** that are required to provide entitlement and public counter services in a community that has never had a physical planning presence.
- **Restore one Watts Cultural Crescent position** to assist stakeholders with planning efforts around critical cultural assets in Los Angeles that may witness intense development pressure in the near future.
- **Restore two Media Relations positions** that are essential in educating the public on planning programs and providing opportunities for civic engagement on policy making.
- **Restore two Government Relations positions** to ensure continued engagement with communities on planning proposals and planning workshops.

Save the Climate Emergency and Mobilization Office (CEMO):

- **Fully restore CEMO (six positions)**, which is proposed for deletion in its entirety. Following the region's devastating wildfire season, it is clear that the work in CEMO is required to serve our most vulnerable communities who face the impacts of climate change and extreme heat.

Restore Positions within the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas:

- **Fully restore five positions** to ensure that the City follows through on its commitment to complete an amortization study and remediation policy. Work must continue to fully disclose the harmful impacts oil operations have on our communities and take enforcement actions against bad operators.
- **BPLA is in support of the proposal to move the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas within the Department of City Planning.**

Protect Positions in the Los Angeles Civil Rights Department (CRD):

- **Add resolution authority for one LGBTQIA+ Liaison** to uplift and protect transgender, gender-expansive, Queer, and LGB Angelenos and ensure the continuation of the Transgender Advisory Council.
- **Add resolution authority for one Public Information Director I** to sustain the CRD's visibility, raise awareness of civil rights enforcement services, and reduce reliance on costly external contracting.
- **Add resolution authority for one Senior Management Analyst I** to manage the \$8.5 million L.A. REPAIR Participatory Budgeting Pilot Program.

Thank you for your consideration. For inquiries, please contact black.planners.la@gmail.com.

In Power,



Kyle Winston, President
Black Planners of Los Angeles

cc: Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Los Angeles City Council President
Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning, Los Angeles City Planning
Capri Maddox, Director, Los Angeles Civil + Human Rights and Equity
Marta Segura, Director, Climate Emergency Mobilization Office
Erica Blyther, Petroleum Administrator, Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Communication from Public

Name: A concerned constituent of Los Angeles City

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of Los Angeles City, I am urging the City Council to NOT cut funding from LA Animal Services. We are all animals. The only thing separating humans from dogs, cats, rabbits, and other animals is our ability to communicate and if these animals could talk, they would advocate for their lives. I am sending this message in hopes of giving a voice to the voiceless. As decent human beings, we need to do everything we can do protect the lives of our fellow animals. Shelters are already overcapacity and slashing funding and forcing the closing of multiple shelters across the city is cruel, inhumane, and murderous. I understand balancing budgets is difficult with parties on all sides making demands, but this is a matter of life or death. Please manage and balance the budget better without forcing the closure of life-saving services and putting innocent lives at risk. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel M.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Slashing LA Animal Services budget is abhorrent. The staff in these shelters are already overworked and underpaid, and do as much as they can with too few resources. Now you want to reduce their budget more? Make it harder for them to care for animals? Make it more challenging for people to adopt? Kill more dogs and cats? This is not what the people of LA want or deserve, and it absolutely is not what the animals deserve. This is a travesty. Do not reduce the LAAS budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeny Amaya

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Day Labor Centers provide so many important resources to our day laborers, who are essential workers to Los Angeles. They are able to provide preventative services, like pop-up health centers, to workers who otherwise wouldn't be reached. They are a space where workers are treated with dignity and compassion. Not only do they offer and connect workers to important resources in accessible ways, but they also inform workers on important topics, like safe working conditions, the English language, and labor and immigrant laws they should know about. Please put the Day Labor Centers back in your budget! The workers who use the Day Labor Centers were in the frontlines of LA's climate disasters, which will be ongoing due to climate change, meaning access to these resources is vital now more than ever! May 3rd is "El Dia del Jornalero" in LA but that means nothing if they are only being celebrated via words, not actions and material resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Glueck

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed cuts to climate-related programs in the 2025–2026 city budget (Council File 25-0600). In my opinion, as a native Angeleno, climate change helped cause the conditions that led to the destructive and deadly urban fires that Los Angeles experienced in January. Climate change will only get worse and our amazing city should not add to the situation. There will be more droughts and hurricane-force winds in our future, which will cause more fires and climate-related storms. In reality, there is never a time that we should ignore our worsening climate and reduce funding for climate-related programs, but especially not now. I urge the City Council to restore climate funding in this year's budget. Thank you for your leadership.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Fisher-Briggs

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I urge reconsideration on the lay off of the Shelter employees. The shelters are already maxed out with animals and the animals lack proper exercise and care. Please take into account the many animals that are were abandoned back in the Covid days, the strikes in the City due to the entertainment business and then the horrific fires hit this area - All affecting innocent animals. Animals need all the help they can get and these employees need the work.

Communication from Public

Name: Chiara

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a volunteer at the WLA animal shelter I am alarmed and disgusted by the proposed budget cuts for LAAS. The situation in the shelters is already dramatic for animals, staff, and volunteers. They understaffed, the animals are killed at an alarming rate, and volunteers try to fill in for the lack of personnel but new rules make it very hard. The closing of 3 shelters means that hundreds of perfectly fine animals will be killed. The lack of humanity is astounding even now, I can't imagine what it would be with the proposed cuts.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Frazier

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 01:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as Board President of Being Alive Los Angeles to express deep concern over the proposed 2025–26 City Budget cuts targeting the Department on Disability and the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office (Council File 25-0600). These proposed reductions are extreme and dangerous: - 40% of Department staff eliminated - 45% of HIV prevention funding slashed - Complete elimination of harm reduction contracts Being Alive Los Angeles, founded in 1986, supports people living with HIV and AIDS through wellness programs, peer support, prevention services, and harm reduction. Our clients — overwhelmingly from historically marginalized communities — rely on the programs coordinated by the AIDS Coordinator’s Office and the Department on Disability. The AIDS Coordinator’s Office performs essential work that no other City office replicates. It ensures that City government policies, emergency response efforts, and service partnerships reflect the needs of people living with HIV and AIDS. It facilitates HIV testing programs, supports harm reduction efforts, and builds collaboration across City, County, and nonprofit sectors. The Department on Disability, meanwhile, is the heartbeat of the City's commitment to accessibility, equity, and social inclusion. Its work impacts not only disability services, but HIV services, language access, disaster preparedness, and digital accessibility — core elements of a modern, just city. The proposed cuts would devastate frontline HIV prevention work at a time when HIV incidence remains disproportionately high in Black, Latino, and LGBTQ+ communities in Los Angeles County. Removing harm reduction programs will fuel higher rates of overdose deaths, bloodborne disease transmission, and emergency service costs. There is a viable, responsible solution already available: allocate Opioid Settlement Funds to bridge the gap. These funds were secured to prevent further public health crises and to invest in vulnerable communities affected by substance use and related health risks — precisely the populations served by the AIDS Coordinator’s Office and Department on Disability. Instead of cutting, the Council has the opportunity to reinvest — smartly, humanely, and efficiently — by protecting these vital programs. We respectfully urge the Council to: - Restore full funding for the AIDS Coordinator’s Office. - Fully staff the Department on Disability. -

Use Opioid Settlement Funds to preserve HIV prevention, harm reduction, and accessibility programs that save lives and stabilize communities. This budget is a statement of values. Please let Los Angeles stand for inclusion, compassion, and public health leadership. Jason Frazier Board President Being Alive Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Margarita

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: - we need safe places to live, do not cut the compliance arm of the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas! You need more money? Increase penalties! Charge oil and gas for their oversight. - we need more housing, do not cut the budget of Engineering and other departments that work on permitting; it's already slow! - we need kids to have a safe place to go and for adults to have a third place, especially apartment dwellers! Fund our parks! - Police payouts should come police otherwise they feel no penalties. Police should live where they work, I'm tired of paying for someone who lives outside city limits.

Communication from Public

Name: David Ferrándiz
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:44 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council and Mayor Bass, It is inconceivable that Day Labor Centers have been removed entirely from the city budget of Los Angeles. As the former Outreach Coordinator and Site Manager of the Downtown Community Job Center in LA Fashion District, I can directly attest to the value and benefit of Day Labor Centers, not to mention day laborers themselves. Day laborers play vital roles in our communities. Whether in LA Fashion District, Harbor City, or Van Nuys, day laborers provide innumerable services to our Angeleno communities: not only from general labor and warehouse work, but also fire clean-up and restoration efforts we witnessed in the case of the Palisades and Altadena fires earlier this year, and the Woolsey fires years ago. Day laborers face a number of obstacles to permanent work, which makes our day labor centers even more necessary. Wage theft and safety hazards are all too common for day laborers. At Day Labor Centers, day laborers obtain jobs at or above the minimum wage, learn about their rights as workers, practice health and safety tips, and build community with workers from diverse countries and walks of life. Day laborers also volunteer in our communities, such as at neighborhood cleanups, or participate in City events, such as May 3rd, Dia del Jornalero. At a time when anti-immigrant sentiment is not only on the rise, but emanating from the highest positions of leadership in this country, it is dire that the City of Los Angeles double-down its solidarity with immigrants. This anti-immigrant climate means that Day Labor Centers are even more indispensable, as sources of refuge, legal support, and compassion. Not to mention, Day Labor Centers are practical in the direct resources and services they provide, that many of us may take for granted: roofs over our heads, clean bathrooms, safe waiting places, literacy classes, free health screenings, and more. We ask that you reconsider the removal of Day Labor Centers from the City Budget, and prioritize Day Labor Centers at or exceeding the current level. Day Labor Centers are vital spaces for day laborers to receive support, and it is day laborers who in turn improve our city through the work that they do. Given that money does not grow on trees, and the City operates on finite resources, I simultaneously ask that you divert funds from the Los Angeles Police Department to fund Day Labor Centers and other support services. By supporting Day Labor

Centers and other social programs and initiatives, we are making proactive efforts to ensure that members of our community receive the resources and support that corresponds with every human being. Well-resourced communities make the police obsolete. By investing in Day Labor Centers, you are investing in a future for Los Angeles where we all - day laborers included - belong, contribute, and shape the city we all love and call home. Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and commitment to protecting immigrant communities. Sincerely,
David Ferrándiz

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing Shelters will kill Animals. The citizens who voted for you Mayor did not vote for you to Kill pets.This is beyond wrong. The city may be in trouble but there is not ONE person that would ever have voted for you if they knew you would do such a thing. PLEASE KEEP OYR ANIMALS FROM DEATH. This is well beyond wrong, inhumane and it angers all of your voters

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the budget cuts for LA Animal Services — currently looking at closing 3 city shelters and cutting 100+ positions. Can't really begin to describe how not good this is seeing as with 5 we are 120% over capacity.

Communication from Public

Name: Lorri Broda

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing any of the city's animal shelters is horrible and cruel response to a mismanaged budget. I, nor my family and friends, would ever vote to re-elect anyone involved in this ridiculous plan. Keep the shelters open!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Arianne Vance

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a long time resident of west LA and I am so incredibly disappointed and disheartened to hear about the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. These shelters and their staff are so incredibly important to public health, public safety, and animal welfare in our city and I simply cannot believe that Mayor Bass would rather cut these services than reduce our bloated police budget. The shelters are already overcrowded and underfunded. We should be spending more money on them, not less. How will it look at the Olympics and World Cup when our city is overrun with stray animals? When people report dangerous animals and there is no one from LAAS respond to the calls? When our city is a national disgrace because of the number of innocent dogs and cats being killed due to lack of shelter space and resources. Mayor Bass should be ashamed of this proposed cut and I urge you to please, please reject this budget. Please protect both our animal and human health and keep our shelters funded.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:50 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor is claiming the billion dollar deficit is so dire that the city has no other option but to layoff almost 1700 employees and cut almost 1100 vacant positions or as the mayor calls them "ghost" positions as if they are mysterious positions that only exists on paper and are the product of bureaucratic inefficiencies when in fact they are critical positions that need to be filled to adequately serve a metropolis of almost 4 million residents. Although the Mayor claims layoffs are necessary to close a \$1B gap, the Council has somehow found the ability to fund a \$2B Convention Center renovation that won't even be completed until after the Olympics end. Although the costs of this endeavor wont come due to this body for a few years, the costs will come due on July 1 for those laid off, those who now have to work double to pick up the slack and the residents of LA who deserve to receive adequate and timely services. The City employs roughly \$45,000 civically-minded voters who reinvest their salaries into the local economy, spur economic growth which is needed more than ever amid rising inflation, tariffs and interest rates. Good union jobs have created the middle class. We don't need to take a page out of the book of Elon Musk and DOGE. I urge this body to prioritize the jobs and livelihoods of city staff over a beautification project. Our jobs are not expendable, they are essential.

Communication from Public

Name: Summerlyn Poon

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council, I urgently call on you to immediately halt the proposed closure of three Los Angeles animal shelters and the layoff of 92 essential shelter staff—a devastating move that threatens both the welfare of our city’s animals and the livelihoods of those who care for them. Our shelter system is already operating beyond capacity. These cuts would push it into a full-blown crisis, resulting in more animals abandoned on the streets, fewer adoptions, increased suffering, and a tragic rise in euthanasia rates. These are not just statistics—these are living beings who deserve compassion, care, and a chance at life. Eliminating these vital resources is not a solution—it’s a moral failure. Dedicated shelter workers who serve on the frontlines of animal care will lose their jobs. Community members will lose a critical public service. And our neighborhoods will feel the impact as more stray, injured, and vulnerable animals are left with nowhere to go. We implore you to reconsider this harmful proposal and explore alternative budget solutions that do not sacrifice the safety and dignity of innocent animals or the livelihoods of hardworking Angelenos. There are other paths forward—paths that protect both fiscal responsibility and the values of our city. If these shelters close, countless dogs and cats will suffer and die. They will be left without sanctuary, without care, and without hope. The people of Los Angeles will not stand by while this happens. Please—protect our shelters, our workers, and the animals who rely on them. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Heloise Froelich

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council File 25-0600 The Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety is losing 5 of the 9 staff positions involved in compliance and two positions that manage pipeline franchises? Have the budgeters forgotten the children who live next to these facilities and the parents who worry about the health of their kids playing outside and being exposed to the noxious and toxic gases coming from these facilities? Have the budgeters lost all sense of fiscal intelligence, as efficient oversight of the pipeline franchises is now bringing in over \$60 million per year to City coffers? Are the budgeters too young to remember the Ross Dress for Less explosion and Fairfax District's sidewalk fires when methane gas was not properly and safely vented from the oil and gas fields that underlie the City? I am concerned for the safety of LA's children and residents as well as flabbergasted by the lack of fiscal intelligence reflected in the budget decisions being made for this very important Office.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Ventresca

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Vote AGAINST closing down three animal shelters! This would be a disgrace to the city. Los Angeles is already not a leader in animal welfare and it would be a disservice to all of the taxpayers to make it worse. Twice the number of animals will be killed costing the city twice the money. It's not free to kill these poor animals. Enforce the spay/neuter ordinance that has been on the books for years, help lower income people with spay/neuter so that there will be fewer animals to kill and FINE BREEDERS including people who let their animals breed because they didn't get them fixed. It's against the ordinance for anyone to have a cat, dog or rabbit over 4 months of age that is not fixed -ENFORCE IT! If you can't afford to pay people to do this, ask for volunteers and train them. Trust me, you will get people to do this. Mayor Bass has already made a mess with the fires, please don't let her make a mess of the animal shelters. I wish I had voted for Caruso. The animals pay more than anyone else as it is. They pay with their lives. I am tired of being embarrassed that I live in LA, one of the richest cities in the world, and we treat our animals like a third world country.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie C

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE ANIMAL SHELTERS!!! These innocent creatures will be euthanized. I'd rather drive around pot holes and pay more for utilities than even imagine no organized shelters for cats and dogs!!

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Maestri

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I truly hope Mayor Bass and everyone involved will not go through with cutting funding for animal services in the upcoming budget. Shelters are already at capacity and need additional help. If you cut funding, you will quite literally be responsible for the lives of innocent animals. Slashing a budget (that is already too small) for life saving animal care is heinous and disgusting. Anyone who supports this cut should know that they will have blood on their hands and I hope that fact haunts them. These shelters run on razor thin budgets and are able to get by with the help of donations and volunteers. But that only goes so far, so without proper funding from the city, you are condemning these shelters and the animals that rely on them. Honestly, shame on everyone involved for even considering cutting funds for these sweet, innocent animals. Some of whom are surrendered because people in Los Angeles can barely pay for their own food and living, much less their animals. So maybe spend less time cutting funding for the amazing work that animal shelters do, and more time helping the people and animals of this city. I voted for Karen Bass, but the fact that she is even considering doing this makes me regret my vote and feel shame. There is no world where this is okay. And if you're telling me that all of these people leading our local governments can't figure out how to make a budget work without murdering animals... they do not deserve to be in office and we will 1000% vote them out when the time comes. Please reconsider this dangerous, cruel, and vile budget cut.

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Santell

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We all understand budget cuts hurt everyone. BUT...the L.A. County shelter system is so low on personnel as it is, cutting so many jobs will effectively KILL more animals. There will be no one to help leaving most of the work to the few volunteers you do have. Make cuts elsewhere. What is happening in the shelters is a travesty, hundreds of dogs being euthanized daily and the skid row situation is out of control as it is. PLEASE do make make this many cuts to Animal Services. Do the right thing, help us to help you!

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Schmidt

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dog shelters shouldn't shut down because they provide essential services that protect and care for vulnerable animals. These shelters offer a safe space for dogs that have been abandoned or abused, giving them a chance to recover and find loving homes. Closing shelters would not only increase the number of homeless dogs on the streets but also put a strain on animal control resources, leading to overcrowding and potential euthanasia of healthy animals. Furthermore, shelters often play a vital role in educating the community about responsible pet ownership, spaying, and neutering, which helps reduce the number of unwanted litters. By keeping dog shelters open, we can ensure the well-being of these animals and promote a compassionate society that values and protects all living beings. Recall Karen Bass!!!
#resign

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:04 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I'm writing to you to share my frustration with the proposed shelter closures and cuts that will decimate LA Animal Services. Our city shelters were already overcrowded and understaffed. With these further cuts we will reach the high kill rates of areas like Hesperia and states like Texas. Reports of severe abuse, neglect and hoarding will be ignored due to lack of staff. This is unacceptable and heartless. However, this is not just an animal welfare issue but a public safety issue. We have already seen the results of budget and staffing cuts at county animal shelters during the pandemic: county shelters simply stopped accepting animals and stopped responding to stray dog reports, leading to an increase in strays roaming the streets. With the mayor's planned cuts, folks who are afraid of dogs, kids walking home from school, and children playing in their front yards will all be at increased risk of stray dog encounters with no one to call for help. Furthermore, how could you let innocent animals go hungry and have to fend for their lives? This is not even morally correct at this point. The 2025-2026 budget contains large increases for fire and police services. Even a small reduction to these planned increases amongst others that will allow us to save another critical public safety service, as well as the lives of countless pets. This is terrible as a collective and downright upsetting. Taxpayers should have a say in this crucial budget cut and this should not be even considered. This is outrageous. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Winter

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In the wake of the worst climate-influenced disaster in Southern California history, Mayor Karen Bass' proposed budget will eviscerate nearly all the climate efforts within the City of Los Angeles, eliminating programs and expertise that the city has built over years to combat the climate crisis. The City will be left dangerously unprepared for the devastating and inevitable impacts of climate change if it weakens these programs and fires the very people that it entrusted to address these challenges. Urban tree canopy, healthy soils, renewable energy, biodiversity, public transit, safe streets, sanitation, clean water and clean air must be the minimum that the city provides. What the Mayor and her team are overlooking is that climate change made the recent fires far worse, creating a whole new category of people experiencing homelessness: 11,500 families in two weeks. And this won't be the last climate-related displacement. Funds dedicated to climate programs and staff must be considered critical investments, not optional costs. Key positions within all Public Works Bureaus that effectuate climate progress are targeted for elimination, from GHG monitoring and stormwater at the Bureau of Sanitation, to citywide decarbonization and electrification through the Bureau of Engineering and General Services Department. Even the elimination of certain key positions in the Planning Department will directly impact progress. This budget will require City facilities to keep buying gas and end the turn towards renewables. Stopping the City's decarbonization plan will hurt overall GHG reductions, including LA100's progress by not continuing to move all possible City land and facilities towards renewable power generation. The Sanitation staff working on biodiversity protection and healthy soils must be continued. The City of LA's biodiversity program has received international recognition and has been an important model held up by the California delegation at the last two International Biodiversity Conferences of the Parties. At a time when we are recovering from serious damage to our natural systems, we need these experts and the expert circles from around the region they work with, to help guide us through. The budget calls for cutting positions in the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas responsible for overseeing pollution from oil wells in the city and helping the city figure out how to phase out urban oil drilling over the next few decades, ending

already-funded efforts to monitor air quality around oil and gas drilling sites. The proposal to eliminate the Climate Emergency Office will require the city to forfeit a \$750,000 state grant to create L.A.'s first heat action and resilience plan. Such plans can help the city prepare for the effects of climate change long-term, and receive funding for efforts such as planting trees, assisting with utility bills, and developing other strategies to address the worsening impacts of extreme heat, particularly in the hottest areas of the city that have long faced disinvestment. Cutting both the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office puts Angelenos at more risk from future heatwaves, wildfires, and drought, as well toxic emissions and leaks from neighborhood oil drilling operations. New pedestrian and bike projects, including many Olympics projects, will be delayed. Public transit will be impacted. Billions in grant funded street safety and mobility projects may be lost. Budgets are a statement of priorities. Recent polling shows addressing climate change is a top priority for Angelenos. It should be a priority for our Mayor and Council as well.

Communication from Public

Name: CK

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: What happened to all the money that you all raised from Prop. H & Prop. HHH from the 2016 & 2017 election.....none of you ever speak about these 2 Props.... Its was supposed to improve homelessness in our City & County.... All you suits do is confiscate taxpayers for more & more money out our pockets & nothing improves!!!! I'd really like a response please!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to begin by commending our animal control officers and kennel attendants for the thankless, dangerous, and emotionally exhausting jobs they perform day after day. The fact that the mayor would even propose reducing these critical jobs, and shelters to house vulnerable animals in the worst times of their lives, is abhorrent for the following reasons: 1. Our shelters are currently beyond overcrowded. How will we get by with less? At Harbor a volunteer remarked during LA City Board of Animal Services meeting that they don't even know if all dogs are being fed daily. At South LA Kenneth Mejia organized a cleanup day which took more than 100 volunteers the entire day to complete. How the shelter became this filthy is likely due to understaffing, but these are the conditions these animals are living in daily. 2. Skid row. On skid row, dogs are bred and sold, raped, chained, beaten, and fed fentanyl so their "owners" can avoid getting arrested. Citizens of Los Angeles who have now become so disenchanted with our local government take matters into their own hands daily to help these animals. Your constituents are coming out of pocket, taking time away from their family and friends, and risking their own safety to care for animals under the jurisdiction of LA city due to a lack of resources. I'm sure I don't need to remind you that this is one of the wealthiest cities in the wealthiest country in the world. 3. At the Harbor shelter a longtime animal control officer was mauled to the point she needed multiple surgeries a lengthy hospital stay. This is a result of the extremely high stress environment of that shelter where dogs are kept in the lobby, bathrooms, and doubled or even quadrupled in kennels. Not investing in adequate prevention will surely cost the city millions on the backend for the lawsuit that is surely coming, if it has not already. 4. In the city of Wilmington on Lagoon Ave, approximately 3 weeks ago, many calls were made to animal services regarding 4 dogs living in feces with no food and moldy water. One dog was chained 24/7 for weeks or months, which according to California state law is illegal. It took animal services DAYS to respond while these dogs languished. Again, someone in the community took it upon themselves to go and address this "owner". This community member left with two dogs, but the owner would not relinquish the other two. Again, this is not me being a liberal vegan hippie, this is a public health

and safety concern. 5. On April 1, 2025 a dog was hit in Wilmington around 9PM. Numerous people called the emergency animal services line which goes to the South LA shelter. No one answered, and the voicemail is full. If this is the current state, what is the goal state if we reduce funding, cut filled positions of already understaffed shelters, and close half of our LA city shelters? As a constituent I am incredibly frustrated to see LAPD again receiving more money while cutting so much from other vital departments. LAPD's excessive use of force is the largest contributing factor to this budget deficit. I end with this quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "The greatness of a nation (city) and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated".

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Members, My name is Beverly, and I have worked at Legacy LA Youth Development Corporation, located in Boyle Heights, for 7 years. I am urging you today to protect and sustain the Youth Development Department (YDD). I have witnessed the hard work our youth have put into advocating for the establishment of this department over the last few years. I believe that taking away the YDD and consolidating it would send a message to our youth. A message stating that they are not important to you and this city. We NEED to INVEST IN our YOUTH not take resources away from them. Instead of consolidating it, we should rethink what other programs can be housed under this department. Mayor Karen Bass, I know you understand just how much work, time, effort and resources go into organizing and advocating for something you are passionate about. I know you know how good it feels to have victory over something you've been fighting for so long. Do not take this victory away from LA's Youth. Disinvesting in youth is disinvesting in our city's future. Please continue to prioritize their voices, needs, and potential by fully funding and supporting the Department of Youth Development. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jan Bunker

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:18 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting the already inadequate LAAS budget, firing many employees and closing 3 shelters , is nothing that our city should tolerate. If you are actually closing 3 shelters- what will happen to the animals that are housed there? Why can't cuts be made to salaries of unnecessary people at the top? Kenneth Mejia can help you out with this. Mayor Bass's proposal to decimate the most poorly run part of our city government is pathetic.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Muñoz

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's Not Right to CLOSE ANIMAL SHELTERS & in LA AREAS & there Under Staffed & Where's is The MONEY ? & A lot of Volunteers Already Trying to Help Out on there Own Time & Giving there Money & Pets Deserve to Be Cared for & Live. it's Helps People Like Me Whom Hv a Disability! & Elder Parents-my Dad is 89 & Loves his 2 Cats We Saved he Interacts w/ Cats & People do Like Adopt Pets from Shelters & Care & Love them. Change the LAWS ON How TO Spay & NEUTER & Save The Costs of Too- w/ More Incentives to Spay or neuter their pets & it's Very Costly \$\$\$ & it Wasn't Like this Before & Less Animals Running Around Free Having More Animals! ??

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: After over 8 years of hard work put in by community organizers to get the Youth Development Department established, it is extremely frustrating and disappointing to hear that the Mayor and LA City Council are proposing to get rid of the YDD as a stand-alone department. This, in conjunction with the Mayor's desire to increase the already over-inflated police budget, demonstrates that our elected officials seem to prioritize state violence over effective investment in our young people and the health of our communities, yet again. While not surprising, this news leaves a bitter taste in the mouths of millions of Angelenos who rely on our elected officials to carry out our will. The Mayor's plan to cut back on departments that promote community health and development, while increasing funding for the LAPD, who carry out terror and violence against our most vulnerable communities, is NOT the will of the people. Not only does this plan effectively make our city's youth pay for the LAPD's liability claims and overtime, it also overwhelmingly hurts working-class people who keep our city running. Youth should NOT have to deal with the consequences of ADULTS' misuse of the City's budget. Some of the SAME COUNCIL MEMBERS sitting in this room today VOTED for the creation and the Youth Development Department back in 2021. Why are you going back on your word? WE NEED YOU TO STAND ON BUSINESS and KEEP YOUR PROMISE. Approve a budget ONLY if it prioritizes our community's health and development -- KEEP THE YDD AS A STANDALONE DEPARTMENT.

Communication from Public

Name: Chih-Wei Hsu

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 02:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: "Fund the Public Bank Feasibility Study. My name is Chih-Wei Hsu, and I'm a LA resident / member of Council District 13. The LA City Council has approved funding for the public bank feasibility study. I urge the Council to immediately fund the next phase. This plan will outline how LA can use its own balance sheet to save money, cut borrowing costs, and reinvest in priorities like affordable housing, green energy, small businesses, and community development. As LA faces a \$1 billion budget deficit and thousands of union jobs at risk – this is urgent. Delays will keep costing the city billions in debt service and finance costs. It's time to stop sending public money to Wall Street, reinvest it in our communities, and help prevent future budget deficits."

Communication from Public

Name: Hillary Muller

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services will exacerbate the already dire situation in our animal welfare system. Dog euthanasia rates have surged by over 70% since 2023 due to the city's failure to provide free spay and neuter services and the lack of enforcement of existing laws. Backyard breeders, accidental litters, and homeless individuals are all contributing to the overpopulation crisis. If the proposed budget cuts are implemented, the situation will worsen, with fewer shelter resources, more dogs languishing on the streets, and a significant increase in euthanasia rates. Despite Governor Newsom's claims that California is the fourth-largest economy in the world, our animal welfare system is in a state of neglect. With the Olympics approaching in less than four years, much of our city appears to resemble a third-world country. If we fail to address these pressing issues, LA will be held in shame by the international community. Comprehensive reform and increased resources are urgently needed to prevent more dogs from entering the already overburdened shelter system. Spay and neuter is the key solution to this problem.

Communication from Public

Name: carol albright

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Mayor Bass's proposal to eliminate the standalone Department of Aging and become part of Senior Services division under the Community Investment and Family Development Department, which also eliminates several staff positions. I have been caring for my partner, who has Alzheimer's Disease, for the last 5-1/2 years and have benefitted from Department of Aging programs. I have also benefitted from services provided by Alzheimer's Los Angeles , which provides respite care to dementia family caregivers through Department of Aging programs. The Alzheimer's Disease journey can last for 5 to 10 years or more and any loss of expertise and services hurts people with dementia and their family members. I strongly urge you to reject the proposal of the elimination of the Department of Aging and ensure robust funding for the department and its important programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon Wu

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cut to LA Animal Services will have devastating consequences. Closing 3 shelters and eliminating 60+ puts thousands of animals and entire communities at risk. These cuts will: - Increase euthanasia - Leave more animals without basic care - Lead to more strays and public safety issues - Waste taxpayer investments - Burn out already overwhelmed volunteers Los Angeles cannot turn it back on its most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's about public health compassion and responsibility. Keep the shelters open. Keep them staffed. Protect our animals. Please reverse the cuts and invest in real solutions. Lives are on the line.

Communication from Public

Name: Bonita DeHaven

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am shocked and distraught over the decision to diminish animal services . They are beyond capacity now . Cutbacks and the closing of these facilities is cruel. Why is it always the animals with no voice that are the first to suffer. Take it out of the OLYMPICS budget and let some other city host it. We do not need to be spending money on an event we cannot afford. Why is this city so imbalanced.

Communication from Public

Name: Trudi Hemmons
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:12 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Already there are so many animals that are being killed due to lack of space at the shelters. Closing any will worsen the problem. Please reconsider and find a way to keep all shelters in operation.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey Bostrom
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:24 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: It is unacceptable to cut funding for animal services.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill Jaxx

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need our animal shelter because the animals who live in our city are too often abandoned for financial problems or excessively strict and heartless landlords. To spay and neuter can be too expensive also, and then litters of babies are cast out or left to a shelter to care for. Our society still doesn't recognize our duty to care for and love animals, as they give us so much. They are carelessly and callously thrown out on the street, suffering and alone, their hearts broken and their bodies abused. Those of us who see they are sentient beings, who were born and bred to love us, will always fight to give them safety, care and shelter. It is a sacred duty of our society and as human beings.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Martin

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:30 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do not cut the budgets for the LA animal shelters. They are already often above capacity for the SIX that there are please don't cut these life saving facilities and jobs of the folks that do this work.

Communication from Public

Name: Kayla James

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal shelters cannot take any budget cuts. We must give a voice to the voiceless. Animals cannot ask for help. They cannot pick up a phone, call a friend or family member. They are helpless souls counting on us to step up and ensure that they have a fighting chance. Countless lives are being taken each day in shelters. Shelter workers are spread thin and this is a public crisis! The standard of living for animals is incredibly low and it's unacceptable. People are not being held accountable for breeding and costing taxpayers even more to house all the dumped litters. If you haven't visited a shelter recently, please educate yourself and do so. These animals are in harsh conditions and the staff should NOT have to face budget cuts!

Communication from Public

Name: Dayna Diamond

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not consider closing animal shelters in Los Angeles and reducing the number of shelter employees. Shelters are already overcrowded and understaffed. Shelters provide adoptions, lost pet recovery & other critical animal services. Closing shelters would be devastating and result in the suffering and death of many animals. Please keep our animal shelters open!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I surely hope the information that 3 LA city animal shelters will be closed is incorrect. The firing of over 60 shelter employees will be devastating. They do so much & need the help of :volunteers to make life comfortabe for the animals. Please do everything possible to make sure our shelters stay open. Our dogs & cats deserve this & more. ~Linda Dunne

Communication from Public

Name: Josseline Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the budget cuts to Animal Services in my hometown of Los Angeles. As a concerned volunteer I am against these budget cuts due to the foreseen murder of many more dogs and cats. I am not just against the murder of defenseless and voiceless creatures but I am against these budget cuts due to the proposed action of closing three valuable shelters which leads to many good people to lose their jobs. I have volunteered at West Valley Animal Shelter in Chatsworth, CA and the staff their try their best with what has been given to them. As a volunteer I saw them multiple times low staffed already, lacking the ability to give proper care to the animals there. This is not due to them not wanting to give proper care, but it's due to overcrowding and not enough staff for amount of intakes. As a volunteer and citizen I am stressed about the amount of animals and people who will be hurt by this cut. We need spay & neuter programs, adoption services and more advocacy for proper pet care to decrease this over populating of dogs and cats! Please save the animals!

Communication from Public

Name: Keren Duran

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Sir it Madam: After I left an abusive relationship, Rainbow was a life line. I urge you to keep all shelters, for both humans and animals, open. Please cut funding elsewhere. Also, please fix the city's finances so that the city never finds itself in such financial woes again. Sincerely, Keren Duran

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Quinn

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I am a resident of Council District 14. I am also a city employee. I am writing you with deep concerns about the disproportionate cuts to the Department on Disabilities in the Mayor's proposed budget, and urge you to expand the department's current staffing and programming. This department provides vital services for our most vulnerable residents. I fear for the elders in my community who rely on public transportation every day and have to walk on broken sidewalks. I fear for my disabled neighbors who already struggle to access basic care. I fear for my trans and HIV positive loved ones who rely on city-funded services to stay healthy and are now facing increased challenges with the federal administration pulling back vital resources. It is imperative that the city double down on services for our most vulnerable in the face of federal divestment, and demonstrate our values as a city who cares for those who have the least among us. It is a sobering reminder that **all** of us are just a few years, an unforeseen illness, or an accident away from having to rely on the services of the DOD, which is why I ask you to invest in the Department on Disabilities in this budget cycle. An investment in these services today will reap dividends for the city in the future and save countless lives. Sincerely, Caitlin Quinn

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn R Holden

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for animal shelters. It would be irresponsible and immoral to close any shelters - we need more shelters for the unhoused animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Hannestad

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Kim Bailly

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, The LA County animal shelters are an integral part of the care the county gives unwanted animals. We have a responsibility to shelter and care for these animals. If the number of spaces in shelters is reduced, more animals will be euthanized. Shelters are often full. I've rescued two dogs and two cats in the past 8 years from LA shelters. People go to their local shelters, they don't want to travel across town. One of my beloved dogs from the San Pedro shelter. I was impressed how well it was run and the care the animals received. I want my tax dollars spent on animal care. Please do not close HALF of the animal shelters. In fact, we need more shelters not less. According to Shelter Animal Count, California records the highest municipal shelter euthanasia rates in the United States, peaking at 17% over three years (Average rate in the US – 8.5%) .Apr 3, 2024. We can do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass wants to close our animal shelter in San Pedro. What is she thinking? This is horrible! Where will all the poor animals go? To another overfilled shelter & receive horrible care or be euthanized with no chance of adoption. Make your budget cuts somewhere else instead of making innocent animals suffer. Start with over paid government salaries! Come to your senses Ms Bass. Don't do this please!

Communication from Public

Name: CZ

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I don't understand why animals are the ones that suffer for city officials bad choices with running the city of LA. So may employees, foster, and volunteers who work so desperately to help re home these beautiful animals who just want a loving home and to be loved and don't ask for much. These shelters are already so underfunded by the city officials decisions so lets let's let them make more disappointing decisions about our wonderful companions and disappoint them again in their short lives. OH BY THE WAY YOU CITY OFFICIAL WERE VOTED IN, so shame on us as well. MAYOR BASS SO DISAPPOINTED

Communication from Public

Name: Sari Hall

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a member of this community I am sickened daily by the amount of animals that are currently euthanized in the shelters due to lack of space and funding. We need more animal shelters. Now the City wants to save money by closing animal shelters. I live in the West Valley and if you close the shelter many more innocent helpless pets will die. This is unconscionable. I'm sick and tired of supporting the masses with my tax dollars. People come here because this City offers so many services. We are being taken advantage of. We didn't get to vote on being a sanctuary City. It was decided for us by politicians. People have choices and when they make bad decisions and find themselves without they just suck the system. Not all people but many. These are our tax dollars. We cannot support all the people who come from all over the world. Mentally ill and drug addicts are dumped in our City. It's a fact. Look at the homeless. Most of those people are not even from California. Animals cannot speak for themselves and need protection. I am pleading with you to NOT close any shelters. Please budget to build more shelters and stop murdering innocent souls. The news just announced that California is the 4th richest economy in the WORLD. Where is all that money going??? Please stop the mismanagement and waste of the tax payers hard earned money. You need to do better. We need our quality of life back here in Los Angeles. Please do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Carrie

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Paris

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to strongly urge everyone involved to consider sparing our already struggling animal shelters from the upcoming budget cuts. This would be beyond detrimental to LA animals, who are currently overcrowding our shelters, and will cause mass euthanasia. Closures will also make it harder for members of the community to access shelters in their areas, steering people away from adoption and causing people looking to relinquish their pets to abandon them in other less safe venues. Why not try harder to enforce our spay neuter laws? All dogs in Los Angeles must be spayed and neutered unless they are registered for breeding (for which there is a current moratorium because of the overpopulation problem) so why are people not being fined by police when they are walking around with unaltered dogs? Why are we not policing people who are backyard breeding their dogs and selling them for a profit when it's illegal in Los Angeles? These are fines that could aid our failing shelters. We cannot take the lives of animals who have done nothing wrong, who haven't even been given a real opportunity to be adopted, because of funding. Tax the rich, save the innocent.

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Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Griffin

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:38 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting animal shelter and staff is NOT the answer and is won't save a substantial amount. Services are already at an all time low. This is a knee jerk reaction and we will NOT be voting for Mayor Bass should she have any future political goals. She has been a dismal failure.

Communication from Public

Name: Dora Hiller

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Karen Bass, I am writing to express my deep concern and outrage over the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services, which would force the closure of three out of our six city animal shelters. Our shelters are already stretched beyond capacity, and these cuts will only make a dire situation catastrophic. Closing the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley shelters, along with laying off 62 dedicated staff members, will result in even more severe overcrowding at the remaining facilities. This will inevitably lead to a dramatic increase in euthanasia rates-something your own Animal Services officials have confirmed. Right now, healthy animals are already being euthanized weekly due to lack of space, and staff and volunteers are overwhelmed by the suffering they witness every day. Instead of addressing this crisis, your administration's actions are making it worse. Animal advocates, volunteers, and nonprofits who have supported our shelters for years are being ignored, despite offering solutions and resources. True leadership would find ways to increase revenue for Animal Services, such as enforcing pet licensing, rather than slashing essential services and putting more animals at risk. Mayor Bass, your reputation has already suffered due to the widely criticized handling of the recent LA wildfires. Many Angelenos have lost confidence in your leadership, and these proposed cuts will only deepen public dissatisfaction. If you proceed with this plan, it will not only harm countless innocent animals but will also cement a truly tainted legacy-one marked by crisis mismanagement and neglect of our city's most vulnerable. I urge you to reconsider these devastating cuts and work with the community to find humane, sustainable solutions for Los Angeles' homeless animals. Our city deserves better, and so do the animals who depend on us. Sincerely, Dora Hiller

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Daniel

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please major and council stop hurting animals in this way! Seriously I have no idea how you think reducing funding for shelters and closing shelters helps anyone. Animals matter and they have no voice but I do so I will speak up for them. Focus on funding programs like TNR for cats and help get funding for shelters by examining the budget. Figure something else out don't just make budget cuts for no point.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Powell

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:55 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The City of LA has a major problem with copper wire theft and vandalism in the San Fernando Valley. The Valley city districts are paying millions of dollars of tax payers monies to maintain the copper wire theft and vandalism by means of city workers overtime labor and materials to only put a bandage approach on this issue. For example, welding the metal hand hole covers on street light poles and pouring concrete over maintenance covers that need city workers access to service them. There are solutions to prevent vandalism by means of a unique locking system to lock the hand hole covers and still maintain city workers access to vital services. The direct savings would be seen immediately by preventing vandalism in its tracks by preventing repeated offenses. There are other neighboring municipalities using these devices such as LAMetro Express Lanes, San Bernardino County, Kessler & Ayala Parks, City of Santa Clarita Public Works, City of Utah, Street Light division. Other cities are investigating these services like City of Burbank and more. Look into a local business company called ArmorGuardSolutions.com. See link: <https://armorguardsolutions.com/ags-product-brochure> This company has been reaching out to Tom Lee's district 12 for 3 years and has a proven product solution. As a City of LA taxpayer, there are better ways to use tax payers dollars for other projects than repeat vandalism offenses.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan Blalock

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mahatma Gandhi once said that the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. I would say many people would agree with this statement, including most of my friends, family, neighbors and, of course, my fellow animal advocates in the great city of Los Angeles. Our animal shelters, nonprofits, foster organizations, rescue teams, medical support, veterinarians, and any other specialists who help all of LA's animals in need are already **DESPERATELY** underfunded and understaffed. To suggest further cuts is not only egregious and irresponsible, but borders on unethical and cruel. Animals are one of the best parts of human life on Earth; they provide unconditional love, companionship, joy, laughter - research has even proven that time spent with animals lowers blood pressure! They are walking, breathing therapeutic creatures that we humans are lucky to share space with. Not to mention, they have their own rich inner lives and deserve respect as their own unique entities. We owe it to them to do better by them. **MORE** funding is what we need, not less. I and the rest of the LA animal welfare community are pleading with you to do the right thing here.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts outlined in Council File 25-0600, which would significantly impact Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS). The plan to reduce LAAS's budget by nearly \$5 million, resulting in the closure of three animal shelters and the layoff of 62 dedicated employees, is deeply concerning. These cuts would not only diminish the city's capacity to care for homeless and abandoned animals but also likely lead to increased euthanasia rates due to overcrowding in the remaining shelters. Such outcomes are unacceptable in a city that prides itself on compassion and humane treatment of all beings. I urge the City Council to reconsider these reductions and explore alternative solutions that do not compromise the welfare of our city's animals. Maintaining adequate funding for LAAS is essential to ensure that Los Angeles remains a leader in animal welfare and public safety. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Colaco

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:14 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close the animal shelters in Los Angeles. We already do not have enough space for our existing homeless animals and to do this would be detrimental. I am a volunteer and they do such good work at these facilities. Please find another budget cut. This one is not a good choice. Thank you for listening.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison P.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I'm writing not only as a resident of Los Angeles but also as a new volunteer at the West LA Animal Shelter. It has been incredibly meaningful to start supporting the shelter with my time — getting to know the animals, the dedicated staff, and seeing firsthand the difference a safe and well-resourced shelter makes. Learning that the proposed budget cuts could result in the closure of shelters like West LA is devastating. It's heartbreaking to know that just as I've started to give back, the opportunity — and the animals I've started to care about — may be taken away. Reducing the LA Animal Services budget by \$6.4 million, laying off 62 employees, and closing multiple shelters would be a detrimental step backwards for a city that should be leading in compassion and care. These cuts will result in overcrowded conditions, decreased adoptions, and increased euthanasia rates. Our shelters are already stretched thin — this proposal would make things unbearable. Please reconsider these cuts and invest in a humane, sustainable path forward for animal welfare in Los Angeles. The animals — and the people who care for them — deserve better. Sincerely, Alison Petrucci NEW Volunteer, West LA Animal Shelter, LA city resident, and disgusted member of the public

Communication from Public

Name: V. Kelly Turner
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:51 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to voice support for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) to retain funding in the FY 25-26 budget. I am writing as my role as the director of the UCLA-based Center for Heat Resilient Communities, a National Integrated Heat Health Information Center (NIHHIS) Center of Excellence. The Center is tasked with helping at least 30 communities across the United States develop heat action strategies with council from an advisory group of heat-leaders from around the world. I am also writing a mother to an 8 year old Angelino who currently attends our public schools. CEMO is currently representing Los Angeles as one of three designated Heat Leader Cities based on its designation of Marta Segura as the municipal Chief Heat Officer. Segura and her team have spent five years developing relationships, networks, strategies, information portals and campaigns, and other strategies to cool Angelenos. She has become a trusted leader among community members, policy makers, and the scientific community. I want to be clear and frank. Before Segura was brought on board, the City of Los Angeles was headed down a path that could be at best characterized as inaction and, at worse, maladaptation. The city was poised to invest funding in strategies that were scientifically unsound and would increase heat risk for Angelenos. I would regularly field questions from colleagues in the urban science community wondering why Los Angeles was investing in solutions everyone knew wouldn't work. Segura and her team at CEMO turned that around. I'm not asked by my colleagues to help connect them with her team because Los Angeles has established itself as a heat leader with a high level of credibility. To summarize, Segura and the team of CEMO have saved tax payers dollars, advanced solutions that will help cool Angelinos, and worked hard to regain Los Angeles' credibility in the fight save lives from extreme heat. On a personal and scientific note: It's easy to view climate as a secondary service; it is not. Fifteen percent of heat-vulnerable Angelinos currently spend up to 60 hours a week in sites where they are exposure to chronically hot conditions that will change their physiology at a cellular level, irreparably with zero legal protection or financial commitment for improvement. Specifically, I refer to our K12 public school children. Impacts including degraded learning,

increased risk of mental and physical health conditions are irreversible and addressing them cannot be delayed. Disinvesting in heat signals to our communities that we accept uneven conditions for lower income and people of color that disproportionately send their children to schools that lack sufficiently cool infrastructure. Sincerely, V. Kelly Turner
Associate Professor of Urban Planning University of California
Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Seeman

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:56 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget of the animal shelters! They are already over their capacity. Animals will suffer and die if you do this. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmine Aguilar
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:24 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I a resident residing in Long Beach and a concerned love one of a resident of Council District 14. I write to you with deep concerns about the disproportionate cuts to the Department on Disabilities in the Mayor's proposed budget, and urge you to expand the department's current staffing and programming. Not only does this department provide vital services for our most vulnerable communities, it saves the city millions of dollars every year by mitigating liability costs. The city is in a financial crisis in no small part to the hundreds of millions paid out every year in lawsuits that could be avoided by repairing our crumbling infrastructure and increasing accessibility to people with disabilities. The DOD cuts outlined in the Mayor's budget are a drop in the bucket when considering the massive budget deficit, but they will have irreparable impacts on the safety and longevity of our city. I fear for the elders in my community who rely on public transportation every day and have to walk on broken sidewalks. I fear for my disabled neighbors who already struggle to access basic care. I fear for my trans and HIV positive loved ones who rely on city-funded services to stay healthy and are now facing increased challenges with the federal administration pulling back vital resources. It is imperative that the city double down on services for our most vulnerable in the face of federal divestment, and demonstrate our values as a city who care for those who have the least among us. It is a sobering reminder that **all** of us are just a few years, an unforeseen illness, or an accident away from having to rely on the services of the DOD, which is why I ask you to invest in the Department on Disabilities in this budget cycle. An investment in these services today will reap dividends for the city in the future and save countless lives. Sincerely, Jasmine Aguilar

Communication from Public

Name: Grant

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fund our shelters, they're already overpopulated as is - cutting the budget would be disastrous. Have a soul, take care of the animals and their facilities.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Winters

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the Members of the City Council, I am a volunteer at North Central Animal Shelter, and I was deeply alarmed and outraged to learn that the city — under Mayor Karen Bass’s leadership — is considering shutting down multiple city-operated animal shelters as part of its proposed budget cuts. Let me be clear: this decision would be disastrous. The city’s animal shelters are already critically underfunded and severely understaffed. Closing shelters or reducing resources further is not just irresponsible — it is inhumane. Currently, animals in our shelters suffer due to a lack of basic care. Dogs languish in overcrowded kennels for days, sometimes more than a week, without being walked. This isn’t a rare occurrence — it is a standard result of the chronic understaffing and lack of support. The psychological and physical deterioration that results is heartbreaking and dangerous, both for the animals and the people who care for them. This is not a matter of “extra” services. Animal shelters are a core component of public health and safety. When stray or abandoned dogs are picked up by animal control, they come to us. If we lose shelter capacity, where are those animals supposed to go? Into the streets? Into already overcrowded facilities? Or into euthanasia? If the city chooses to balance its budget on the backs of vulnerable, voiceless animals — and the dedicated workers and volunteers who care for them — it would be an unconscionable failure of leadership and humanity. There are other areas in the budget where cuts can and should be made. Animal shelters should not be treated as dispensable. They are already operating on a shoestring. Further cuts will push them past the breaking point — and the consequences will be felt across our communities. I urge you to reconsider this reckless proposal. Our shelters need more resources, not fewer. This city must do better. Sincerely, Sarah Winters Volunteer, North Central Animal Shelter

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Levine

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am very upset to see that in the proposed budget animal services and shelters will be losing money and staffing. All the shelters are already too full. Dogs and cats are suffering everyday. This budget could cause shelters to close down. Shelters that are already overflowing with dogs and euthanizing for space. Where are all those dogs supposed to go if these shelters close? Animal services and shelters need MORE money. They need to expand, creating healthier spaces for the animals in them and for the staff and volunteers taking care of them. Our dog was at South LA for nine months and has PTSD from it. We have had her 8 months and she is finally just now starting to realize she is safe. We also need to be giving more money to spay and neuter services. Going into the neighborhoods, making sure dogs are spayed and neutered and taken care of. On Nextdoor in my area there are non stop posts of people giving away dogs, puppies and cats and kittens. It's awful. People are not educated about spay and neuter. And rentals should not be able to say no pets or charge a high rate for dogs. Figuring out how to make LA more pet friendly and how to help the animals that are already here is what needs to be done. Animals services need MORE money and help. Do not let them take money away from this already struggling department. So many innocent animals will die

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Miranda
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:15 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Los Angeles City Council, My name is Wendy Miranda. I am a Policy Associate with Esperanza Community Housing and I am writing to show my strong support for the RepresentLA program. As an Angeleno deeply committed to the due process of immigrant communities in Los Angeles, I believe that continuing the work of RepresentLA is critical. RepresentLA has made significant strides in its mission, serving 5,075 individuals since its launch, including survivors of labor trafficking, asylum seekers, and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This unique legal aid program ensures fair representation and safeguards the rights of immigrants. Under the Trump Administration, executive orders are being swiftly rolled out in unprecedented ways. These actions and policies have heightened fear in immigrant communities, showcasing that it is more critical than ever to expand and strengthen RepresentLA's essential services. Given this climate, it is imperative that we continue, expand, and solidify RepresentLA's essential services. As we approach the upcoming fiscal year's budget discussions, I urge you to include \$4 million for RepresentLA in the City's proposed budget for 2025-2026. This is critical to prevent any interruption in the crucial legal services RepresentLA provides to our most vulnerable immigrant neighbors at this extremely difficult time for our communities. Your voice as the leader of the City of LA holds powerful influence and respect. I urge you to support funding the RepresentLA Program at \$4 million. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Wendy Miranda

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Wylde

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close down any la city shelters and do not fire any shelter workers. The current shelters are currently over capacity and the staff are spread thin. It would be devastating to LAs animals if this goes through. Please please do not let this happen
Caitlin Wylde LA resident caitlinwylde@yahoo.com

Communication from Public

Name: Frances Marion

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I am a resident of Council District 13 and a social worker. I write to you with deep concerns about the disproportionate cuts to the Department on Disabilities in the Mayor's proposed budget, and urge you to expand the department's current staffing and programming. Not only does this department provide vital services for our most vulnerable communities, it saves our city millions of dollars every year by mitigating liability costs. The city is in a financial crisis in no small part to the hundreds of millions paid out every year in lawsuits that could be avoided by repairing our crumbling infrastructure and increasing accessibility to people with disabilities. The DOD cuts outlined in the Mayor's budget are a drop in the bucket when considering the massive budget deficit, but they will have irreparable impacts on the safety and longevity of our city. I fear for the elders in my community who rely on public transportation every day and have to walk on broken sidewalks. I fear for my disabled neighbors who already struggle to access basic care. I fear for my trans and HIV positive loved ones who rely on city-funded services to stay healthy and are now facing increased challenges with the federal administration pulling back vital resources. It is imperative that the city double down on services for our most vulnerable in the face of federal divestment, and demonstrate our values as a city who cares for those who have the least among us. It is a sobering reminder that **all** of us are just a few years, an unforeseen illness, or an accident away from having to rely on the services of the DOD, which is why I ask you to invest in the Department on Disabilities in this budget cycle. An investment in these services today will reap dividends for the city in the future and save countless lives. Sincerely, Frances Marion

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Frazier

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As Board President of Being Alive Los Angeles, I urge the City Council to protect full funding for the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office and the Department on Disability in the 2025–26 City Budget (Council File 25-0600). Being Alive Los Angeles, founded in 1986, has been on the frontlines of HIV advocacy, peer support, and harm reduction for nearly 40 years. Our organization has seen firsthand the profound impact the AIDS Coordinator's Office and the Department on Disability have had in shaping a healthier, more equitable Los Angeles. The AIDS Coordinator's Office is not duplicative of County services; it uniquely bridges City operations with County health systems and the nonprofit sector. It ensures that HIV prevention, care linkage, harm reduction strategies, and culturally competent support services are available to Angelenos who need them most — many of whom are also living with disabilities, experiencing homelessness, or facing structural barriers to care. The Department on Disability's broader role — encompassing digital accessibility, emergency response for vulnerable populations, and the administration of vital health initiatives — is foundational to ensuring that Los Angeles is a City for all people, not just those without barriers. The proposed 45% cut to HIV prevention funding, combined with the elimination of 40% of Department staff positions, would have devastating ripple effects: - Higher rates of HIV transmission, undoing decades of public health progress. - Increased costs to the City due to more emergency health interventions and hospitalizations. - Greater instability among vulnerable communities, particularly at a time when economic and housing insecurity are already at crisis levels. There is a clear and available solution: allocate a portion of the Opioid Settlement Funds to restore these critical services. These funds were specifically designed to address the fallout of public health crises related to substance use, overdose, and associated health vulnerabilities like HIV. Protecting the AIDS Coordinator's Office and Department on Disability programs fits squarely within the intended use of this settlement. Cutting these services is not fiscal prudence — it is fiscal shortsightedness. Every dollar invested in HIV prevention saves approximately \$7 in direct medical costs. Every accessible public health intervention supported through the Department on Disability

reduces downstream City expenses tied to crisis management and emergency services. Today, Los Angeles has the chance to reaffirm its values. Protecting the most marginalized — people living with HIV, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness — is not just the right thing to do morally. It is the smart, cost-effective, community-building thing to do. I urge the City Council to fully restore funding for the Department on Disability and the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office, and to lead with vision, compassion, and fiscal wisdom. Thank you for your leadership and service to all Angelenos. Jason Frazier Board President Being Alive Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Karine Titizian

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am begging you to reject these proposed budget cuts to Animal Services. Shutting down shelters and reducing any help will cause even more suffering, chaos and death. There is already so much devastating loss many people are trying to mitigate and budget cuts will only cause even more suffering. The public is watching. The animals need us and need humanity. Please do the right thing and DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to implore Mayor Bass and the city council to allocate funding for the 7 Los Angeles day labor centers in the 2025-2026 budget. Day labor centers provide public health services, job skills training, worker rights education and countless more invaluable services to some of the most unprotected and vulnerable workers in the city. Day laborers have been at the forefront of getting our city through crises such as the 2025 wildfires to get rid of these centers now is an especially cruel slap in the face to the workers without whom this city does not work.

Communication from Public

Name: IVY TORRES

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing to urge you to continue funding day labor centers in Los Angeles County. Day laborers are on the frontlines during climate and political disasters (COVID & Wildfires) but have not been recognized as an important part of the city. Through my work as a researcher at UCLA I have heard from countless day laborers about the hazards they encountered, the abuses they faced, and the injuries they endured while helping LA respond to and rebuild after wildfires. Day labor centers provide workers with a place to obtain training, health care, and resources to continue to respond to the needs of LA. By defunding day labor centers, Mayor Bass is making workers contributions to the economy of LA invisible and putting workers at greater risk for injury and abuse.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Birmingham

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to express my concern over the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS). These vital shelter facilities cannot afford to lose resources that safeguard the health, safety, and dignity of thousands of companion animals who depend on these services. These innocent animals depend on us for their survival and care. We have a responsibility to show some humanity and safeguard the lives of animals who have no voice but ours. Like so many people, I have three pets rescued from LA shelters who have become essential parts of my family, my household, and my life. I urge you: do not approve these devastating cuts. Invest in LAAS. Protect the progress we've made. All of us are counting on you to do the right thing. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best, Brian Birmingham

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Hailey

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Amanda Hailey and I'm part of the Invest in Youth Coalition. I'm here today because young people in Los Angeles deserve more, not less. In 2021, after eight years of advocacy, the Youth Development Department was created to provide focused, trauma-informed services for youth ages 10 to 25. The proposal to consolidate the Youth Development Department is not a small cut but a MAJOR CUT by 40%. This cut will eliminate key programs like the Youth Summit, Youth Expo, and Young Ambassadors, all departments built specifically to uplift youth voice and leadership. This move undermines years of work and disproportionately harms minority communities. Youth deserve their own department, not an office tucked inside another agency. By making this cut, the City may view it as a temporary budget solution, but it creates a long-term problem. The consequences of disinvesting in youth now will be felt across public safety, education, and our economy. Supporting an independent, fully funded Youth Development Department isn't just beneficial to youth, it's beneficial to this Council and the entire city. It shows a commitment to real, lasting progress and helps build stronger, safer communities for everyone. We're asking City Council to keep the Youth Development Department independent and fully funded. If you say you support youth and care about the future, now is the time to act. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This budget proposal is a disaster. This city is facing a \$1 billion dollar deficit, and your first move is to give more money to the people that put us there? The LAPD is grossly overfunded, and the liability payments it has had to issue are putting 1647 honest workers' livelihoods in jeopardy. Multiple times this year alone I have heard LAPD helicopters wasting fuel directly above my neighborhood, doing absolutely nothing but disturbing us from 5am to 7am. I do not want to fund a service that regularly harasses me and my neighbors, let alone one that is losing money because they cannot keep their hands off of their triggers and batons. I would much rather fund services that are actually crucial to the city's health and wellness, like street repairs, public transportation, and animal services, ALL OF WHICH are proposed to be cut by this budget. To cut those services is a failure and a betrayal of all Angelenos. Reconsider this budget, and cut funding to the LAPD. This is not a plea, this is a demand.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Ritter

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am begging you to reject these proposed budget cuts to Animal Services. Shutting down shelters and reducing any help will cause even more suffering, chaos and death. There is already devastating loss so many people are trying to mitigate and budget cuts will only cause even more devastating suffering. The public is watching. The animals need us and need humanity. Please do the right thing and DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.

Communication from Public

Name: Erica Female (F) Feldman

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed Department of Disability cuts are dangerous and ill-advised! Please consider the impact of persons whose lives will be challenged by these cuts, as well as the hard-working employees whose jobs at risk. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Castillo Ritter

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Clint Ritter

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 12:38 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Shana

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:40 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned resident of Los Angeles writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. The plan to reduce funding by nearly \$6.4 million, resulting in the closure of at least three shelters and the layoff of 62 staff members, is deeply troubling. These cuts will exacerbate the already critical issues of overcrowding and understaffing in our shelters, leading to increased euthanasia rates and diminished animal welfare. I urge you to reconsider these budget reductions and explore alternative solutions that do not compromise the care and safety of vulnerable animals in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia Palacios

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:40 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I find it extremely concerning that the budget for Day Labor Program in Los Angeles has been cut. Day Labor Centers support the most vulnerable workers in our city!! They support gardeners, house cleaners, caregivers, construction workers, and so many more! Now more than ever, workers need the crucial resources that Day Labor Centers provide. These resources give workers a fighting chance to protect themselves from wage theft, from health and safety hazards at work, from climate disasters! PLEASE CONTINUE TO FUND DAY LABOR CENTERS!

Communication from Public

Name: Constance Franklin

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:32 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: So you want to know what the public thinks the City should be funding ? At the top of the list should be funding animal shelters and programs that protect animals rather than kill them, enforcing laws that end backyard breeding and providing low cost spay and neutering. Why ? Because nothing could be more important than an end to killing defenseless and adoptable animals whose only fault was ending up in a shelter because of irresponsible humans. As you are aware, humans have created an overpopulation of companion animals, humans abandon companion animals to shelters because they choose to no longer be responsible for them, and companion animals pay with their lives. As you are aware, thousands upon thousands of companion animals are killed in our City shelters yearly, because clearly the City does not see their lives as a priority . Even my newsletters sent by Council members talked about the budget, and not one of them, mentioned supporting shelters. No, they talked about funding street lights, and sidewalks, and meal programs, etc, and all that is good too, but really what could be more important than saving lives ? The science has been long in. All animals feel the same terror and pain as we do. All animals enjoy their lives. If animals could speak and scream, maybe people would end the killing. I don't know. But since they can't speak, some of us choose to be their voice. So please, take pause, find that ethical compass and acknowledge that killing defenseless animals is ethically repugnant, especially in a State and City as wealthy as ours, and that our budget must always include money to protect our animals in shelters with a passion to end the irresponsibility of overpopulation and killing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:36 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Karen Bass' proposed budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year could hit Los Angeles Animal Services hard. While shelters across the city have been well over capacity for months, budget cuts could force the closure of at least three shelters and layoffs for dozens of employees. Bass' budget would cut nearly \$5 million from the LAAS budget. According to City Controller Kenneth Mejia, the cuts would eliminate nearly a third of the department's staff positions. The cuts would force at least three of the department's six shelters to close. The Harbor, West Los Angeles and West Valley shelters would be closed. In total, 62 employees will have to be laid off, including animal care technicians, Animal Control officers, veterinary technicians and more. Sixty additional vacant positions will also be eliminated. Los Angeles' animal shelters have been facing overcrowding for years. Last year, employees were concerned that shelters were euthanizing healthy dogs just to make room. A month later, LAAS General Manager Staycee Danis resigned. The closures would shift more of a burden to the remaining shelters, and the three remaining facilities will quickly run out of space to maintain animals. Making room would require the Department to revert back to old procedures for euthanizing animals. The number of euthanasia will increase dramatically. currently, between five and 10 dogs are euthanized a week, simply because of overcrowding. When a dog gets listed for euthanasia], they'll take a dog off the website, they'll put them in the back, where they're not available for public view. So they're setting this dog to die and then giving them the littlest chance to get out of the shelter as possible. This shelter system is so overburdened and to cut the budget and fire staff members is ludicrous. These budget cuts are a knee-jerk reaction. This is not leadership. Leadership finds ways to increase revenue. The city should prioritize revenue-generating efforts—like stronger enforcement of pet licensing—over slashing services. If you need more money for your shelter system, go canvas for licensing. I see dogs every day that are not licensed—go after it. That's money you're not capturing. The situation is unacceptable. What is going on is disgusting, and you need to do something about this. You cannot allow this to happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Angelina Vollucci

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mayor Bass's proposal to reduce funding and staff to LA Animal Services City Shelters. Laying off 62 workers and closing 3 shelters will directly lead to more overcrowding, suffering, and euthanasia. The shelters are barely surviving now because we do not enforce spay and neuter laws in Los Angeles, among other reasons. The shelters are constantly overflowing with animals that need our help. Animals are being killed everyday. Staff is already thin and doing the best they can with limited resources. Reducing staff and funds would be catastrophic and cruel to animals in the Los Angeles area and beyond. It would exacerbate the major animal crisis Los Angeles already has on its hands. This proposal must be rejected.

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Price

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I pray for the animals and that Mayor Karen Bass does the right thing and find the money to keep the LA City Animal Shelters in place along with the staff! I've rescued and fostered many furry friends from the San Pedro / Harbor Shelter. SO many loving furry animals! They didn't expect or deserve to be dumped at a cold shelter. Why not go after the breeders, place a moratorium on the issuance of breeders' licenses. After all, they are part of the pet overpopulation problem, along with the illegal back yard breeders. Enact STIFF penalties on these backyard breeders! Taking away funding for the animals is in fact "ANIMAL CRUELTY" Be Better Mayor Karen Bass!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Christi Metropole
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:23 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express urgent concern about the proposed 2025–2026 City of Los Angeles budget and its devastating implications for animals under the care of Los Angeles Animal Services. While I recognize the proposed allocation falls short of meeting the needs of our city’s already overstretched animal shelters. Interim General Manager Annette Ramirez has made it clear that without significant increases in funding, three animal shelters may be forced to close — a move that would put the lives of both dogs and cats at even greater risk. LAAS shelters are already operating at 155% capacity. Dogs are doubled and tripled in kennels, creating not only stress and suffering but also increased aggression, illness, and a higher risk of euthanasia. The data is already dire: euthanasia of dogs rose 72% from last year, with over 1,200 dogs euthanized from January to September 2024. But cats are being overlooked in this crisis. Thousands of cats enter the LAAS system each year, and they often face worse outcomes than dogs. Overcrowding, inadequate enrichment, and poor disease control mean that even healthy cats are at risk. The LAAS shelters do not have enough staff to provide basic care, and without funding for feline enrichment and dedicated staff, cats are often left isolated and stressed, making them less adoptable and more likely to be euthanized. If this budget is passed without amendments, the result will exacerbate the already inhumane conditions and be catastrophic for both dogs and cats, and especially for cats, who will suffer the most. We call on the City of Los Angeles to: 1) Fully fund all requested animal care technician positions. 2) Allocate adequate resources for both canine and feline enrichment programs. 3) Ensure proper medical care, nutrition, and behavioral support for all animals. 4) Take urgent steps to reduce euthanasia through spay/neuter initiatives, adoption campaigns, and partnerships with rescue organizations. Mayor Bass and City Council: the animals of Los Angeles have no voice but ours. Please, listen to the communities who care about their well-being. No animal should suffer or die because of a budget shortfall. I urge you to revise the proposed budget and ensure that no shelters close, no cats or dogs go without care, and no lives are lost due to preventable neglect.

Communication from Public

Name: Debi Griepsma

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: HOW ABOUT SOME OF YOU OVERPAID STAFF TAKE A PAY CUT INSTEAD OF CUTTING VITAL SERVICES, INCLUDING ANIMAL SERVICES. IF THE KILL NUMBERS AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH AS IT IS. WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL OF THE TAXPAYER MONIES AND SALES TAX REVENUE YOU GET?? RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE "FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBLE" WHY AREN'T YOU GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HELD TO THE SAME STANDARDS?? THIS RHETORIC OF ALWAYS BEING OVER BUDGET HAS GOTTEN OLD!!

Communication from Public

Name: Cara Chiu

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:35 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, These shelters are needed, please do not cut the funding!

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Stop this budget plan that not only hurts one of the most vulnerable groups out there but the workers too. Without these shelters hundreds of strays will be left to suffer with a life they didn't choose. This will only lead to more strays on the streets and increase in the already high number of overpopulation. Shelters are already suffering and instead of helping we are destroying them. It is not humane for these poor animals to suffer even more.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Fritz

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:36 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need MORE animal shelters and employees, not less. Please do not do away with any shelters or shelter employees. Instead, budget for more of each for the coming year.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Marcos

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is a public safety issue; we need to help keep these animal populations under control and also support the organizations and boots on the ground doing the work the city itself cannot and doesn't want to prioritize. Another boost in budget for the sheriff dept and cops but not for things that are really affecting our communities?

Communication from Public

Name: Italia P.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:38 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE OPPOSE the budget proposal in Los Angeles to close animal shelters and layoff personnel. As a person who works with animal rescue, our entire system depends on open, working shelters to house animals until we can reach them. PLEASE look into your heart and hear us and more importantly- hear those with no voice to protect themselves. VOTE YES on AB 478!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Rose

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:46 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We have been scammed and bullied into the banking system for far too long. We deserve options that don't allow our personal assets to be leveraged as fuel for the imperialist violence that major banks pay for and profit from using money in our bank accounts and interest earned from our money loaned out.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Liveten

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:31 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass' budget proposal includes an enormous cut to the city's Animal Shelters. She has proposed closing three existing shelters - including the newest one in the system, West Valley- as well as firing 100 workers. The shelter system is already completely overloaded and understaffed. There are a multitude of reasons for this, including embracing the Best Friends Animal Society platform which simply is a way of 'creatively' with the data on adoptions and releases, as opposed to actually helping animals. Nonetheless, the reality of closing the shelters will massively increase euthanasia for adoptable animals, something that Los Angeles voters have already proved they don't want. The numbers of stray cats and dogs on the streets will also jump exponentially. There will be pets dumped and starving on the streets. It is exceeding cruel and unnecessary. Also, not a great look for the upcoming Olympics and FIFA World Cup.⁴ The world is watching, and Los Angeles needs to take care of its most innocent residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Vogt

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:50 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts from Mayor Bass are unacceptable. The city is proposing a devastating one-third reduction in animal services staff. That means fewer people to care for animals, respond to emergencies, or support adopters and fosters. But really, what it means, is more inhumanely treated animals, and more euthanized ones. The city is already over capacity when it comes to animals, and is euthanizing animals for the smallest of reasons (because ultimately, there isn't enough space for them). The closure of three shelters would be DEVASTATING. The PR team would be eliminated by this cut - that means no more public outreach, adoption events, or shelter visibility. It also would result in fewer spay/neuter surgeries - which absolutely must be a PRIORITY in this city if we want to correct the current overpopulation crisis. These are just a few of the MANY reasons that this proposal is, in my opinion, disgusting. Shame on the mayor and those that support her for thinking this is an appropriate action. This is about more than the budget. This is about the lives of thousands of animals and the safety of our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Christie Hickman

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:53 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging LA City Council to please use the \$5 million budget set aside in the city's unappropriated budget to fund the reckless budget cuts that Mayor Karen Bass has proposed to Animal Services. It is hard to imagine the animal welfare crisis happening in this city getting even worse, but it will if the scarce resources already allocated to Animal Services is cut back even more. You cannot ignore the problem, and it will only get worse by not addressing it now. Animals are suffering at unprecedented levels in LA. It's like no other city in America. The only way out of the crisis is to address the issue at hand, implement a mandatory spay/neuter law and reduce the unwanted animal population. This is the city's problem to address and, with the Olympics coming in just 3 years, the animal welfare crisis in LA and the city's neglect to handle it will be on a global stage. Please reconsider these harmful decisions to reduce budget and staffing to Animal Services. Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Zack Beauchamp

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:09 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the proposed cuts on the Department of Animal Services budget. Reductions in staffing and closure of locations would result in thousands of euthanized dogs currently in shelters, and the reduced headcount would exacerbate the stray animal problem our city faces.

Communication from Public

Name: MS

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:09 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA Animal Services needs more resources and support. Please do not reduce resources allocated to LA Animal Services. Please do not close animal shelters. Please do not cut jobs in Animal Services. Please meet with members of Los Angeles's animal rescue community and fortify Animal Services according to their recommendations. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Chadwick

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Im part of the LAAS New Hope program. I run a non profit animal rescue organization. Im here to tell you our city is already in crisis from the last budget cut of LAAS with no spay/neuter program. Besides the fact thousands and thousands more animals will be killed, this is not just an animal problem. This is a safety issue, if you shut down 3 animal shelters in Lis Angeles you are going to see complete chaos. Theres going to be animals getting dumped on public sidewalks, hwys parks etc. if you think there is an overpopulation now just wIth. The west valley animal shelter has a spay/neuter clinic that does commuting outreach. You take that away our community will surely suffer. The shelters are already gravely understaffed if you take away 60-80 jobs its going to be complete chaos not to mention animals that are already sick will be spreading disease throughout our community. Your priorities are completely ridiculous. Where is all the money that was supposed to go to the homeless . Nothing has changed at all. The homeless problem is now worse than ever. We will continue to fight for LAAS to remain fully staffed and the shelters to remain open. The main problem wrong with Los Angeles is Bass! She needs to go. She lowered the budget for LAFD and look what happened. And them had the nerve to leave during one of yhe worst disasters in our city!! This budget cut needs to be revised!! I urge you to rethink it!!

Communication from Public

Name: Laura W

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:14 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, I am heartbroken and outraged by your proposed budget cuts to the already underfunded city animal shelters. The staff layoffs and even more reduced funds will result in many more innocent animals dying and their blood will be on your hands. Please reconsider your budget plan and save the animals!

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Villhauer

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Stop funding the cops and give the animals a chance to live. This is a terrible budget that over funds LAPD and takes away too many critical aspects of the city that are actually needed.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:58 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposed budget cuts to the Department of Animal Services.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Weinberger

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 02:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I work for a nonprofit organization that is funded through the Department of Disability's AIDS Coordinators Office for the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program. In our time of operation for the 2024-2025 contract year, we have linked 134 individuals to HIV testing services and referred the majority of those individuals to biomedical prevention navigation services such as PrEP and PEP. Additionally, as an organization that provide substance use treatment services, we have cultivated a foundation of trust within the community of people who use drugs to inform them of different treatment options including outpatient treatment, medication for addiction treatment, and contingency management for stimulant users. We have worked tirelessly over the past year to provide these life saving services to the City of Los Angeles community members and it is our hope that our budget for 2025-2026 will not be reduced. With the impending reductions at the federal level, we depend on the City of Los Angeles to support their citizens where the federal government has turned its back. Please reconsider the budget proposal for the Department of Disability as not only will our program be affected, but many others that are funded through the department to provide a continuum of care dedicated to Ending the HIV Epidemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Leti Vera

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:49 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please save the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter. It's an integral part of our community. It saves so many lives and provides opportunities for our neighbors to volunteer and donate. It's a beautiful facility that the city invested in and would sit empty while animals are left with no safe haven.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:44 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have been I rescue for over 10 years and the need for low cost spay and neuter is greater than ever. The amount of unwanted animals being born and entering the shelter system is staggering and there is only one solution, spay and neuter. Rescue organizations are overwhelmed and cannot keep up with the demand. TNR is crucial to tackling this overpopulation crisis we are facing and is direct shelter intervention by preventing unwanted litters from being born on the streets. Kitty bungalow, Tipped Ears, Stray Cat alliance, Kitten a rescue, Lux Paws are all organizations with boots on the ground doing the work and encouraging the public to get involved and active in TNR. The public want to get involved and want to help with the crisis however do not have the means to do so. The community cat program is a lifesaving program and if this program ceases to exist than we are in big trouble as we are just beginning kitten season 2025.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:52 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund the help of LA's stray animals!! Please!!! We need help!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Lorena Abarca
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:16 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Enough with the budget cuts

Communication from Public

Name: Ceara Talbot

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:20 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mayor Bass' proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. LAAS is already under duress, as are the animals that it's required to humanely house. Staff are already spread thin, many kennels contain multiple dogs, and their needs (safety, sanitary living conditions, out of kennel enrichment) are not currently being met. Furthermore, cutting resources will become a public safety hazard, with fewer staff to contain stray animals, lack of access to local shelters for people looking to surrender pets, and likely an uptick in the abandonment of pets. Budget cuts to LAAS would have far reaching impacts for the animals and community and cause potentially irreparable damage to a system that is already, quite frankly, failing.

Communication from Public

Name: David Abbott

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:51 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is David Abbott, I have worked for the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning for ten years as a Geographic Information Systems Specialist. My primary work involves maintaining and updating the many computer mapping layers the city uses for planning cases, zoning, and general plan landuse, as well as developing mapping tools to support multiple departments with new development decisions using the new zone code. Work such as mine directly contributes to the city being able to see, accurately and clearly on maps, the various planning department related data as it pertains to any given property in the city. Hundreds of thousands of points, lines, and polygons stored in map layers require intimate knowledge of historical mapping practices, and research for old and new data to be displayed as accurately as possible for the decision makers and public to have the data they need to enable this City to function. This data is used by multiple departments - for just about anything the City does, from new developments, historical protection status, enforcement of development standards, investigation and revocation of permits for nuisances, tracking of housing units - the list could go on, but what I wish to convey is that without this data, without the mapping skills the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) people bring, consumers of mapping data would be at a loss. The department of building and safety would be looking at blank property outlines with no planning data. The department of public works bureau of engineering would be producing property outlines with no associated planning data, and planners would not be able to generate reports or serve the public using the web maps they use every day at public counters because those maps would not be showing the data from planning related activities. Historically, the importance of mapping was recognized at the very beginning of our nation. In 1785, after winning independence, one of the first acts of Congress was to create a national land survey to organize settlement and raise revenue to pay down enormous war debts. In 1852, shortly after California became a state, one of its first major projects was extending surveys into Southern California to lay the foundation for all future land ownership and development decisions. Today, in 2025, that legacy continues through the work Geographic Information Systems - GIS - professionals do every day in Los

Angeles, ensuring that historical mapping data remains available, new data functional, and visualizing that data with maps meaningful. Layoffs mean an end to this legacy. Layoffs would dismantle a vital system that has quietly upheld the City's ability to function and grow. Beyond the immediate hardship to skilled employees, the consumers of GIS data, City departments and the public, would face rapid degradation of service. Standards will erode, expectations will go unmet, and the few remaining efforts will fail to keep pace with accelerating demands. What is often invisible - the constant maintenance, updating, and quality assurance of planning data as layers on maps - will become painfully visible by its absence. Without GIS support, the work of planners, engineers, inspectors, and decision-makers will regress, and City obligations to meet certain housing development numbers or revise general plan landuse for every community will falter. There are many other departments facing similar scenarios from GIS layoffs - this will expose just how critical this infrastructure truly is to the City's success.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Elkins

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:01 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a ratepayer and civic observer, I am concerned by the growing disconnect between the City's public commitments to procurement integrity and the quiet decisions being made on large-scale financial transactions. Specifically, I urge the Budget & Finance Committee to examine the structure of the \$1 billion LADWP bond sale scheduled for pricing on May 1. Based on publicly available documents, it appears that the lead underwriter on this financing is a foreign-based institution. What is less clear—but more troubling—is that this firm may be listed under a Local Business Enterprise (LBE) designation. This warrants public explanation: • What is the justification for awarding the senior role in a \$1 billion financing to a non-local firm under the LBE framework? • If this designation is valid, what standard was used—and who verified it? With the City facing major budget deficits, scrutiny over LADWP liabilities, and increased oversight on contracting practices, this deal creates reputational exposure for the City and risks undermining trust in the LBE system. Los Angeles has many qualified, truly local institutions. Why aren't they leading? As voters, ratepayers, and residents, we deserve transparency—especially on transactions of this magnitude. I urge Council and the Controller to ensure LADWP is held to the same fiscal discipline and local equity standards being promoted across departments.

Communication from Public

Name: Greta H.

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:01 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern about Mayor Bass's proposed \$4.8 million dollar budget cuts to LAAS and urge you to protect the already underfunded department of LAAS. As interim manager, Annette Ramirez, stated in her budget response, the proposed cuts will result in the closure of three already overpopulated shelters. This will pose a serious safety hazard for your constituents, and it will turn Los Angeles (back) into a "high kill" city where perfect family pets are inhumanely euthanized for space rather than rehabilitated, rehoused, or reunited. Closing the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley locations will prohibit animal control from responding in a timely manner to secure aggressive animals. The need for services in these areas will not wane. This is a serious safety concern. Closing the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley locations – all operating at/near capacity – will result in massive, inhumane killings for space to absorb the population. It will further lead to inhumane, unsafe living and working conditions at the shelters that remain. Los Angeles prides itself in being a modern, progressive, safe, and humane city. Inhumane killings are unacceptable. Closing the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley locations will result in a second homelessness crisis in the streets of Los Angeles – the crisis of unhoused animals. If your constituents are unable to drive to remote shelter locations to securely surrender their beloved family pet (As a volunteer at the West LA shelter, I know first hand that many depend on busses, or often have just lost their homes and cars and therefore must surrender their pet), pets will be left to roam the streets. The same is true for desperate Angelenos who are unwilling to surrender their beloved family pet to a "high kill" shelter. This, again, is a safety risk. Imagine hitting a frightened, confused dog roaming for food on the 405 during rush hour; the lives this puts at stake, the costly emergency response, and the city-wide traffic delay to follow. Closing the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley locations and eliminating the Public Relations Team will also make re-uniting lost pets with their owners – your constituents – far less likely. A Hollywood resident may not check South Gate for their pet, nor may they be able to travel to the shelter to reclaim their pet. The worst possible outcome: The city will kill your constituent's beloved family pet when they are most in need.

As your constituent, and someone who cares deeply about public safety and animals, I strongly urge you to reject these careless budget cuts and take the interim manager's proposed solution into account. As the first and utmost priority: all city shelters must remain open to keep our city safe. As a second priority: I urge the board of animal services commissioners to further utilize this situation to improve this troubled department not let it be diminished. As taxpayers we have appointed you as guardians of this city and these animals, not to put them at risk.

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April 22, 2025

The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Petty Santos, City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Suite 440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Department of Animal Services (Department) has reviewed the Mayor's FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget. The Department understands that careful consideration was given and difficult decisions needed to be made to prepare a balanced budget at this time. Recognizing the precarious financial situation facing the City, we anticipated that some sacrifices would have to be made as we continue to move forward. The Department appreciates the members of the Budget and Finance Committee and the entire City Council for the opportunity to share just how the Department will be impacted by this proposed budget and our recommended changes to help mitigate negative impacts.

The Department of Animal Services is a public safety agency. Public safety is the City of Los Angeles' primary obligation to its residents. A safe city is one in which trained Animal Control Officers are available at any time of day to respond to dangerous animal calls in a timely manner and handle situations involving animals-at-large without or with minimal injury to the public. Our field staff is required to answer such calls daily. A safe city is also one in which animal experts are on hand to evacuate animals in a disaster as mandated by law so that both people and animals can get to safety. Department field enforcement staff worked around the clock during the 2025 Los Angeles firestorms to assist individuals and animals impacted by that disaster.

Animal Care Technicians and other shelter management staff are responsible for providing continuous care for the animals in-shelter including cleaning, feeding, providing enrichment, and assisting with medical procedures/vaccinations. Animal care shelter staff are also responsible for providing assistance to customers seeking to adopt/foster/rescue any of the animals in our facilities. Staff currently provide care at all six shelter locations, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

The Department's medical team evaluates all animals entering each Animal Services Center. They provide preventative veterinary services to all dogs and cats. Both the Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians implant microchips into dogs, cats, and rabbits. The team facilitates the sterilization of shelter animals through on-site and off-site clinics and Veterinarians. They examine

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and process animals held during animal cruelty cases and testify on animals' conditions in court. Our medical team also has the difficult task of relieving the irremediable suffering of animals.

Administrative Clerks assigned to the various Animal Services Centers conduct a number of in-shelter clerical and customer service-related tasks such as processing adoption and foster transactions as well as licensing. These clerical positions are responsible for responding to an overwhelming number of incoming phone calls assisting customers with a variety of issues, requests and demands.

The Department's Administrative Division provides an array of services in support of the Department's primary mission and goals. These support services include the development and implementation of various public relations, marketing, and communication initiatives, informing the community and media organizations about Department activities and encouraging community engagement, processing payroll for Department staff, administering various sterilization programs, providing systems and information technology support, processing new and renewal licensing applications, conducting administrative hearings, procurement, contract administration, accounts receivable, accounts payable and budget oversight.

Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget

The Department currently has an allocation of 328 regular position authorities and 50 resolution authorities, for a total of 378 positions. The Mayor's Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget proposes the elimination of 57 currently filled regular authority positions, 31 vacant regular position authorities, five filled resolution authorities, and 29 vacant resolution authority positions. These proposed eliminations would reduce Department staff by approximately one-third of its total positions.

As proposed, this budget would require the Department to implement layoffs for 62 employees:

- 35 Animal Care Technicians
- 12 Animal Control Officers
- Four Administrative Clerks
- Four Veterinary Technicians
- Two Animal Care Technician Supervisors
- Two Senior Animal Control Officer I
- One Senior Administrative Clerk
- One Public Relations Specialist II
- One Public Information Director I

In addition, the Department would eliminate 60 vacant positions including Animal Care Technician, Animal Control Officer, clerical, payroll, and Veterinarian positions.

The Proposed Budget also reduces Department expense accounts by over \$300,000, including the Animal Medical Supplies Account and the Animal Food/Feed and Grain Account. There would also be a decrease in the Contractual Services Account, reducing the funding for the Department's three-year Canine Enrichment Services agreement to provide approximately six months of services instead of a full year.

Anticipated Impacts

It has been stated publicly numerous times that even with the current level of staffing that the Department is not appropriately staffed to operate six Animal Services Centers. Even if fully staffed, it has been thought that we would only have sufficient staffing to operate four shelter locations. With the number of positions proposed to be eliminated, the Department would need to close at least three shelters. The Department would close the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley locations. This

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would leave the City's three largest animal shelter facilities open for operation (South Los Angeles, North Central and East Valley).

The need for services in those communities with closed facilities would not cease. We are certain that animal intake from these communities will continue. Closing these three locations would mean that individuals who reside in communities close to the closed facilities would need to be rerouted to the open facilities, which is inconvenient and could cause a hardship, especially for those residents without transportation and experiencing other financial hardships. It is also likely that the three remaining facilities will quickly run out of space to maintain animals. This would require the Department to revert back to old procedures for euthanizing animals to continually make room for animals entering the shelters. The number of euthanasia will increase dramatically.

The facility closures will also result in longer Animal Control Officer response times for those residents that live closest to the Harbor, West Los Angeles, and West Valley locations. Depending on the time of day, it can prove difficult to get to some areas due to high traffic. This is especially problematic for emergency calls. Calls for assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department (which has already complained about Department response times due to low staffing) can be delayed by up to three hours.

Closing the West Los Angeles location will result in the need to terminate the agreement the Department currently has with the City of Beverly Hills to provide animal control, enforcement, and care services. Revenues generated for the City through this agreement for the last three years are as follows: \$398,100.34 (2022); \$324,957 (2023); \$360,750 (2024).

With the elimination of the Public Relations team, the Department will lose its ability to conduct effective community outreach and engagement. Our Public Relations team updates and maintains the Department's website and social media presence. They are also the primary contacts for all media outlets and conduct all of our weekly media appearances spotlighting animals for adoption and notifying the masses of various adoption, microchipping, licensing and sterilization community events. Losing the expertise and efforts of this team will almost completely eliminate the Department's ability to promote services and provide public outreach and education.

The elimination of clerical support throughout the Department will cause significant delays for most services the Department provides: adoption/foster transactions, payroll processing, licensing, answering phone calls, and processing CPRA/FOIA requests.

Department Recommendations

The Mayor's proposed budget reflects a \$4,837,152 decrease in the Department's operating budget. However, there is also a proposed \$5,000,000 allocated in the City's Unappropriated Balance (Unappropriated Balance, Animal Services Operations), as well as \$1,482,228 in funding allocated as One-Time Salary For Eliminated Filled Positions. The Department recommends utilizing these funds to retain all of the proposed eliminated filled and vacant positions as well as restoring funding to the Department's other expense and contractual services accounts.

This would allow the Department to maintain the current level of services for the residents of the City of Los Angeles.

Conclusion

The Department does not recommend any budget reduction that will result in the dilution of public safety, the closures of Animal Care Centers, or the increase of the euthanasia rate. Again, we appreciate the Committee's and the Council's continued support and consideration of what the Department addressed and recommended above. We remain committed to our mission and will support the ultimate decisions of the City's policy-makers.

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We look forward to discussing this matter further throughout the budget hearing procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Annette S. Ramirez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Annette" and last name "Ramirez" clearly legible.

Annette Ramirez
Interim General Manager

Attachment

cc: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, CD 3
Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, CD 1
Councilmember Heather Hutt, CD 10
Councilmember Tim McOske, CD 15
Matt Hale, Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Office of Finance, Operations and Innovation
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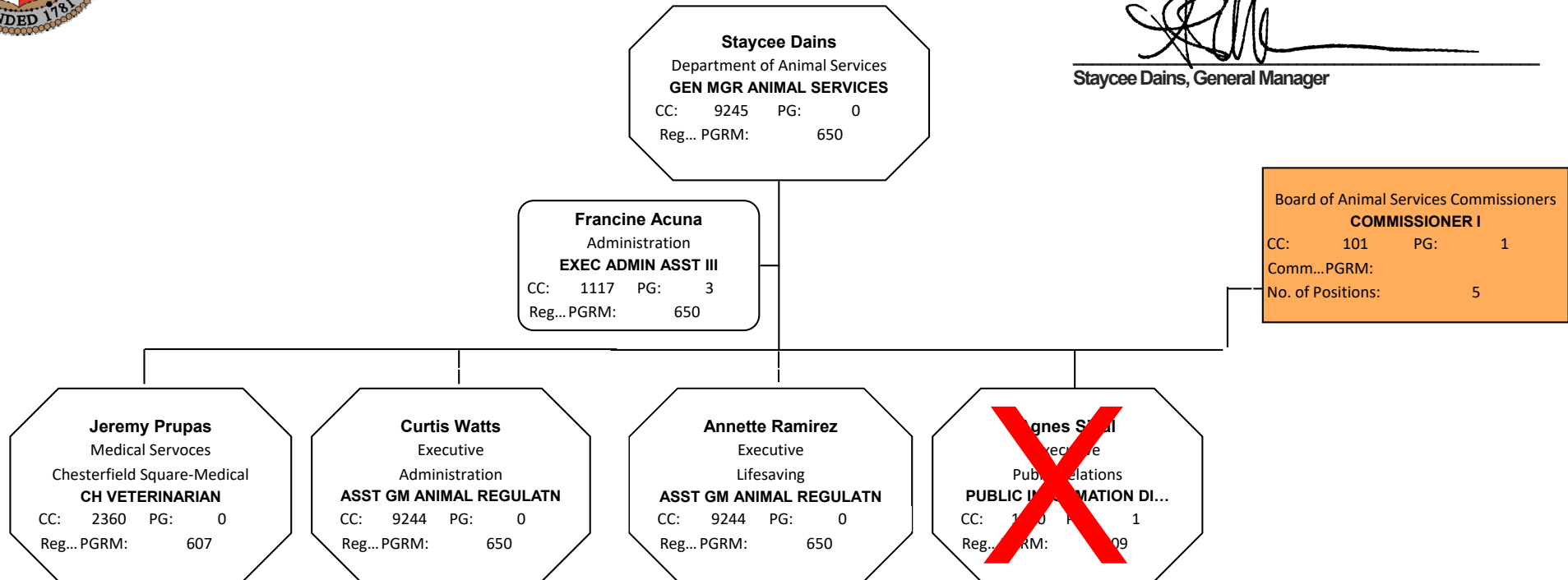


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Approved:

Staycee Dains, General Manager



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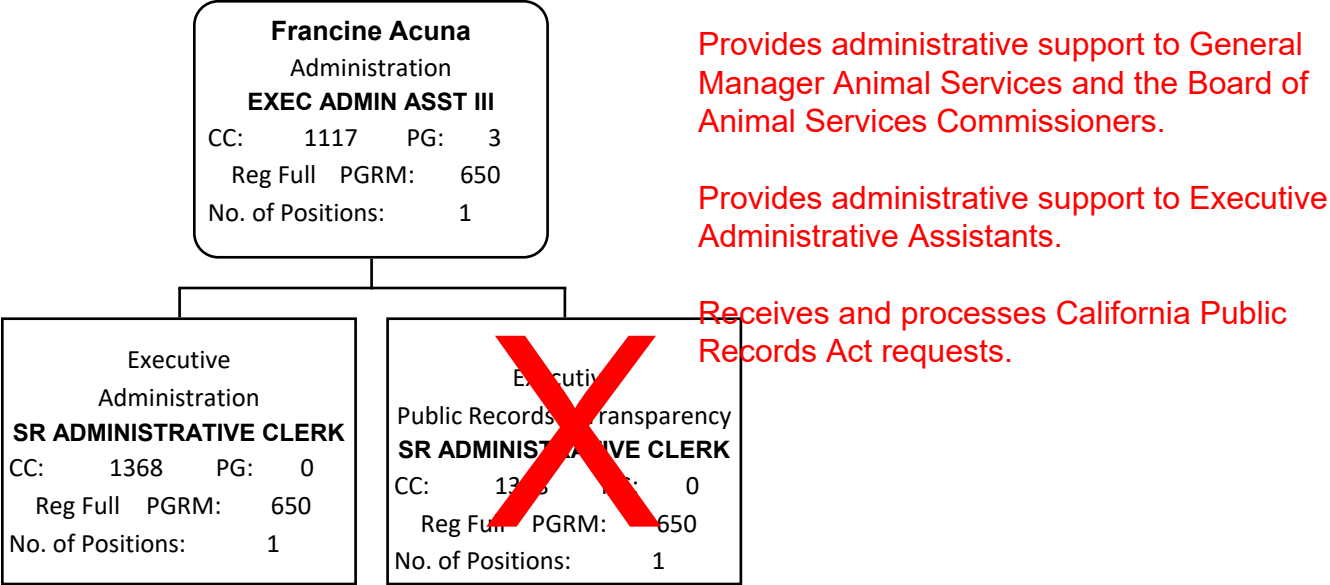
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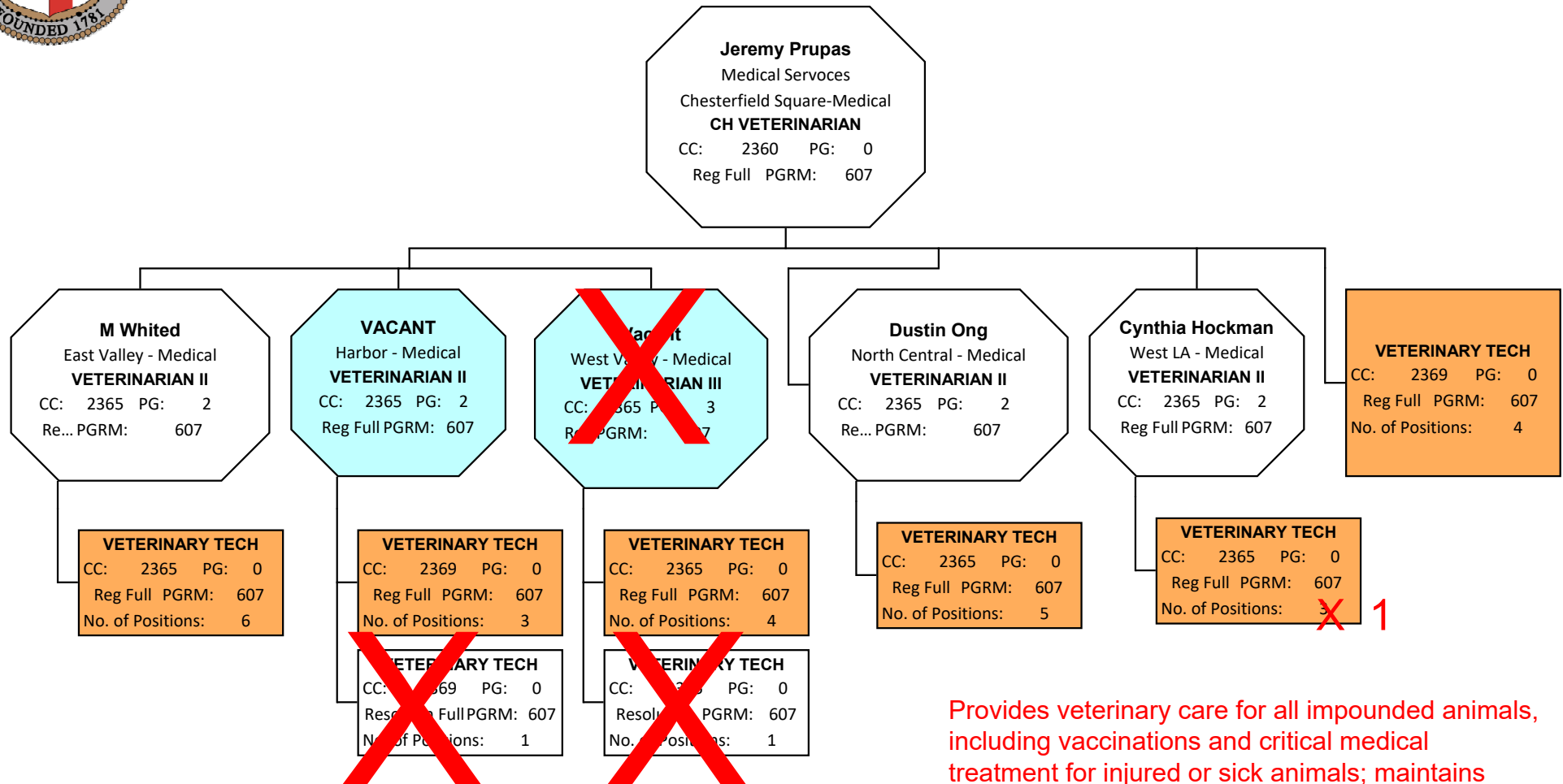
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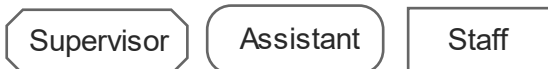
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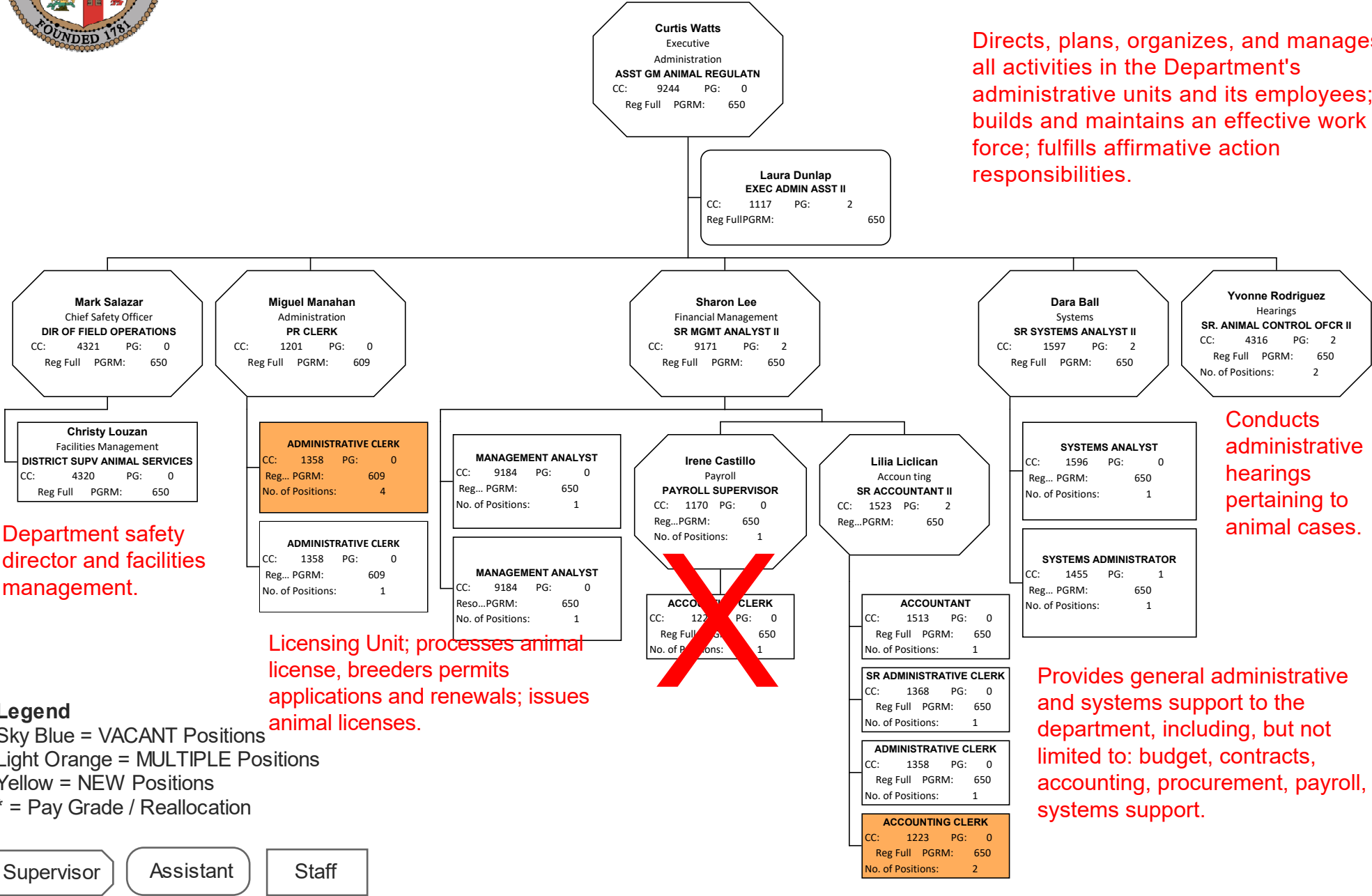
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Provides veterinary care for all impounded animals, including vaccinations and critical medical treatment for injured or sick animals; maintains medical records for each animal processed through the City's shelters; provides or facilitates sterilization of shelter animals through in-house staff or contracted on-site and off-site clinics and veterinarians; examines and processes animals in support of animal cruelty cases; testifies in court regarding animal medical conditions; and euthanizes animals to relieve irremediable suffering of animals.



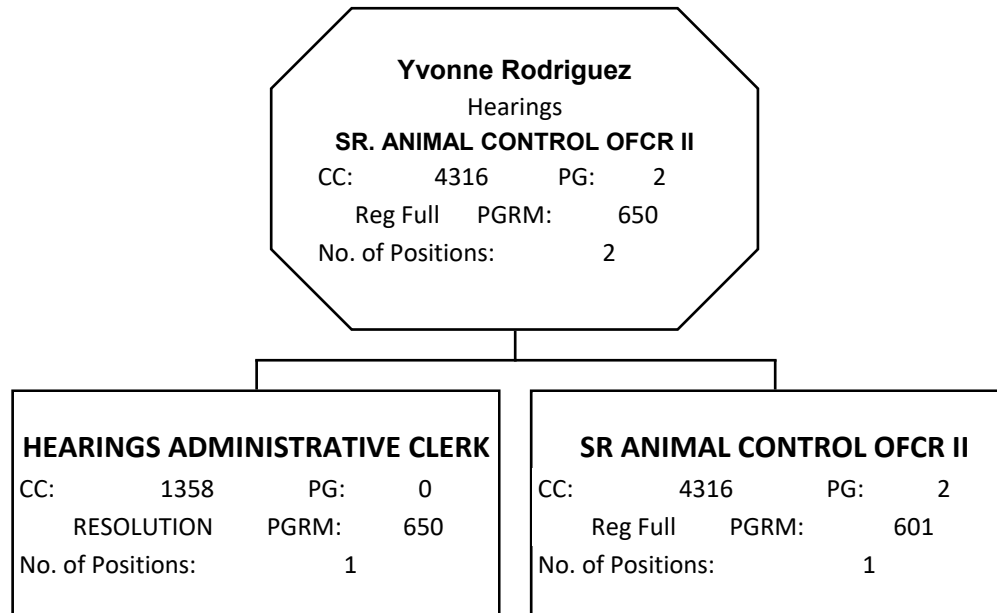
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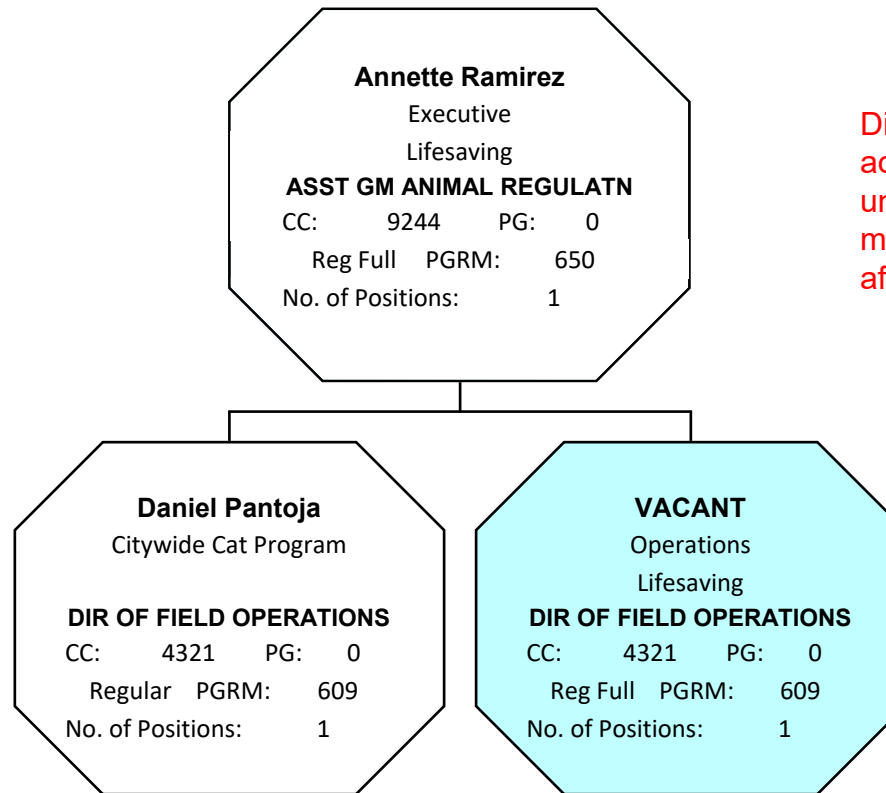
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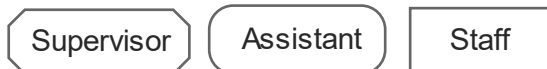
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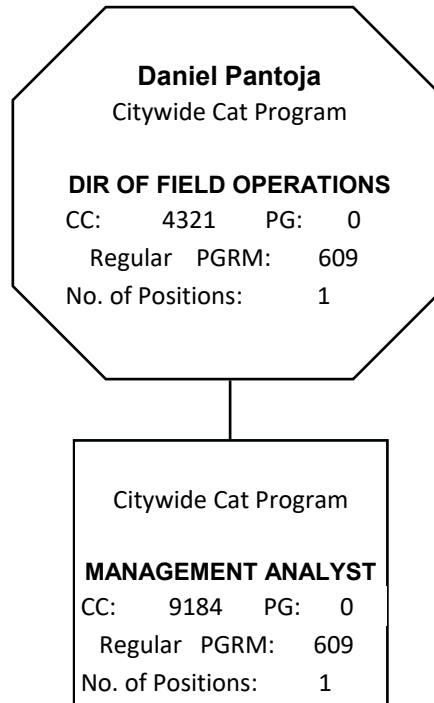
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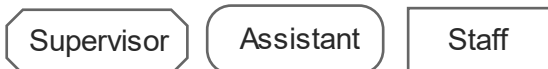
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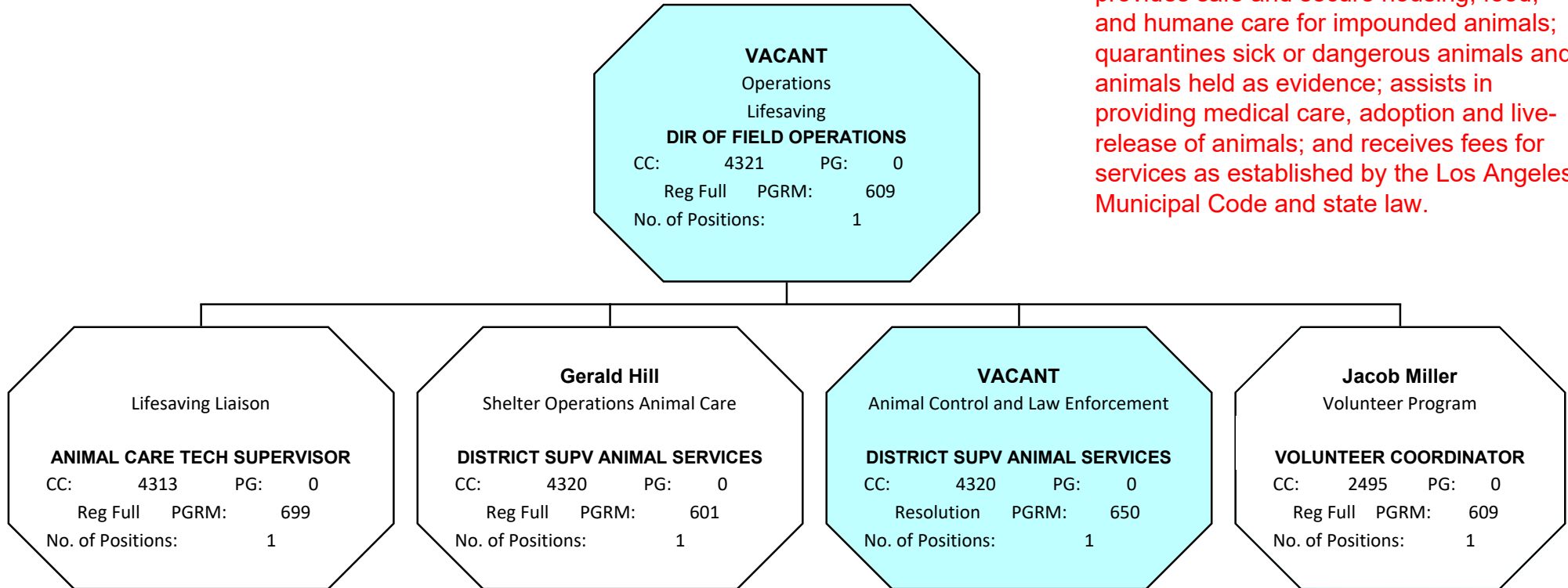
Administers Citywide Cat Program. The Program is to reduce the overall free-roaming cat population, which as analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), would be an estimated 20,000 surgeries annually.



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Impound animals received at animal shelters; manages shelter facilities; provides safe and secure housing, food, and humane care for impounded animals; quarantines sick or dangerous animals and animals held as evidence; assists in providing medical care, adoption and live-release of animals; and receives fees for services as established by the Los Angeles Municipal Code and state law.



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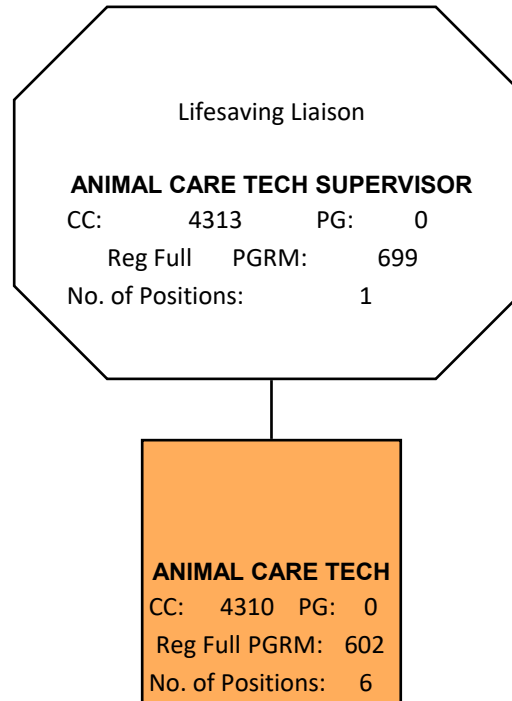
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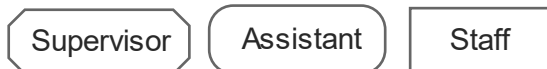
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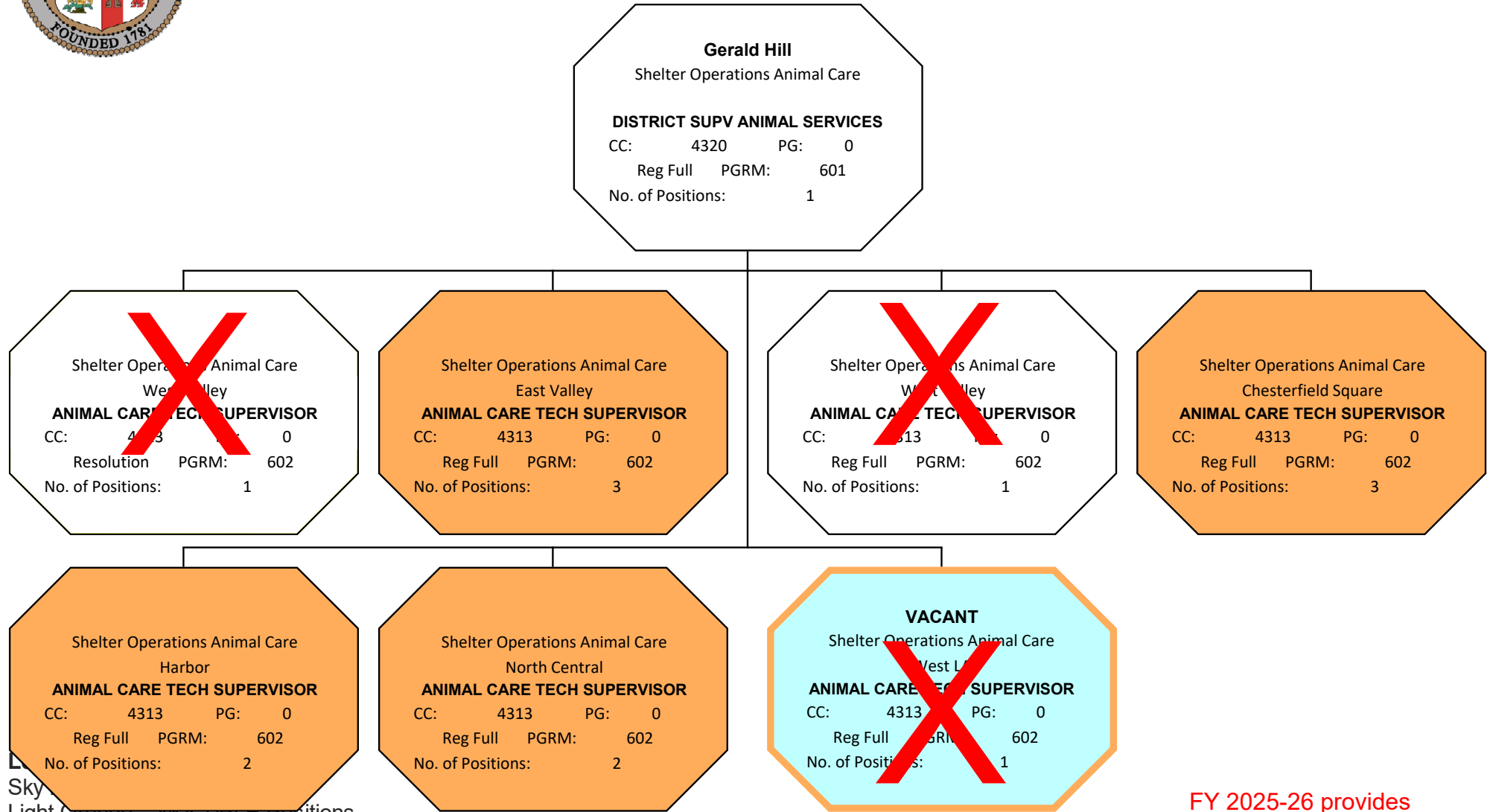
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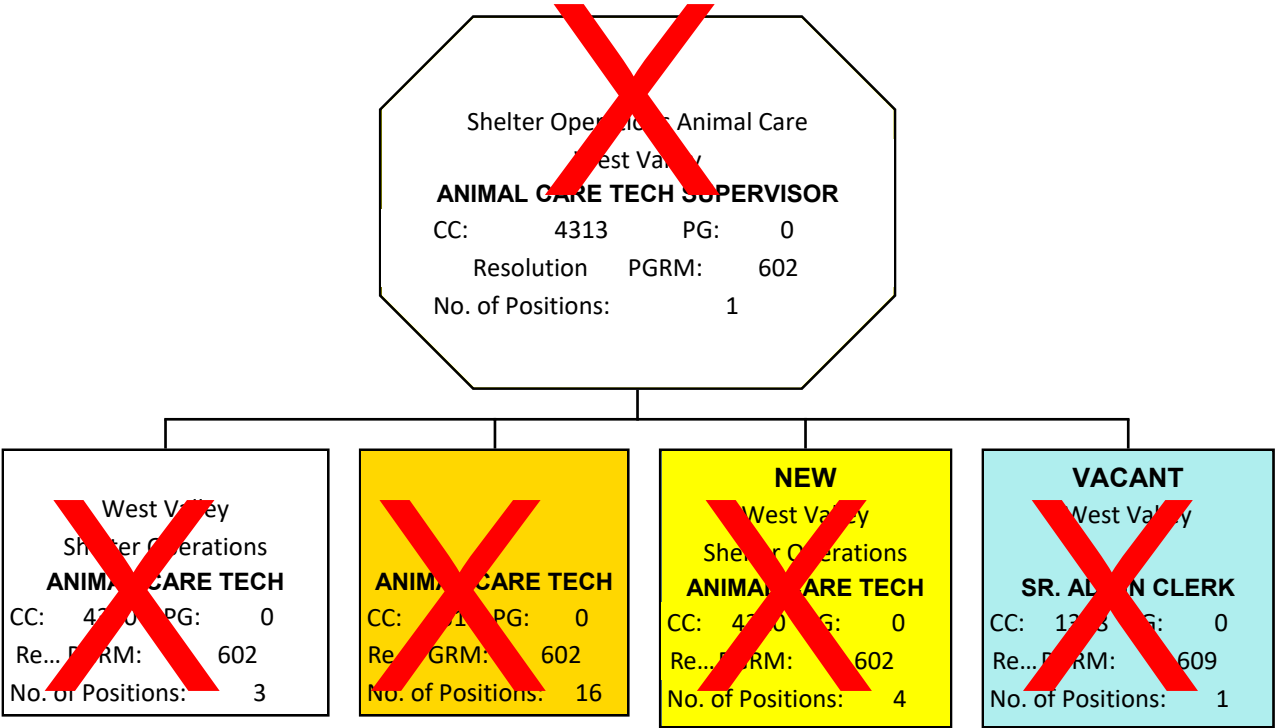
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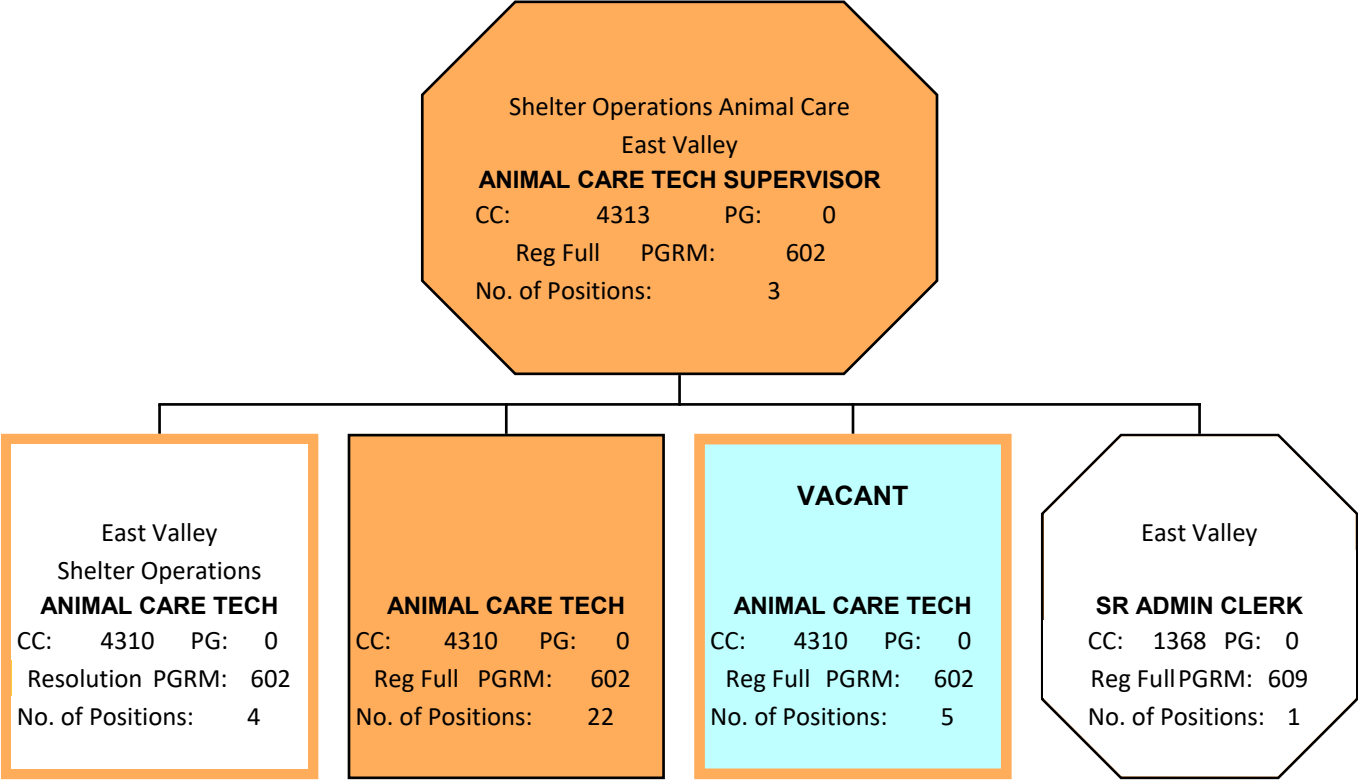
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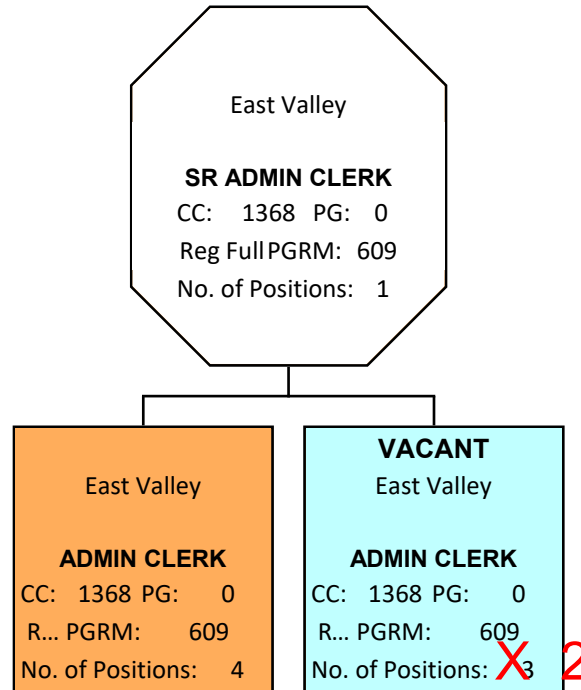
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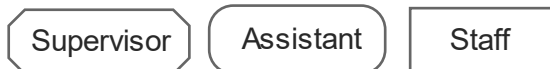
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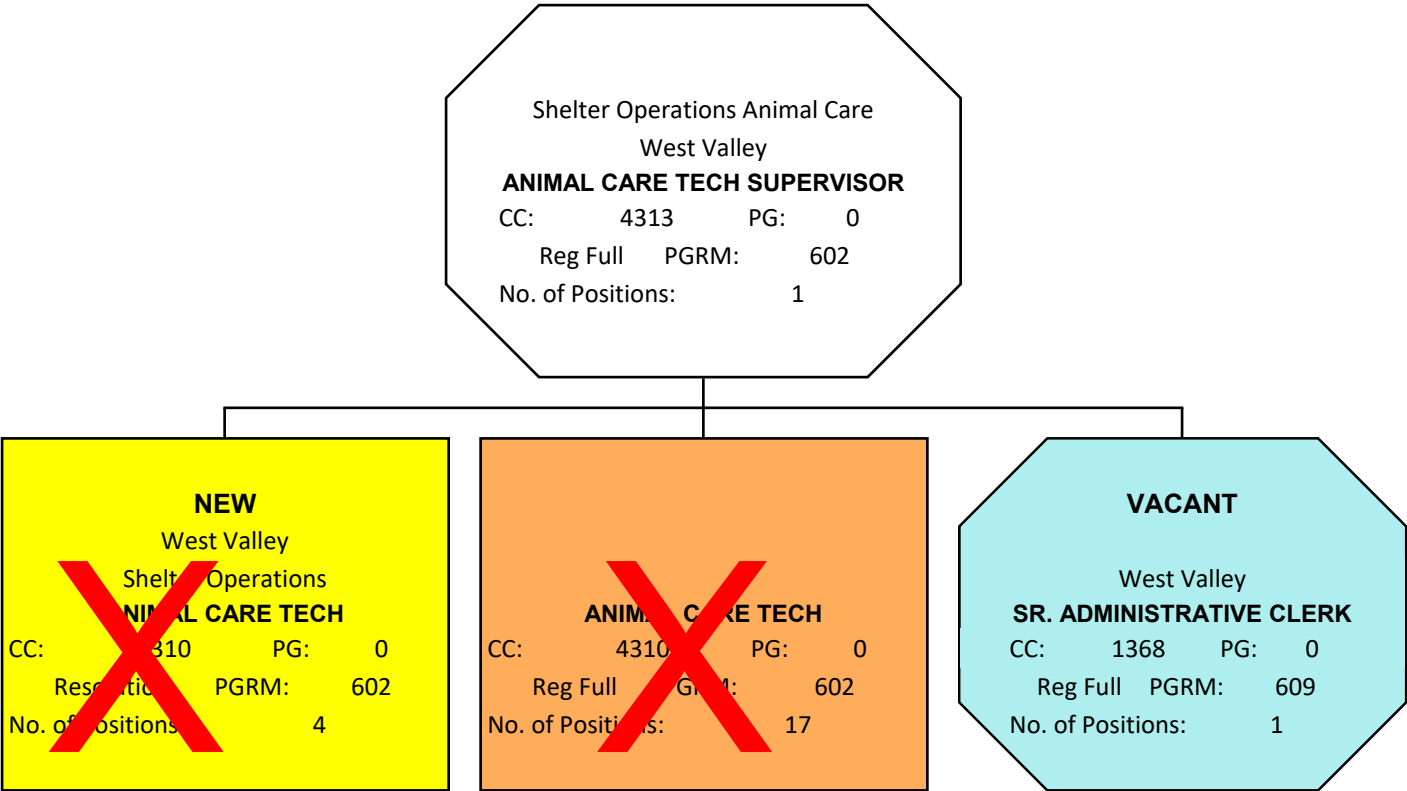
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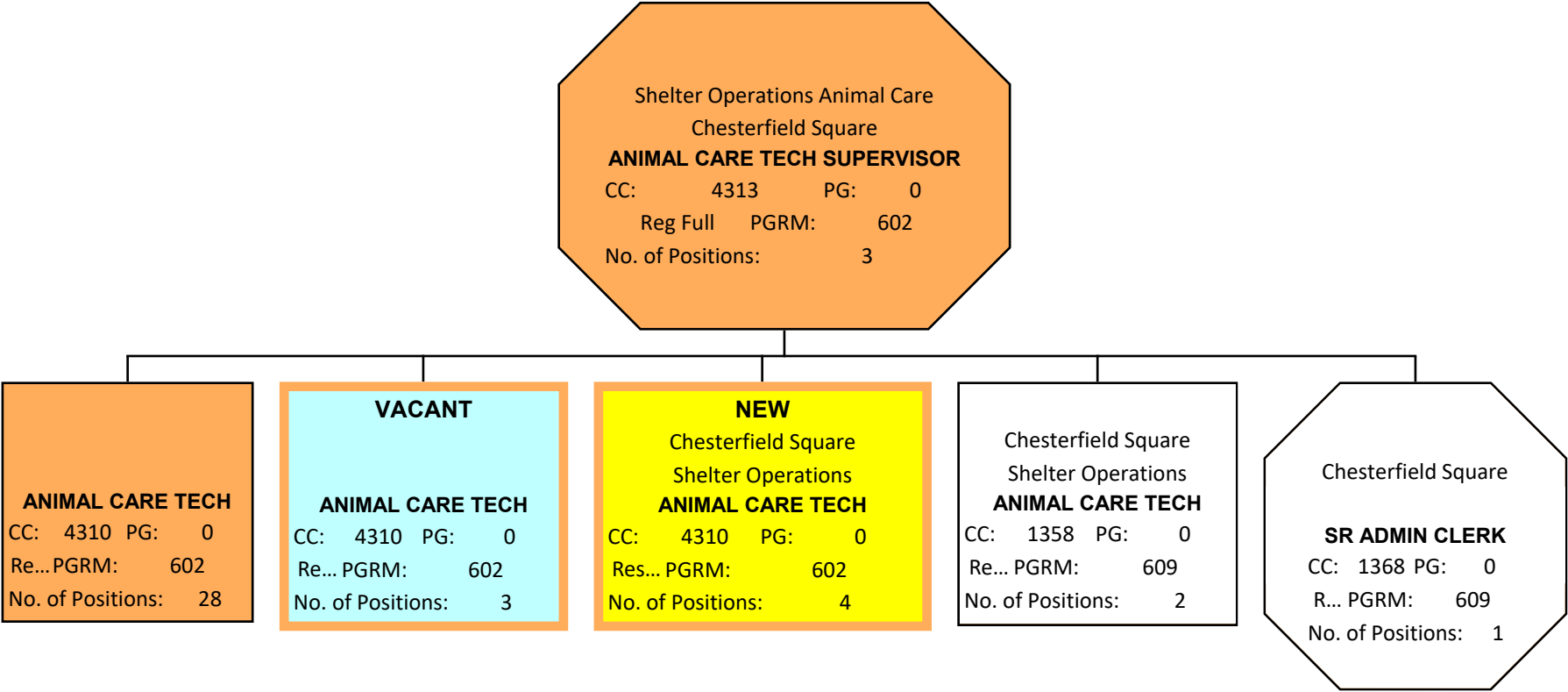


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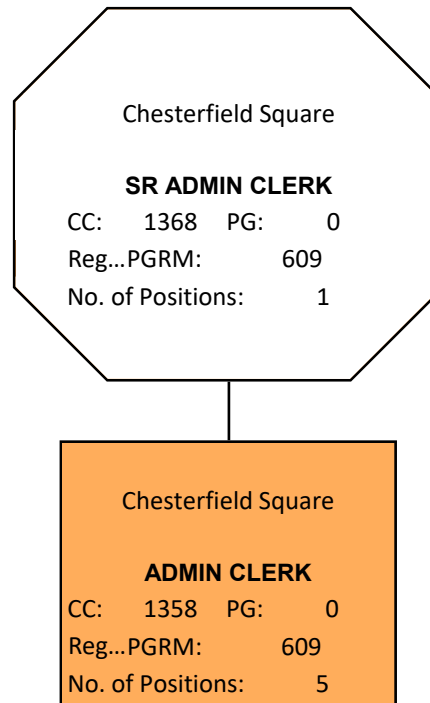
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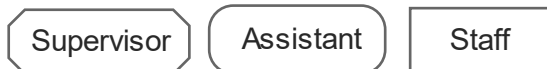
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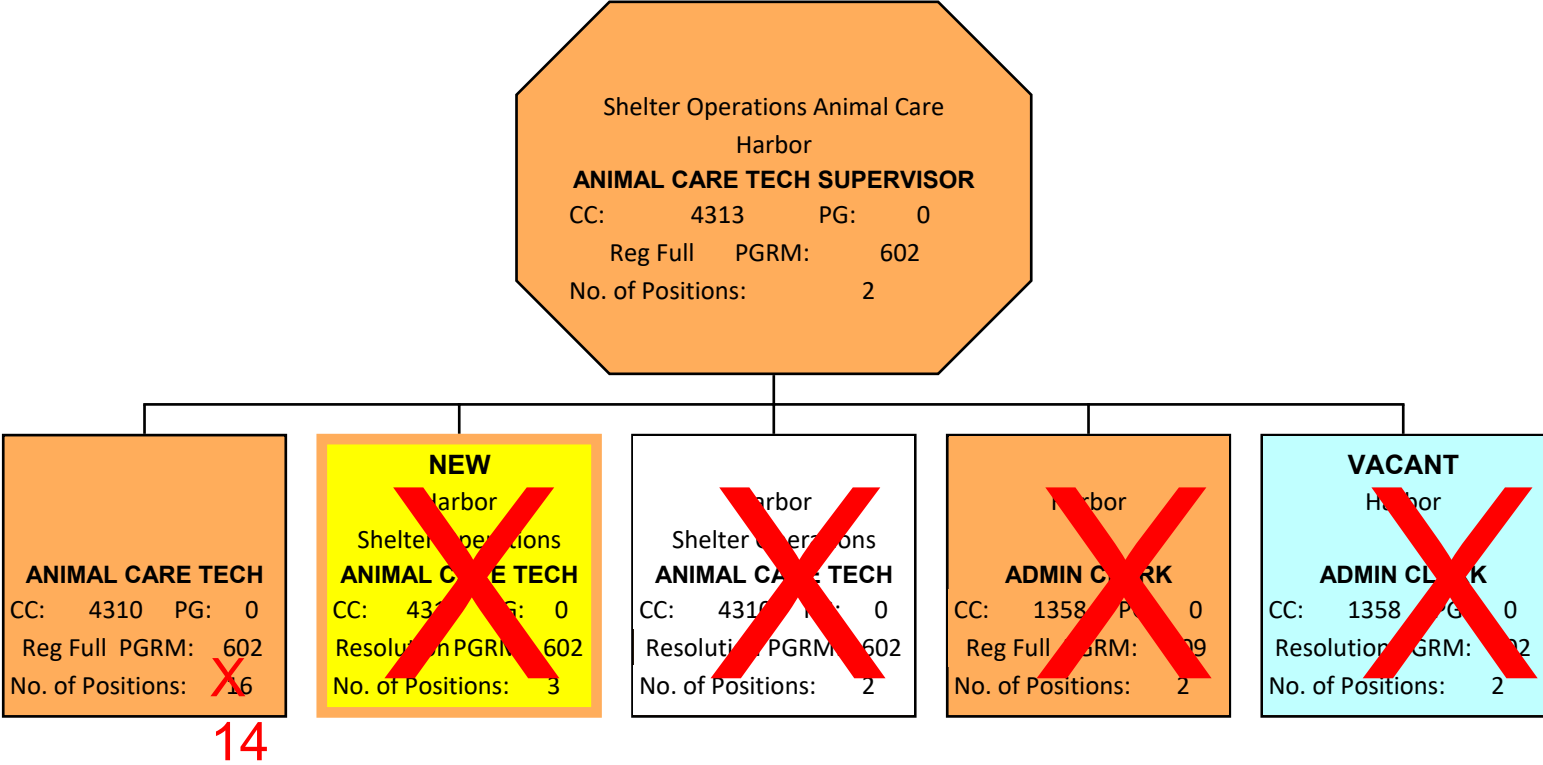
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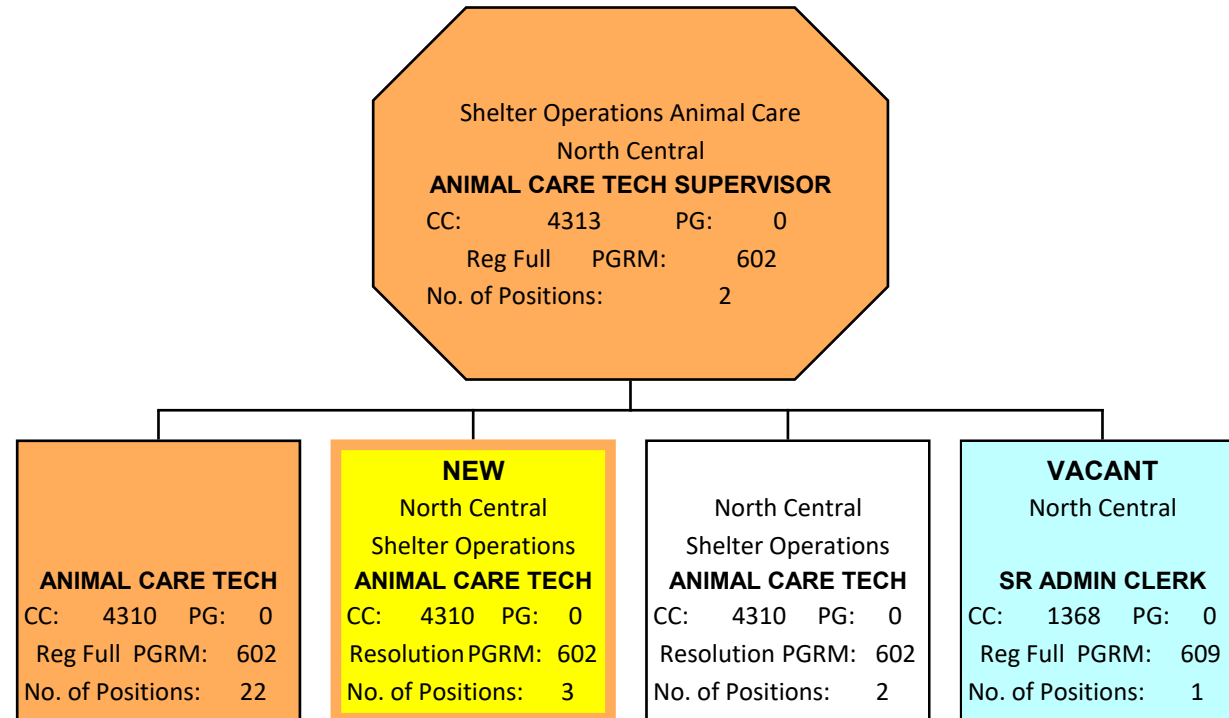
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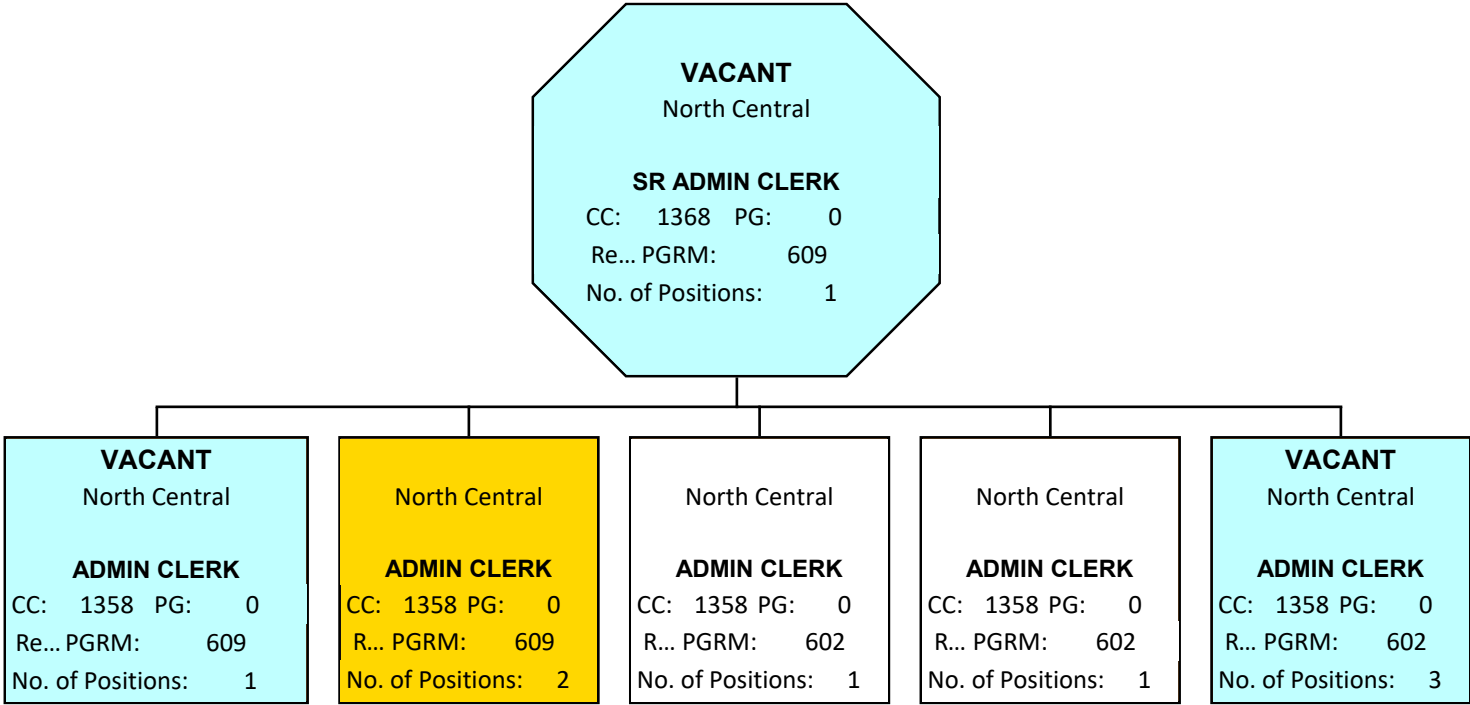
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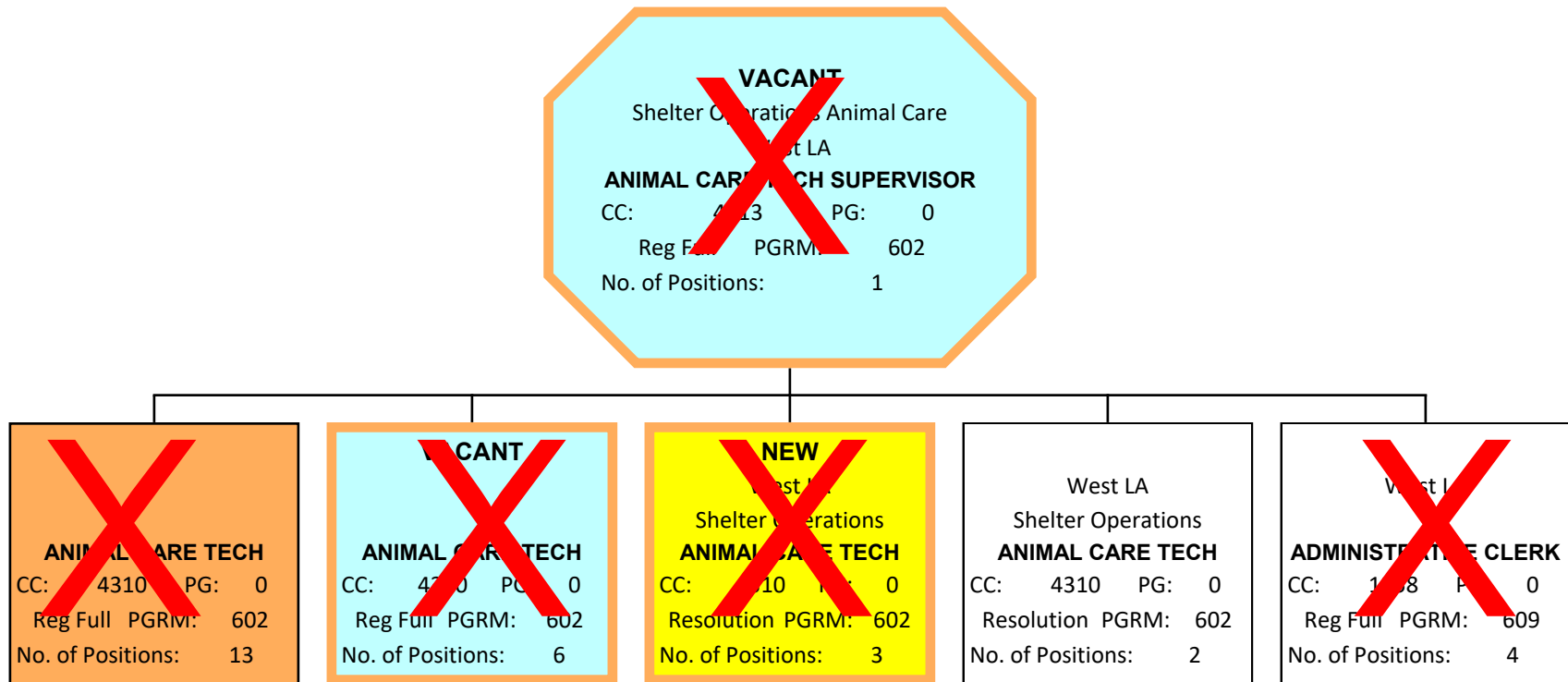
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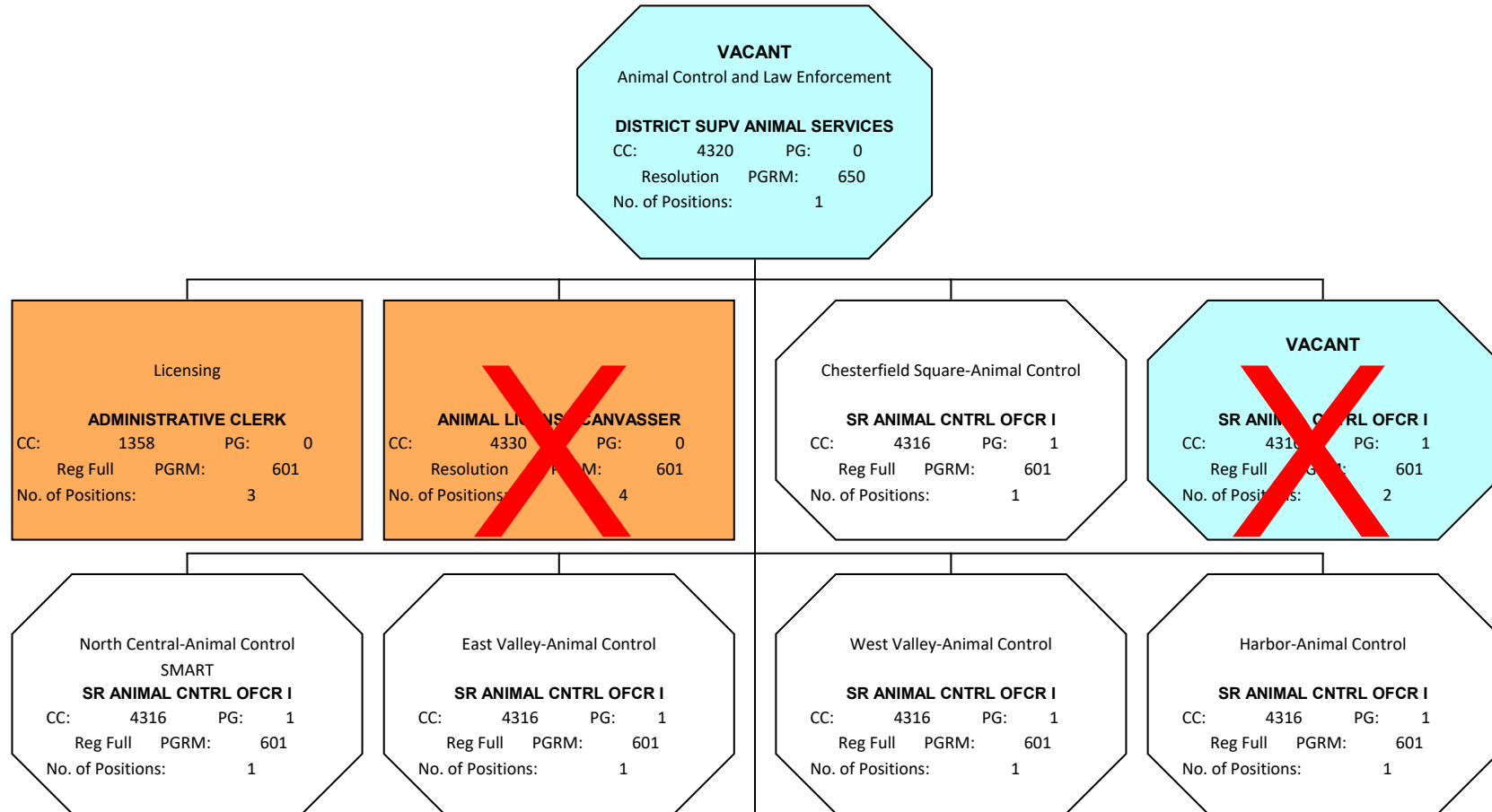
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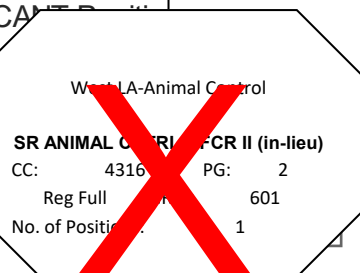
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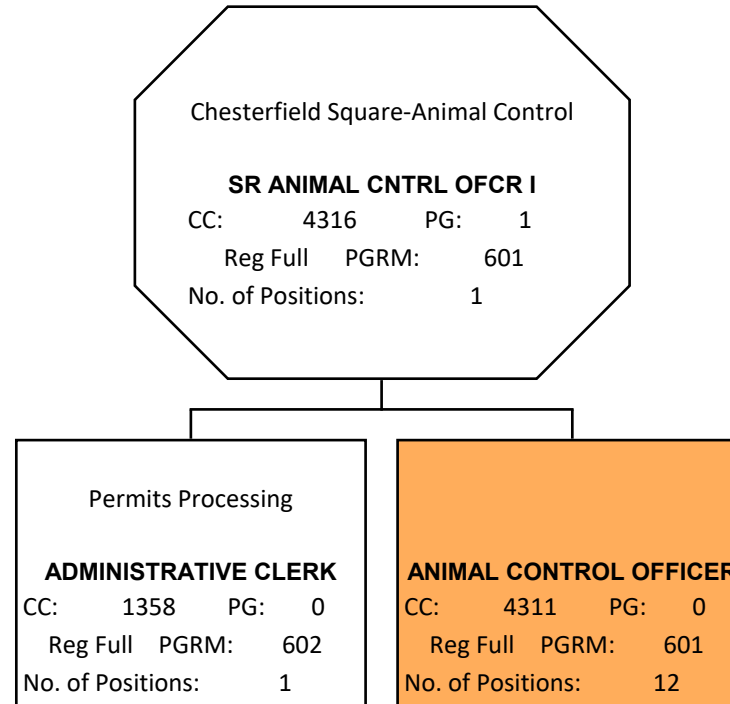


Provides 24-hour coverage by Animal Control Officers to address animal cruelty and issues causing danger to people and animals; enforces all laws related to the health, care, licensing, treatment, and impoundment of animals; and investigates nuisances created by animals. Program staff also rescues wildlife and other animals; provides emergency-related animal care and control; impounds vicious or dangerous animals; inspects and issues permits for animal establishments; collects fees and revenue; manages the Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) program; and issues ACE citations.



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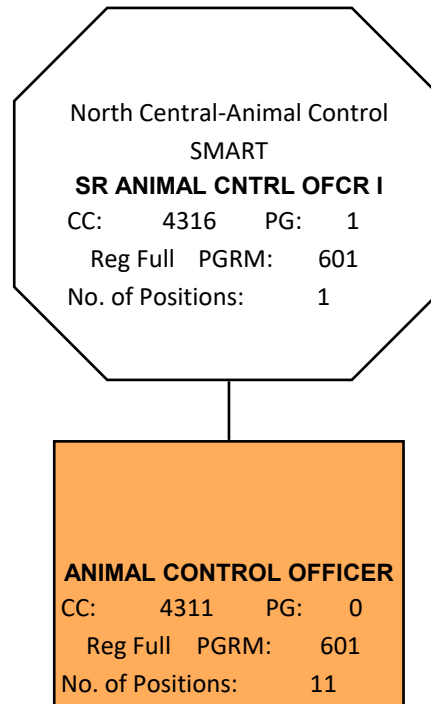
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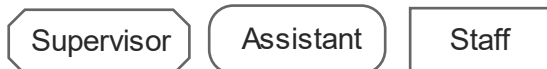
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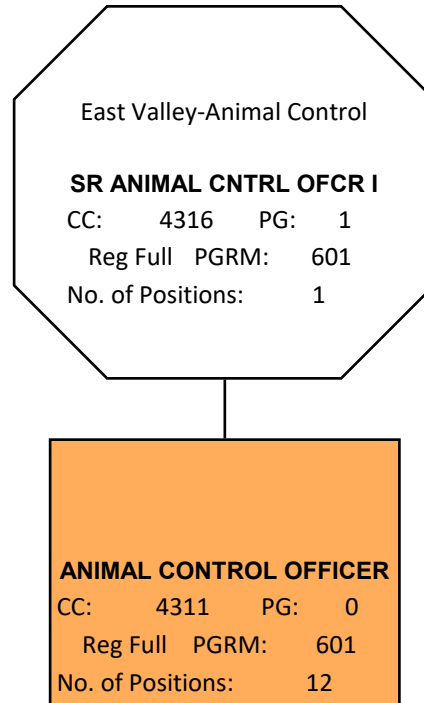
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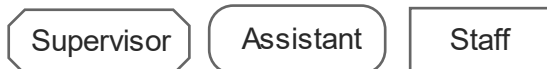
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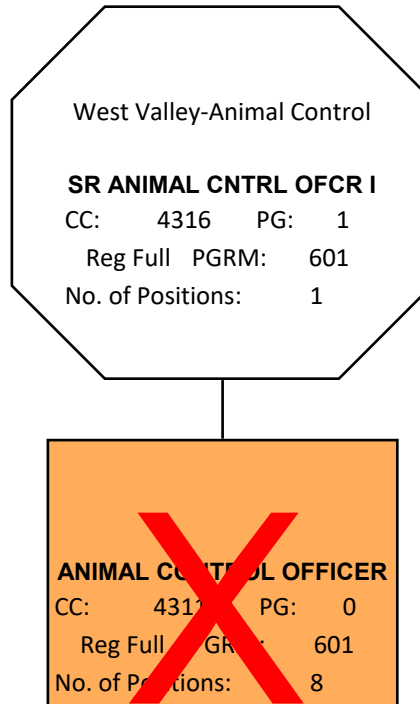
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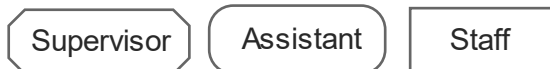
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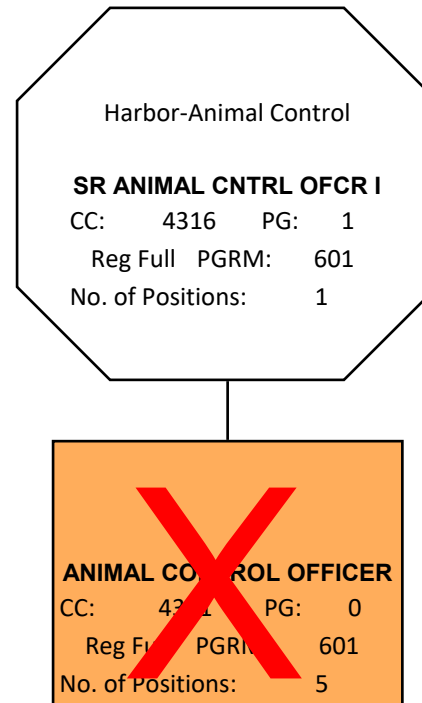
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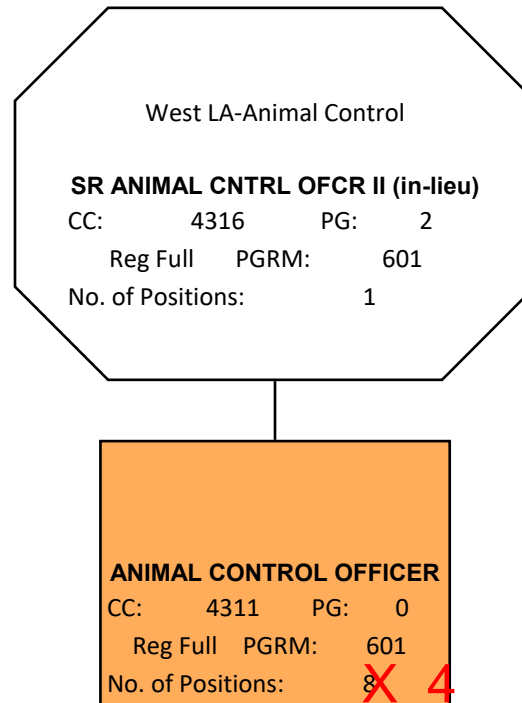
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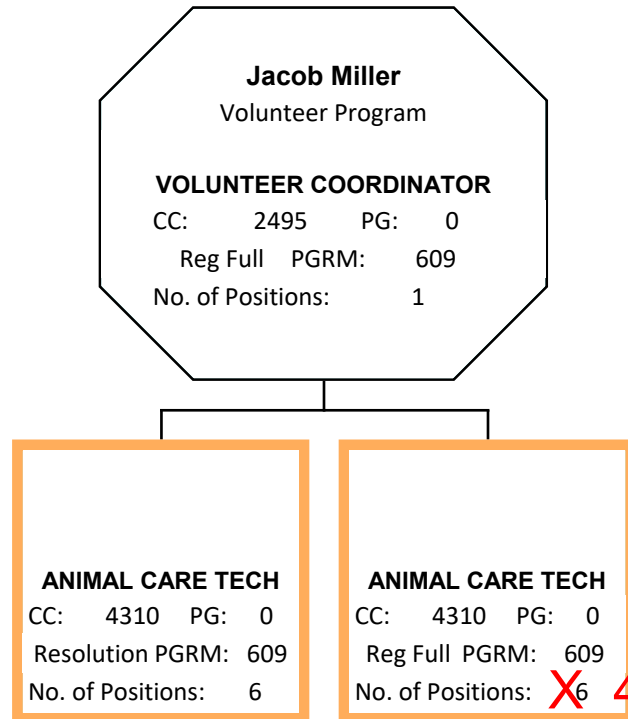
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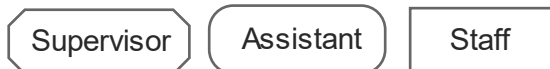
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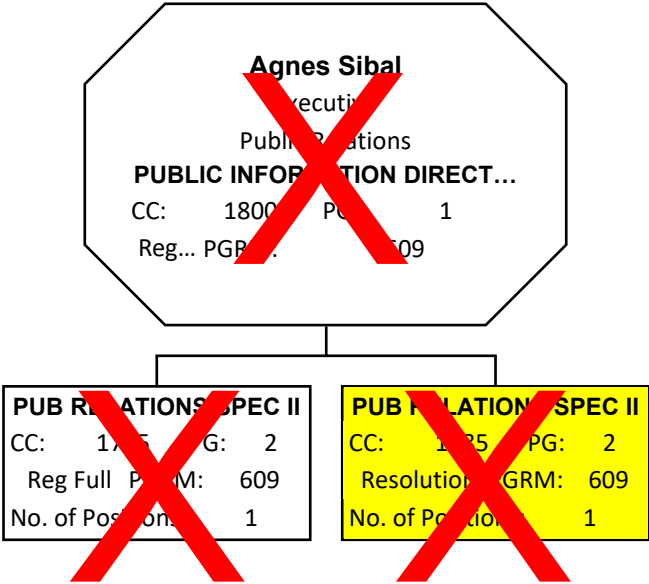
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Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Otway

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:02 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Mayor Bass's proposal to reduce funding for LA's Animal Services shelters. The shelters are overrun with traumatized animals that barely stand a chance before euthanasia. The shelters need increased funding, support and resources - not less.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Johnson

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a deeply concerned resident of Los Angeles to express my strong opposition to Mayor Bass's proposed budget cuts to our city's animal shelters. I urge you to reject these cuts and protect the critical role shelters play in our community. All of my pets—each one a cherished family member—were adopted from Los Angeles city shelters. The thought that any of them could have been euthanized due to a lack of shelter space or funding is devastating. These shelters gave them a second chance, and they deserve our full support to continue doing that for thousands of animals. The importance of our shelters has been especially clear during recent emergencies like the Palisades and Eaton Canyon fires. Many animals have been displaced by these disasters, and city shelters have stepped up as safe havens during these traumatic times. Eliminating or underfunding these essential services not only jeopardizes animal lives but also hampers our ability to respond to future crises with humanity and effectiveness. Shutting down shelters will lead to increased animal suffering, public health risks, and strain on an already overwhelmed network of volunteers and rescue organizations. These cuts are not just numbers on a page—they are life-or-death decisions for living beings who rely on us for care and protection. Reject Mayor Bass's proposed cuts and advocate for a city budget that reflects the compassion, safety, and responsibility we owe to the animals and the people of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Ransom

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Department of Aging has provided incredible programs that have been essential parts of our community. I myself have been part of Senior Community Service Employment Program which allowed me to be trained through Work Source in order to help with Job Fairs. I was then dedicated to taking time to start taking classes at Friedman Occupational Center and the Los Angeles Trade College; during which I was able to learn and excel. Such experience helped me at St. Barnabas Senior Center where I was able to apply my newfound education to assist with my training for the front desk computer. Programs like SCSEP and many others are important programs that help our senior community and cutting of funding to such programs would cause many hardships to our vulnerable senior community. I can attest that the SCSEP program prepared and gave me the skills for a better future to serve and help others; and I know that these programs can also do the same for other senior members of the community.



Communication from Public

Name: Breda Lund

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 09:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, Your plan to slash the budget for Animal Services is abhorrent. The animals in city shelters are already neglected and abused, and instead of addressing the issues, you're going to make it worse, even as you give even more money to the real animals, the police. I was a fool for voting for you, and I hope the cries of the tortured dogs and cats haunt you while you try to sleep.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 10:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 10:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass' proposed budget cuts to the animal shelters is horrific! LA already has some of the worst shelters for euthanasia. And, now she wants to cut the six shelters to three? And fire 60+ workers? Find other places to take this money from. You can start with the \$500,000 that LAWA (Los Angeles World Airports) received in June 2024 for PR. Yes, PUBLIC RELATIONS! This is on top of the already \$500,000 received. Why does LAWA need \$1,000,000 for PR? This money is poorly spent and can go to help the animal shelters.
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Item Number
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Report to the BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

Approver:

Becca Doten, Chief of Staff

Reviewer:

Hector Huez (Jun 7, 2024 12:55 PDT)

Brian C. Ostler, City Attorney

John Ackerman, Chief Executive Officer

Meeting Date

6/13/2024

Needs Council Approval: ☐ Y

Reviewed for/by	Date	Approval Status	By
Finance	6/4/2024	☒ Y ☐ NA	JS
CEQA	5/30/2024	☒ Y	MD
Procurement	6/3/2024	☐ Y ☒ Cond	LK
Guest Experience	6/3/2024	☒ Y	TB
Strategic Planning	5/30/2024	☒ Y	BNZ

SUBJECT

Request to approve the Second Amendment to Service Agreement 4700002246 with Elevate Public Affairs, LLC to increase the contract authority by \$500,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000, for continued communications and community relations services at Van Nuys Airport.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Management RECOMMENDS that the Board of Airport Commissioners:

1. ADOPT the Staff Report.
2. DETERMINE that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
3. FIND that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees.
4. APPROVE the Second Amendment to Service Agreement 4700002246 with Elevate Public Affairs, LLC to increase the contract authority by \$500,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000, for continued communications and community relations services at Van Nuys Airport.

5. AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute the Second Amendment after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION

1. Purpose

The proposed action is to ensure that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has a contract in place for communications and community relations services, and to ensure continuity of those services provided under the current agreement with Elevate Public Affairs, LLC (Elevate).

2. Prior Related Actions/History of Board Actions

- **May 18, 2023 – Service Agreement 4700002246**

The Chief Executive Officer awarded a one-year, \$150,000 contract to Elevate to provide communications and community relations services for Van Nuys Airport.

- **September 21, 2023 – First Amendment to Service Agreement 4700002246**

The Board of Airport Commissioners approved the First Amendment to extend the contract by two years, for a total of three years, and increase the contract authority by \$350,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000, for continued communications and community relations services.

3. Background

The Airport Affairs Group (Airport Affairs) is responsible for promoting the public image of LAWA as a proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles. There is a need for continued investment in a public affairs effort to educate the Angelenos about the positive impact that LAX and VNY provide to the region in terms of job creation, workforce development, sustainable practices, and community and business collaboration. Therefore, LAWA management has determined that continuing these professional and expert public relations services are necessary to help support ongoing community and public relations efforts. The existing scope of services includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

- Coordination with local schools and nonprofits on workforce development
- Messaging and media strategy and implementation
- Community/Business/Stakeholder Engagement
- Assistance with creation of presentations, fact sheets, and other collateral

Elevate is a small, local, woman-owned public affairs firm with vast experience in Los Angeles and the entire region.

4. Current Action/Rationale

The current contract with Elevate does not have sufficient authority to continue these needed services. At the current rate of expenditure, Elevate will exhaust contract funding in early summer 2024.

5. Fiscal Impact

Approval of this item will increase the contract authority by \$500,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1 million.

6. Alternatives Considered

- ***Take No Action***

Taking no action is not recommended. At the current rate of expenditure, Elevate will exhaust its contract funding in early summer, and LAWA will no longer have access to their professional services.

APPROPRIATIONS

Funding for this contract is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Los Angeles World Airports Operating Budget in VNY Cost Center 1400001 – VNY Community Relations, Commitment Item 520 –Contract Services. Funding for subsequent years will be requested as part of the annual operating budget process

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. This item, as a continuing administrative, maintenance and personnel-related activity, is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act requirements pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. The City Attorney has reviewed this item.
3. Actions taken on this item by the Board of Airport Commissioners will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 245.
4. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC is required by contract to comply with the provisions of the Living Wage Ordinance.
5. Procurement Services has reviewed this action (File No. 10564). No mandatory Small Business Enterprise, Local Business Enterprise/Local Small Business Enterprise, and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise goals for this project has been set, as no subcontracting opportunities were identified.
6. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC is required by contract to comply with the provisions of the Affirmative Action Program.
7. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC has been assigned Business Tax Registration Certificate No. 0003012727-0001-0.
8. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC is required by contract to comply with the provisions of the Child Support Obligations Ordinance.
9. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC has approved insurance documents, in the terms and amounts required, on file with the Los Angeles World Airports.

10. Pursuant to Charter Section 1022, staff determined the work specified on this contract can be performed more feasibly and economically by Independent Contractors than by City employees.
11. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC has submitted the Contractor Responsibility Program Pledge of Compliance and will comply with the provisions of the Contractor Responsibility Program.
12. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC has been determined by Public Works, Office of Contract Compliance to be in compliance with the provisions of the Equal Benefits Ordinance.
13. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC will be required to comply with the provisions of the First Source Hiring Program for all non-trade LAX Airport jobs.
14. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC has submitted the Bidder Contributions CEC Form 55 and will comply with its provisions.
15. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC has submitted the MLO CEC Form 50 and will comply with its provisions.
16. Elevate Public Affairs, LLC will comply with the provisions of the Iran Contracting Act.

Communication from Public

Name: Wanda

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 04:33 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Councils. I understand we are in a difficult situation with potential layoffs, but I am asking that can you and the Mayor please think of the human cost of losing employees who may unfortunately become a homeless statistics. I know I got hired under the City The Targeted hired program and it was truly a Blessing. It saved my life and livelihood. And almost 8yeaes later I'm still here working with a great group of LAPD employees and supervisors. Working here also allowed me to see first hand that majority LAPD sworn are people just like the rest of us just hard working good human beings trying to take care of their families just like I'm trying to do as a single mom civilian LAPD Administrative Clerk supporting them. It would really be devastating losing my job on many fronts, and for others as well I'm sure. So I ask please think about the totality of any decisions made. God Bless!

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Sklar

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:26 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass and city council— Do the right thing and use the 5 million in available funds to stop the animal shelter layoffs and closures and prevent mass euthanasia. Closing these shelters is unacceptable, PLEASE make this right and save our shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Sofia

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:31 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot allow the bill to pass cutting 1/3 of animal service staff and closing down existing shelters. This is a humane issue and will lead too mass euthanasia's and cause people in working class neighborhoods to loose access to shelter services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:34 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

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- Serve as community gathering spaces that foster dignity, connection, and mutual support
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Without these centers, we also lose valuable community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The cost of maintaining these centers is minimal compared to their enormous social and economic benefits. They help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to restore full funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers in this year's budget. Respectfully submitted, Kenia Pino,

Communication from Public

Name: Leonard Kee
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:35 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: keep the Animal Services function.

Communication from Public

Name: Eunique Chatman

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 03:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to state and request that other options such as furlough days pay cuts and possibly a freeze on raises can possibly be look into before just cutting jobs .

Communication from Public

Name: Valentina

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:36 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain—understaffed, overcrowded, and struggling to provide basic care for the thousands of homeless, abandoned, and injured animals that rely on them. Cutting their budget will only worsen this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles to turn its back on its most vulnerable creatures. These shelters also serve the public—supporting pet owners, reducing stray animal populations, and protecting public health and safety. Budget cuts would limit essential services like adoptions, spay/neuter programs, and emergency response. The impact will be felt citywide. I urge you to reject any proposal that cuts funding to animal services. Instead, we should be investing in solutions that address this crisis humanely and effectively. Our city must do better—for the animals, and for the people who care about them.

Communication from Public

Name: 1736 Family Crisis Center

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:13 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is an urgent request for your help in saving vital public and community safety services that if eliminated will cause destructive harm to thousands of Angelenos seeking services through the Community Investment for Families Department's Survivor Services System. The Survivor Services System provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and other critical housing services to victims of domestic violence (DV). 1736 Family Crisis Center is asking that the City continues to fund the Survivor Services System budget in FY2025-26 at the expanded funding level approved in FY2024-25. It's a Matter of Life and Death - On July 5, 2023, LAPD submitted a Report on Domestic Violence Matters to the Board of Police Commissioners. The report found that in 2022, LAPD responded to 43,438 DV related calls in which 17,472 were DV crimes, including 17 DV-related homicides and leading to 3,405 DV arrests. In 2023, LAPD reported 17,535 DV crimes to the State Department of Justice, with 97% involving physical harm or threat from a weapon, including firearms, knives, other dangerous weapons, and personal weapons. (California DOJ, Open Justice) Every single day, innocent children, women, men, and families face life-and-death situations, often with no safe escape. Without this Safety Net, Many Victims End Up Homeless to Escape the Abuse - The 2024 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Point in Time Homeless Count revealed that 41% of adults experiencing homelessness have also experienced domestic violence or intimate partner violence in their lifetime. 1736 Family Crisis Center's DV Program not only provides crisis intervention through our 24-hour hotlines/DART program and confidential emergency shelters but also provides victims with supportive care including case management, mental health, legal, and housing services, ensuring that victims move forward towards a stable life while healing. These additional services are provided free of charge through leveraged funding sources that combined with Survivor Services System funding creates a holistic supportive environment. We urge our city leaders to continue prioritizing this critical funding that supports DV victims and keeps the Survivor Services System funded at the FY24-25 approved expanded funding level.

Communication from Public

Name: KCF
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:15 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached.

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Proposed Layoffs in City of Los Angeles

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my profound concern and strong opposition to the recently proposed layoffs affecting over 1,600 dedicated city employees in Los Angeles. As a Management Analyst and former Crime Scene Investigator with Los Angeles, I believe these layoffs represent a short-sighted and damaging approach to our community's financial challenges.

These are not simply abstract job cuts; they are the livelihoods of our neighbors, friends, and family members who tirelessly serve the residents of Los Angeles. These are the individuals who maintain our parks, ensure public safety, provide essential social services, keep our libraries running, etc. Losing their expertise and commitment will undoubtedly lead to a decline in the quality of life we all depend on.

The proposed layoffs raise serious questions about the impact on essential services, the long-term economic consequences, the lack of transparency in the decision-making process, the failure to explore alternative solutions and lackluster mismanagement of city expenditures. Slashing the workforce will likely result in longer wait times for services, reduced public safety, decreased community support, and a weakened local economy due to job loss.

We understand the need for fiscal responsibility. However, we urge our elected officials to explore all viable alternatives before resorting to such drastic measures. Have we thoroughly examined budget reallocations, grant opportunities, revenue enhancements, temporary hiring freezes, exploring public-private partnerships? Layoffs should be the absolute last resort, not a knee-jerk reaction that prioritizes short-term savings over the long-term well-being of our community.

We, the residents of Los Angeles, deserve a transparent and thoughtful approach to these financial challenges. We urge our City Council/Board of Supervisors to reconsider these devastating layoffs and instead engage in a comprehensive and collaborative effort to find solutions that protect both our dedicated public servants and the vital services they provide.

The strength of our community lies in its people. Let's not undermine that strength through hasty and ill-conceived cuts.

Sincerely,

KCF

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Tiersch

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 02:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT THE ANIMAL BUDGET! I'm so very disturbed that LA thinks it's okay what happening with animals during an emergency overpopulation crisis that needs mass sterilizations. LA is quite literally a third world demonic place with city officials doesn't care at all about suffering animals and humans so you just euthanize healthy animals and let homeless people die on the street. Y'all especially mayor bass are already obviously going to hell but if you cut the animal budget there will be even more deaths on your hands. I will leave and never pay taxes to California if you do this and don't start funding sterilizations and animal welfare. Tired of all the horrific corruption it's so vile how the billions of dollars for homelessness have been embezzled and the police budget is billions while they do nothing and don't enforce any laws especially the breeding and animal abuse happening downtown.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Mekrut

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:17 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want our city to lead on climate change. I also want us to take it seriously as a threat to our quality of life and safety. Eliminating an office that focuses on this sends the wrong message and also puts us at a disadvantage for coordinating climate efforts when we should be investing more into this.

Communication from Public

Name: Renee Jensen

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:17 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who works with local businesses and tracks how public procurement impacts economic opportunity in Los Angeles, I'm concerned by what appears to be a disconnect between the City's public commitments and recent procurement decisions. LADWP's upcoming \$1 billion bond issuance—set to price on May 1—lists as its lead underwriter a foreign-based institution that may be claiming Local Business Enterprise (LBE) status. I urge the City Council and LADWP leadership to consider what message this sends to the many small and minority-owned businesses that have worked hard to qualify as true LBEs. If this designation is valid, then the City should be prepared to explain how LBE eligibility was defined and enforced in this case. If it is not, this raises larger concerns about who is benefiting from our equity programs and who is being excluded—particularly when contracts of this size are at stake. Mayor Bass has made expanding opportunities to local businesses a cornerstone of her leadership, and we applaud those efforts. But when the largest City-owned utility appears to bypass that principle on a multi-billion dollar transaction, it's difficult to reconcile that with the equity values Angelenos were promised. Please ensure this bond deal reflects the same fairness and transparency standards we ask of all City departments.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 03:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a native, life-long Angeleno. I lost my brother to HIV/AIDS. I do not want anyone else to lose their life, their health or their loved one to this preventable disease as a result of eliminating our HIV prevention programs. Especially when LAPD receives billions year after year. We the people pay the LA budget. We the people want care, not cops. Just let us live. Tax the billionaires and mega corporations. Let them pay for the cops that protect their property. We want our tax dollars to protect what is most precious to us: our health, our lives, our loved ones.

Communication from Public

Name: Paloma

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:17 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain—understaffed, overcrowded, and struggling to provide basic care for the thousands of homeless, abandoned, and injured animals that rely on them. Cutting their budget will only worsen this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles to turn its back on its most vulnerable creatures. These shelters also serve the public—supporting pet owners, reducing stray animal populations, and protecting public health and safety. Budget cuts would limit essential services like adoptions, spay/neuter programs, and emergency response. The impact will be felt citywide. I urge you to reject any proposal that cuts funding to animal services. Instead, we should be investing in solutions that address this crisis humanely and effectively. Our city must do better—for the animals, and for the people who care about them.

Communication from Public

Name: Sammy Brown

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:20 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close animal shelters. The animals suffer already. Stop breeding licenses, and charge those breeding in violation significant fines. take some of the 5 billion to the airport to stop this craziness please. have a heart. thanks, a kind community member Robbie Lee

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 03:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the exploration of a public bank for Los Angeles. The City can save billions paid to Wall Street in fees and interest yearly and invest it in our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Itzel Vasquez-Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to reject the proposed budget cuts for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office. CEMO's role, per their mandate, is to mobilize the community for climate action and emergencies, which we will undoubtedly continue to experience in the coming years. Cutting this new office is irresponsible and counter to LA's public image of being a leader in climate action. We cannot afford to cut this office, and budget cuts can be made elsewhere (may I suggest, from the LAPD).

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Torres

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:26 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly encourage councilmembers to prevent the cuts in funding for animal services. Our animal shelters have been understaffed and underfunded for years - cuts mean fewer people to care for animals in our shelters, respond to emergencies, or support adopters and fosters. Cuts also mean fewer services available for low-income communities that look to animal shelters for support when they have questions about their furry family members. Additionally, LAPD relies on the support of animal services for dangerous dog calls, and with fewer agents/officers available to respond calls may go unanswered or result in longer response times. Adequate access to animal services helps keep Los Angeles safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Jimmy Vogt

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:02 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am inquiring in regards to the reduction in funding for Los Angeles' animal shelters. My wife and I are very concerned about the repercussions this will have on the animals that are in the city's system as well as future animals that need a home. Reducing funding will require non-profit rescue agencies to take more of the load of finding homes for animals. The rescue agencies do not have the capacity to take this on. Reducing space for animals will most certainly result in more euthanasia and dramatically reduce rescue agencies ability to find animals their future homes. We rescued our Pit Bull about 4 years ago. We wouldn't have been able to do so without the city and the shelter's resources. We ask that the city counsel reject the reduction in funding so that in the future animals have a chance to find their forever families. Jimmy

Communication from Public

Name: Wes Chuang

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Reevaluate but do not cut CEMO and its essential role. We need our Chief Heat Officer to work with a Chief Wildfire Officer or the equivalent of that. Our maladaptation to climate impacts is why we fail to adapt to the devastating wildfires, storms, and heatwaves, let alone our responsibility to reduce our negative contributions to the climate pollution and increase our positive contributions to the climate justice. This is also a public health and safety issue because of the various impacts of extreme climate-induced disaster events have on our most vulnerable populations but the recent fires prove that no one is safe.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT close any of your animal shelters. There are only 6 that are currently over capacity. That means you should be adding a shelter instead of shutting their doors. Your staff at these shelters are the best in the city. I have been to 3 of them and the staff are friendly, knowledgeable. and care about their animals. I don't know how the city is so underfunded this year, but you must find cuts somewhere else, especially the failed homeless programs. We keep funding these programs as the number of homeless increase. Move those funds elsewhere!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'd like to give general public comment on agenda Item #1. I am a constituent and community member of Council District 14. I am advocating for the Youth Development Department to stay as its own Department because our young people deserve resources and funding towards building themselves up and overcoming the contemporary struggles, many of which are new even to their adult allies, they face. It is a shame on how for the past 3 years the YDD has not been prioritized, and now you all want to defund it and consolidate it under another department. The YDD deserves to be its own STAND ALONE DEPARTMENT. Youth ages 10-25 deserve their own department because they are always forgotten. We need you to keep the values of what the Invest in Youth Coalition advocated for which is youth decisions making power, youth investment, & creating holistic approaches to youth development. We understand the budget deficit but that doesn't mean you need to get rid of the department entirely and put the youth as an afterthought under another department. If you all move forward with consolidation that just goes to show the city's priorities and is extremely disappointing. Youth are the future, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop. In August of 2021, with support from some of you on council today, we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Don't back down now, keep your word and promises and support in keeping the YDD! We want the Department to stay as its own department and protect the SMALL budget that it already has. If you really want to prove to your constituents that you listen to them, do not support the Mayor's proposal! Our young people deserve to not just survive, but thrive; when they are given the means to flourish, we all benefit from the future they will build for us and the care they will give us as we age. I URGE YOU TO INVEST IN US, INVEST IN THE FUTURE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT L.A. ACTUALLY DOES CARE ABOUT ITS YOUTH AND WILL INVEST IN THEM.

Communication from Public

Name: Noelle

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Proposed budget cut to LA animal services will have Devastating consequences. Closing 3 shelters & eliminating 60+ staff puts thousands of animals and entire communities at risk. These cuts will -Increase euthanasia -Leave more animals without basic care -lead to more strays & public safety issues -Waste taxpayer investments -Burn out already overwhelmed volunteers. Los Angeles cant turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isint just about pets its about public health, compassion and responsibility.Keep shelters open, Keep them staffed. PROTECT OUR ANIMALS! Please reverse the cuts and invest in real solutions. Lives are on the line.

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Mazzola

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The budget slashes jobs of thousands of working angelenos. We put 50% towards our police force who we waste so much money on for court cases and overtime with no benefit to the actual community. Bass does not care about LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn Gray

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:26 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council and Mayor Bass, Please do not cut the budget for Los Angeles City Animal Services including the shelters and the sterilization fund/s. LA cannot keep professional, sensible and compassionate leadership at LAAS. The solution is NOT TO CUT THE LAAS BUDGET.

Communication from Public

Name: M. Streitfeld

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close down any of the City animal shelters or fire shelter employees. Our shelters are already over capacity as well as every animal rescue group. This is not the way to balance the budget. This is an essential service. If the shelters close, people will dump their animals on the streets and that is very inhumane. Keep the shelters open and work on ways to stop the overpopulation and backyard breeding that continues to go on. Offer more free spay and neuter certificates so we don't have the need for so many shelters. Too many beautiful dogs and cats are being killed daily due to the overcrowding. Closing shelters will exacerbate the problem. HOW ABOUT CUTTING SOME OF THE REAL WASTE AND FRAUD IN THE CITY BUDGET? So glad I quit working for the city in 2020.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:28 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, I am a GIS Specialist with the City of Los Angeles and an EAA Union Member. I've proudly served the city for several years, working on providing vital geospatial services and maintaining critical data that supports our city as well as public safety. The Mayor's proposed layoffs would eliminate several GIS Specialists which not only threatens the livelihood of many civil servants — it also threatens the very services that help this city evolve and thrive. Without GIS Specialists, geospatial services across multiple sectors of the city will go unsupported. Geospatial technology has grown rapidly in the past 10 years, and many of the web map applications our citizens use to gather information come from our technical expertise. Without these positions, Los Angeles falls behind in this fast changing realm of geospatial technology. These cuts tell us that our jobs don't matter — that we are expendable. Cutting positions such as GIS Specialists doesn't just hurt our families, it hurts every citizen of Los Angeles who depends on the vital information we provide and maintain. You claim to want a thriving, innovative city, but you're gutting the workers who can take you there. Think about your own families when you consider the thousands you're about to layoff. Imagine you were in their shoes. This layoff list is a direct hit to public service and to working families. Do better for us — and for the city we serve. Layoffs are not the answer. The constituents deserve better. I urge you to reject these cuts and preserve the jobs that keep LA running and moving forward.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:29 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The thought that you are considering cuts to the animal care budget and slaughtering more innocent souls than you are murdering today is appalling. Stop squandering our tax dollars on illegal aliens and other absurd activities and do right by the animals who have no voice. I am disgusted. Convicted murderers remain on death row for years at our expense yet these innocent animals only have a few days before they are mercilessly killed. Shame on you and the broken system you refuse to repair.

Communication from Public

Name: Shaniya

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:30 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I want to thank Controller Kenneth Mejia for doing his civil duty getting this information out to the people of LA. I'm quite frankly insulted by this budget proposal. Mayor Bass and LA City Council, you have constituents that know we are in a dire budget shortfall. That know that we are hemorrhaging money because we are severely overfunding LAPD at the expense of every other essential department. The recent liability payouts that have kneecapped the budget paint a clear picture, but somehow it feels as though you don't believe what they're telling you? These major payouts are due to LAPD misconduct or negligence by other city services - negligence caused by drastic underfunding and understaffing of departments dedicated to transit, infrastructure, sanitation, animal services, etc. Anyone with common sense would see that the solution is simple - take the money from LAPD's violently bloated budget and boost funding for other essential departments so these lawsuits can be prevented. But your solution to these drastic payouts is to give more money to the very department that already cannibalizes all other city services, and further cut funding and staffing to services that will prevent future lawsuits? Unfortunately, the message you're sending with this budget is that you think we are stupid. Think more highly of your constituents. The city of LA deserves better. We have none of the infrastructure or public services of a world-class city and it's long overdue that someone change that. Do the right thing - take back your proposed layoffs, take the money these departments need from LAPD. Have some common sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Jolene Sagan

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 03:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Greetings, I am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to the Department of Aging for the City of Los Angeles. The Department of Aging is instrumental in providing services and programs to older adults in Los Angeles, ranging from meal delivery and emergency preparedness, to case management. These services and supports help ensure that older adults are prioritized, protected, while enhancing their safety and well-being. The services also include respite for caregivers, an extremely important resource for our community and community members to remain safe. With the older adult population in Los Angeles City expected to reach 1 million by 2030, now is the time to invest in older adults - not to divest resources and support. With federal administration changes and the threat of cuts to critical federal programs that serve older adults, this is not the time to eliminate the department that serves this vulnerable population! Please, I urge you, reconsider this proposal and ensure that our seniors, elders, and those of us who support them - are given the resources and support we all need and deserve! Thank you for your time and consideration -

Communication from Public

Name: Alex B

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:37 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I recognize that this year's budget presents serious challenges, particularly under an administration that is reducing support for our city. It is essential that we focus on maintaining core services and eliminating expenditures that do not directly contribute to the city's well-being. That's why it is deeply disappointing to see reductions in city services and transportation, while the police department continues to avoid meaningful cuts—despite the significant strain liability payments are placing on the overall budget. Traffic collisions result in far more fatalities than many other public safety concerns. If public safety is a true priority, then investments in street safety—such as HLA implementations, functioning streetlights, and safe sidewalks—must be treated as critical infrastructure. Relying on volunteers to fill the gap in essential city services is unrealistic. This approach both undervalues the professional expertise needed to keep our city running and ignores the reality that many residents are already overburdened, especially in today's economic climate. I urge you to prioritize essential city and street services that have a direct, positive impact on quality of life and public safety, while taking a hard look at budget areas that are not serving the city's long-term interests.

Communication from Public

Name: CALIF-Communities Actively Livining Independent &Free
Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:44 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We ask that you please not reduce funding for the Department on Disability. Their services are vital and very much needed throughout the City of Los Angeles. Please reconsider any cuts that are being considered.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Cartelli

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:25 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please use the \$5 million in available funds to prevent the euthanasia of dogs in LA shelters. They are already vastly overcrowded and these budget cuts will be devastating, both to human and animal life.

Communication from Public

Name: Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:49 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair Budget and Finance Committee Los Angeles City Council 200 N Spring St, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 (FY 2025-26), CFN 25-0600 Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky: Alzheimer's Los Angeles is deeply concerned about the elimination of the Department of Aging in the Mayor's 2025-26 Proposed Budget. Los Angeles is rapidly aging, a reality that our city is still unprepared to face. By 2030, an estimated 1 million residents of Los Angeles City will be 60 years or older. Older adults in our city are racially and ethnically diverse, facing barriers of language access, income and housing insecurity, and health disparities. More older adults are also living alone, relying on programs and services to keep them safe in their community. The Department of Aging plays a critical role in ensuring that older adults in Los Angeles receive access to services and supports that meet their unique needs. Through programs and partnerships with community-based organizations, they deliver services such as providing meals to home-bound seniors, engaging social programs at local senior centers, emergency preparedness and coordinated responses for at risk older adults, and much more. With the proposed consolidation of this department into the Community Investment for Families Department, we are concerned that the focus on older adults would be lost. If consolidated, we urge the preservation of staff who have expertise in serving older adults and the programs available to them. In particular, the Family Caregiver Support program under the Department of Aging is of vital importance to those caring for a loved one with dementia. Through this program, Alzheimer's Los Angeles has provided over 800 hours of respite care to dementia caregivers in the city. Friend and family caregivers are the backbone of our caregiving system. They provide millions of hours of unpaid care, often at the expense of their own wellbeing, finances, and mental and physical health. For those caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia, the challenges of caregiving can be even greater. They may be providing medical care and managing complex issues and behaviors such as wandering, hallucinations, and sundowning. By providing a few hours of paid care, these family caregivers can have some time to care for themselves, run errands, and rest. We

urge that funding for this program remain robust so that caregivers can continue to access this resource. Unfortunately, finding and connecting with these services and supports can be difficult for older adults and family caregivers. They often don't know where to begin when faced with our fragmented long-term care system. Compounding this challenge is the restructuring of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department and the elimination of the Administration of Community living. Now is not the time to eliminate the City's Department of Aging. We need to be investing in our older adult programs, not burying them deeper into a bigger social services department. We need to make it easier, not harder, for these families to find and receive the services that can make the difference between remaining safely in their communities and placement in a skilled nursing facility. We strongly urge you to prioritize older adults in decisions made in the 2025-26 budget. If you have any questions, please contact Barbra McLendon, senior director of Public Policy, at bmclendon@alzla.org or 323-930-6290. Sincerely, Heather Cooper Ortner President & CEO Alzheimer's Los Angeles

April 24, 2025

The Honorable Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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¹ <https://controller.lacity.gov/audits/engaging-older-angelenos>

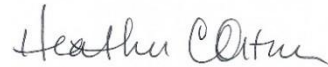
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Heather Cooper Ortner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" being more prominent.

Heather Cooper Ortner
President & CEO
Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley C

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:49 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the proposed cuts on the Department of Animal Services budget. As a volunteer at the West LA shelter, I can tell you firsthand how catastrophic these cuts would be to the animals of LA. The city shelters are already overcrowded, closing locations and cutting staff will cause thousands of dogs to be euthanized and further the stray animal problem our city faces.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Sattelberger

Date Submitted: 04/24/2025 04:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am volunteer at one of LA City Shelters and I strongly oppose the 4.8 million dollar budget cuts to LA Animal Services. If you spent a single day in any of the shelters you would that we need MORE resources, not less. So many animals suffer because there aren't even people to tend to them or resources to get them what they need. Dogs have to delay getting spay/neutered because we don't have enough vets to do the job. We all know the shelters are over flowing and healthy adoptable animals are being euthanized. LA needs to start focusing on prevention as well as expanding what we can do for the animals in our care. I implore you to reconsider these budget cuts. They would be a HUGE mistake.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Laying off city planning and transportation staff right now would be shortsighted considering the 2028 Olympics on the horizon. These workers are crucial for ensuring our city can handle the influx of visitors and infrastructure demands. Let's find alternative solutions to address the budget shortfall without compromising our city's future.

Communication from Public

Name: Quinn

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services, which would result in the closure of three city shelters and the loss of over 100 staff positions. With only five shelters, we are already operating at over 120% capacity—cutting resources now would be catastrophic. These cuts would directly lead to increased animal suffering, overwhelmed staff, and a rise in stray animals across our neighborhoods. LA has a responsibility to protect its most vulnerable populations, and that includes our animals. Please reconsider this decision and prioritize funding for a humane, sustainable animal care system in our city. Sincerely, Quinn Prunty

Communication from Public

Name: Jane

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, your constituents are counting on you to make LA livable. That means safe streets, sidewalks, bike lanes and adequate ENVIRONMENTAL protections! We are clearly a city that is suffering from the effects of climate change, only made worse by fossil fuels and improper fire remediation! PLEASE listen to the scientific experts, urbanists and public health officials. Please do not cut staff dedicated to the environment. You're moving us in the wrong direction.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to strongly urge to rethink the proposed budget cuts to the department of animal services. Please help protect the lives of shelter animals and preserve essential public services. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding to the LA city shelters. They are already overcrowded and underfunded as is. These animals are truly innocent and deserve our help. They are terrified and deserve our love and care. The employees and volunteers are absolutely critical for these animals and our community. This is such a small amount of the overall budget but cutting it will have an enormous impact.

Communication from Public

Name: Shari Davis

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 09:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Member Blumenthal, I am writing to protest the proposed shutting down of three animal shelters in Los Angeles, including the West Valley Shelter where we adopted our beloved dog Leo many years ago. Animals are among the most vulnerable populations, dependent on humans to look after them. I cannot believe that Mayor Bass cannot find a more humane way to make budget cuts in this city. I understand there is a 1 billion dollar budget shortfall, but this is NOT the way to balance the budget. The animal shelters already function on a tight budget, are cared for by loyal staff and caring, committed volunteers. A society defines itself by how they care for the most vulnerable populations--our animals in shelters, our unhoused, youth and elderly who need support. In our city, with such extremes of wealth, it is incomprehensible and inhumane that closing animal shelters is being considered as a viable option to close the budget deficit. In addition to being cruel, it is TERRIBLE politics! Do you know how many posts and articles I am reading about this? How much animosity this is causing towards Mayor Bass--who I voted for and is beleaguered post-fires. Closing animal shelters is blood on your hands with all the euthanasia that will increase. Life in this country and city feels so harsh right now with Trump in office and all the continued suffering in the aftermath of the fires. Do we REALLY need to feel the pain of dogs and cats in the shelters being killed on our watch because of this? I implore all my elected officials to do the right and human thing. This is not what we do a city like Los Angeles. Sincerely, Shari Davis
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close Harbor San Pedro animal shelter. This shelter is very full and helps to get animals off the streets and back to their owners.

Communication from Public

Name: Alice Clements

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT cut funding for animal shelters. We, the people of Los Angeles care about the well being of animals and refuse to stand by and let them suffer. This is unconscionable.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Torres

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is a travesty!. The Animal Services are struggling to do a tenth of the job they should ask is, and Mayor Bass is planning on reducing the already insufficient funds?? This proves that she's not in touch with the people of this city. And whomever approves it, will see the effect of their decision in the next elections. This is a matter of missmanagement, lack of accountability, and misplaced priorities! The motion that should be up for voting is one that would promote and financially support neuter/spay inniciatives for cats and dogs (owned and strays). That would not only be extremely beneficial for millions of animals' quality of life (less fights, less illnesses, etc) but also it would make costs at Shelters to go down. Animal Shelters could now honor their names, sheltering those animals in need rather than being the 'houses of horror' they are today, where animals get deeply traumatized when not just killed before having the chance of really meeting people (forget about finding 'the best matching' family for them!) Don't be part of this shame...Do the right thing and REJECT this motion!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Gisely Ruiz

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities, while offering only minimal savings to the city's overall budget. Our shelters are already under immense strain—understaffed, overcrowded, and struggling to provide basic care for the thousands of homeless, abandoned, and injured animals that rely on them. Cutting their budget will only worsen this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. For a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles, it is unacceptable to turn its back on its most vulnerable creatures. Moreover, the financial impact of maintaining current shelter funding is relatively small when compared to the overall city budget. The proposed cuts would barely move the needle in terms of addressing larger fiscal challenges, but would cause outsized harm to public health, safety, and animal welfare. These shelters provide essential services—supporting pet owners, reducing stray populations, and protecting neighborhoods. Undermining them would only create more expensive problems down the line. I urge you to reject any proposal that cuts funding to animal services. Instead, we should be investing in humane, sustainable solutions that address this crisis effectively and compassionately. The animals, the community, and the future of Los Angeles deserve better. Lastly, I rescued my own little dog, Wheatie, an eight year old chihuahua, who received his vaccinations, neuter surgery, and flea and tick preventative, for \$200 before I adopted him. That is only possible through government support. Other dogs like him will be euthanized or turned away because of slash in funding. Not only will it result in death of dogs and cats, it will result in loss of trust and faith in our elected representatives. I know for myself, I will not be voting for Mayor Bass when she is up for reelection. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles animal services. These cuts are inexcusable. They will directly result in overcrowded shelters, higher euthanasia rates, and the systemic neglect of animals who rely on our protection. This is not just poor governance—it's state-sanctioned animal cruelty. Let's be clear: cutting these services doesn't save money—it shifts the burden onto communities that are already struggling. It creates a city where only the wealthy can afford to keep their pets healthy and safe. Families in lower-income neighborhoods will be forced to surrender beloved animals simply because they can no longer access affordable veterinary care or shelter support. This is a blatant equality and access issue, and it's unacceptable. Los Angeles should be better than this. In a world already filled with suffering, stripping away one of the few compassionate systems we have is both reckless and morally indefensible. We need solutions, not cruelty. We need leadership, not abandonment. Reverse these cuts immediately. Protect the animals, protect our communities, and do your job.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Tafari

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Urgent Need: do not close any animal shelters, it is vital they remain open and operational. The need for shelters is very much needed and we are the voice for animals. Thank you.

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Araceli

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of CD 14 and campaign lead for the invest in youth coalition. I am advocating for the Youth Development Department to stay as its own Department because youth ages 10-25 deserve their own department! It is a shame on how for the past 3 years the YDD has not been prioritized, and now you all want to defund it and consolidate it under another department. By putting the YDD under another department we risk losing the youth focus and intentionality. The YDD deserves to be its own STAND ALONE DEPARTMENT. Youth ages 10-25 deserve their own department because they are always forgotten, they do not deserve to be handed the short end of the stick. We need you to keep the values of what the Invest in Youth Coalition advocated for which is youth decisions making power, youth investment, & creating holistic approaches to youth development. We understand the budget deficit but that doesn't mean you need to get rid of the department entirely and put the youth as an afterthought under another department. If you all move forward with consolidation that just goes to show the city's priorities and is extremely disappointing. Youth are the future, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop. In August of 2021 with support from some of you on council today we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Don't back down now, keep your word and promises and support in keeping the YDD! All we want is for the Department to stay as its own department and protect the SMALL budget that it already has. If you really want to prove to your constituents that you listen to them, do not support the Mayor's proposal! If the YDD gets consolidated you are not fixing the issue at the ROOT CAUSE. Why do the departments with the SMALLEST budgets need to pay the consequences of those bigger departments such as LAPD and their liability claims. Fix the issue at the root cause if not LA city will see their consequences of defunding essential departments and programs for their constituents. Instead of moving forward we are taking 10 steps back. The federal government is already failing us, as the local government PLEASE don't do the same, we are suffering enough!! I URGE YOU TO INVEST IN US, INVEST IN THE FUTURE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT LA ACTUALLY DOES CARE ABOUT ITS YOUTH

WILL, INVEST IN THEM.

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine Hosea

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to protest your plans to close three much-needed animal shelters in Los Angeles County. Please reconsider this plan. You will be hurting innocent animals who do not have no choice or voice in this matter! Please think about the consequences of your actions! Dogs will die. Healthy, adoptable dogs will be subject to euthanasia because there is NO PLACE FOR THEM TO LIVE. Word is spreading quickly about what your plans are and we are getting the word out for people to NOT come to LA for their vacations. We plan to kill the tourism to your county in protest of your intentions to displace many needy dogs and likely end their lives! LA's reputation will be at stake. Pet advocates will know about this and be enraged. PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR PLANS TO CLOSE THREE MUCH-NEEDED ANIMAL SHELTERS IN LA COUNTY. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Terence Cogswell

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass proposed budget cuts to the animal shelters because of how much suffering that will cause among dogs whose only crime is to exist because capitalist's laws incentivized their existence. This is cruel and unethical and I urge all members of the city council to vote against it. LAPD is also deeply corrupt and partly to blame for our current deficit crisis and does not need or deserve a budget increase. It is LAPD and the mayors office that should have their budget reduced due to incompetence and their mishandling of the cities affairs. The public accountability office should not be having any of its budget reduced either and is further evidence of the mayors incompetence and more reason to vote against this proposed budget. Please do not reward the people who caused this deficit crisis by giving them more money and causing needless suffering on the most vulnerable animal population.

Communication from Public

Name: Jocelyn Benavides

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Comments for Public Posting: The YDD deserves to be its own STAND ALONE DEPARTMENT. Youth ages 10-25 deserve their own department because they are always forgotten. We need you to keep the values of what the Invest in Youth Coalition advocated for which is youth decisions making power, youth investment, & creating holistic approaches to youth development. We understand the budget deficit but that doesn't mean you need to get rid of the department entirely and put the youth as an afterthought under another department. If you all move forward with consolidation that just goes to show the city's priorities and is extremely disappointing. Youth are the future, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop. In August of 2021 with support from some of you on council today we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Don't back down now, keep your word and promises and support in keeping the YDD!