

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Henderson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to request the the Budget Committee allocate the \$5 million in unappropriated funding to restore funding to L.A. Animal Services this fiscal year. I understand the need to cut the budget in these difficult times, but a 33% reduction is excessive and cruel. As the mayor's staff acknowledges, such a drastic cut could lead to the euthanasia of thousands of pets.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanya

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you not to cut funding for LA Animal Services. Our city's animal shelters are already stretched thin, and any reduction in funding would severely impact the care, safety, and well-being of the thousands of animals who rely on these services. Shelters are essential not only for the humane treatment of animals, but for maintaining public health and safety in our neighborhoods. Cuts would mean fewer staff to care for animals, longer response times for emergencies, and a heartbreaking increase in suffering. Instead, our city should be investing more in these critical services, supporting adoption programs, community outreach, spay and neuter efforts, and proper care for vulnerable animals. Please protect LA Animal Services and the important work they do. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The idea that culling thousands of animals and firing large numbers of public servants is the answer to years of government mismanagement is absolutely despicable! Do your actual jobs and cut some high ranking CEO type salaries, instead of causing undue suffering for the animals and the public!

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Lyn Vasquez
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:22 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Urgent Action Needed to Address LA Animal Shelter Crisis
Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed 10% budget cut to Los Angeles Animal Services, which would likely result in the closure of three out of five shelters, reduce staff and other resources. This decision would have catastrophic consequences for the animals in our community and the people who care for them. Currently, all five shelters are operating over capacity and are classified as high-kill facilities. Reducing funding will exacerbate the already dire situation, leading to increased euthanasia rates and overcrowding. The closure of shelters will leave countless animals abandoned on the streets, further straining resources and creating public safety risks. Additionally, free or low-cost spay/neuter programs and vaccinations—critical tools in controlling the animal population—will become less accessible to those who need them most. Without these services, the number of stray and surrendered animals will rise, compounding the crisis and making it nearly impossible for these animals to be networked and adopted. This is not just an animal welfare issue; it is a moral and public health crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these budget cuts and prioritize funding for LA Animal Services. Investing in humane solutions, such as expanding shelter capacity, increasing staff, and enhancing spay/neuter programs, will save lives and improve the well-being of our community. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I hope you will take action to protect the animals and people of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick W

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:57 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: Irene Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:25 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We need more animal services, not less. Animals are in need of help. The community is in need of help. Whoever is deciding this needs to walk through our shelter and help them. Be the good.

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Levin

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: USE THE \$5 MILLION IN AVAILABLE FUNDS TO STOP THE REDUCTION IN ANIMAL SERVICES STAFF. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE! INNOCENT DOGS AND CATS CAN'T DEFEND THEMSELVES - DON'T LET THEIR WELLBEING FALL TO THE WAYSIDE. THEY NEED TO BE CARED FOR AND THEY NEED FUNDING AND THEY NEED HOMES. DO BETTER. NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry Kate

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Animal Shelters in Los Angeles are key, not only for adoptions and the safety of those who can not speak for themselves, but also having enough kennels for emergencies like the fires we just experienced. Also lost animals that are held while owners search. Rushed situations like that have led to the death of pets that have safe homes and were just separated. Our animal shelters are essential and absolutely NONE of them should be closed or the caring people that work at them laid off.

Communication from Public

Name: Donna Snyderman

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Karen Bass's cut of funds for animal services. If anything, she should increase the amount of funding for the animals to insure that the shelters can run more smoothly, perhaps educating people on the care and treatment of animals, that they are part of your family, not throwaway toys. These shelters also serve the public supporting pet owners, reducing stray animal population and protecting public health and safety. Budget cuts would limit essential services like adoptions, spay/neutering and emergency response. Instead, we should invest in solutions that address the crisis humanely and effectively. Our city must do better. Thank you! Respectfully, Donna Snyderman

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Harris

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT defund the animal shelters!!! If you'd like less funds put towards animals, implement HARSHER animals abuse laws, HARSHER spay and neuter laws and STRICT breeding guidelines, regularly maintained and kept up to code by the state with a LIMITED number of litters allowed every year. PLEASE find your compassion for these precious creatures. They are here only by us, and it is our DUTY to care for them in a way we would also like to be cared for.

Communication from Public

Name: Candice Stark

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:13 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: Bridget Graham
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:16 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund and close animal shelters. These animals NEED our HUMANITY. We need to fund these animal shelters to do right by these animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Robyn Reichert

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members, We, the undersigned residents and animal advocates of Los Angeles, are 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 (LAAS). The proposed LAAS budget falls gravely short of meeting the needs of our city’s already overstretched animal shelters. Interim General Manager Annette Ramirez has made it clear: with this level of funding, three LAAS shelters may be forced to close — a move that would put the lives of both dogs and cats at even greater risk. Currently, LAAS shelters are operating at 155% capacity. Dogs are doubled and tripled in kennels meant for single animals, 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, too. Thousands of cats enter the LAAS system each year, and they often face worse outcomes than dogs. Overcrowded shelters, inadequate enrichment, and poor disease control mean that even healthy cats are at risk. Many 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 be catastrophic for both dogs and cats: --Continued overcrowding and understaffing, exacerbating already inhumane conditions. --Reduction or elimination of critical enrichment programs that help animals maintain their mental and physical health. --A likely increase in euthanasia rates, particularly among cats, who already face disproportionately low adoption and high euthanasia rates. --Closure of shelters, which would displace thousands of animals and devastate communities that rely on those services. We call on the the City of Los Angeles to: --Fully fund all requested animal care technician positions. --Allocate adequate resources for both canine and feline enrichment programs. --Address shelter overcrowding by expanding capacity or reopening shuttered facilities. --Ensure proper medical care, nutrition, and behavioral support for all animals. --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 wellbeing. No animal should suffer or die because of a budget shortfall. We urge you to revise the proposed budget and ensure that no shelters close, no animals go without care, and no lives are lost due to preventable neglect. With compassion and urgency,

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Name: Eva Sciuba

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Karen Bass proposal to cut animals service budget. Because, there's is no reason to increase euthanasia, neglect, and death among animals. The animals relying on our help and staff's assistance to be more adoptable. If anything, there should be given more funds to animal shelters, as they are overcrowded and in urgent need of more stuff. Karen Bass wants to reduce 60 vacant positions that's only says how much more needs to be done more not less. PLEASE STOP THIS AWFUL INHUMANE CUT BUDGET of hers. Thank you. Respectfully,
Eva Sciuba

Communication from Public

Name: Alissa

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I fostered my pet from west valley shelter and eventually adopted here in 2023. From the foster coordinator Oliver to all the volunteers I had tears in my eyes each time I visited. Especially the rows and rows of dog cages which are practically outdoors. The three shelters being proposed to be closed are some of the largest and overcrowded and SO necessary. What will they do with these animals? I already feel the wrongfully euthanize animals based of false bad temper notes just to make space so closing the shelter I fear many innocent lives will be lost due to “budget cuts” it’s ridiculous. Please please please do not do this.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Cooper

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed 2025-2026 City of Los Angeles budget falls short of meeting the needs of our city's already overstretched animal shelters. Interim General Manager Annette Ramirez has made it clear: 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. If this budget is passed without amendments, the result will be catastrophic for both dogs and cats. Mayor Karen Bass and council members, protect Los Angeles' Animals and Shelters from harmful budget cuts and adequately fund the animal shelters - find your cuts elsewhere for reckless spending on other unnecessary priorities.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep all our Animal Shelters open.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funds for animal rescues, shelters, and animal services of all kinds is NOT the answer. You are creating yet another problem on our already challenged streets. Not to mention that the welfare of animals is as important as the welfare of humans. Just ask an animal owner. Harming and discounting the welfare of humans and animals is not where cuts should be made. Work harder. There are other places where cuts can be made. I'm still wondering why a trip to Ghana was necessary? What am i missing? Lord help us.

Communication from Public

Name: Alondra Sanchez

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's unacceptable that you want to cut the funds that could affect animal shelters. We saw during the LA fire how necessary they are and it disgusts me that this mayor does everything to ruin LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynne Chao

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please keep hearings open for in-person comment after M 4/28, schedule two additional public comment sessions, and a longer public notification of open hearing forums—one month notice. • Was there a 10-day public hearing notification in newspapers for 4/25 and 4/28 court hearings? Per CA Code (gov: 65090), 10-day notice is required for public hearings and special hearings in at least one newspaper circulation within jurisdiction. What newspapers were the hearings published in and when? Was it on or before 4/15 for 4/25 meeting? Was it on or before 4/18 for 4/28 meeting? • Requesting agendas provide clear instructions for written testimony with Case File Number 25-0600 added NEXT to submission link, and date time deadline ADDED to agenda. • Incorrect Google AI information when searching for meeting. Google states Van Nuys City Hall instead of LA City Hall for upcoming Monday 4/28 meeting. Still incorrect as of 4/26. See attachment. • On Fri. 4/25, Van Nuys City Hall court room was unable to house all testifiers and attendees at the same time due to inadequate room size. Many waited outside with One In, One Out Rule. After submitting testimony, many did not stay but exited so another testifier can enter court room even if they wanted to stay. The 4/25 hearing did not ensure proper open hearing forum protocol for attendees to hear ALL testimonies that may be critical to their case. Mayor Bass unveiled the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 proposed budget cuts on Monday 4/21 and 4 days later an open hearing F 4/25 was scheduled. On the next business day M 4/28, the second open hearing was scheduled. Was there a 10-day public notification for 4/25 and 4/28 meeting in newspaper publications? Also, there was little time between back-to-back public meetings for the public and attendees to review 4 hours of testimony footage to prepare for the second meeting (based on new info gathered). Back-to-back public hearings further compacted timelines for important testimony preparation. Second public hearing 4/28 needs to be one week apart to give time for public review of recorded testimonies and to seek council if needed. The 4/25 meeting was not conducive to a “openly public forum.” People’s lives are at stake losing jobs, and animals lives hang in the balance. We ask for your consideration at this very difficult time so we can get the information and help we need at these meetings.

Thank-you. Kindly, Lynne Chao

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The Los Angeles City Council will hold public budget hearings this week, beginning with a meeting on Friday, April 25th, at Van Nuys City Hall. The public can provide in-person comments at this meeting and at another hearing on Monday, April 28th, also at City Hall. Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget, which includes significant layoffs, is the subject of these hearings.



Elaboration:

Public Budget Hearings:

The Los Angeles City Council is holding public hearings to discuss Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

In-Person Comment:

The public is invited to provide in-person comments at the two public hearings, which are scheduled for Friday, April 25th, and Monday, April 28th.

Location:

Both public hearings will be held at Van Nuys City Hall.

Budget Cuts:

The proposed budget includes a plan to address a nearly \$1 billion deficit, which involves significant layoffs and the elimination of vacant positions.

City Council Committee:

The City Council's Budget and Finance Committee will be leading the discussions and hearings.

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Name: Lara DeBenedictis

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Animal shelters in Los Angeles need to be increased in budget not decreased. We are the fourth largest economy in the world. There is no excuse for not allocating the funds to these helpless animals. I did not choose to have my taxes go to whatever the hell she's decided to give my money to . I want my money going into those helpless animals. She already burned the city down. STOP THIS

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is wrong! I literally just adopted my wonderful new dog in March from a city shelter! These animals deserve more care and advocacy not less! I'm a taxpayer and voter. LA needs to find better ways to rehabilitate pets that's humans have abandoned. This is not it! The mayor is a disappointment and shouldn't be allowed to remove resources from animal welfare.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Geraghty

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal Services is already bare bones. If anything they need more help. Do NOT cut any more or close shelters. Animals will suffer needlessly.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurence Goldberg

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We urge LA City Council to use \$5 Million in available funds to stop these layoffs and prevent mass euthanasia and shelter closures

Communication from Public

Name: Kara

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT SHUT DOWN THE SHELTERS. CUT THE
TOP-PAID EMPLOYEES PAY!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Celia

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT THE BUDGETS OF THE LA ANIMAL SHELTERS! THESE ANIMALS ARE ALREADY NOT RECEIVING THE BEST CARE! TRY AGAIN KAREN BASS! WE NEED THE SHELTERS !!

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding to animal service shelters, as they are already in a crisis; people will lose jobs, and animals will suffer. You will make a hard situation much worse. They need the resources, and they are not an unnecessary program. This is an unfavorable move; please do not make animals and people suffer. The county government can cut funding to other programs that can survive the cuts. There are also a lot of official government jobs that should take a pay cut, because why are they making more money than government officials in the country's capital? It's egregious that politicians and city government employees are making this much while the city crumbles; it's greedy, and it's inhumane. I love this county and city; it has the potential to be great, but it needs transparency and a cleanout of greed. I understand politics are at play, and it is complicated, but officials need to remember that they are there for the people of the city and not the select few. So I beg you not to cut animal services funds; find another way, please. There also needs to be a control on animal breeding and more animal-friendly rental laws. I hope you reconsider your stance.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Skerski

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass' proposed cuts to the Animal Services budget. These cuts will have devastating consequences — not only for the animals in our city's care but for the broader safety and wellbeing of our communities. Los Angeles is already facing a crisis in our shelter system. Our shelters are overcrowded, understaffed, and under-resourced. Cutting the Animal Services budget will only worsen the suffering of thousands of animals who rely on the city for basic care. It will mean more animals languishing without medical attention, fewer adoptions, and more lives lost needlessly. Beyond the shelters, these cuts will impact public safety. Fewer Animal Services staff mean slower response times to emergencies, more stray animals on the streets, and an increase in public health risks. Residents, volunteers, and city workers will all feel the impact. Los Angeles has long been a city that prides itself on compassion and progressive values. Slashing the Animal Services budget is a betrayal of those values. Please fully fund Animal Services, to invest in staffing, infrastructure, and programs that save lives, and to show leadership that reflects the kind of humane, safe city Angelenos deserve. I urge Mayor Bass and this Council to reconsider these harmful cuts and prioritize the wellbeing of both our animals and our communities. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging you to stop the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. These cuts would have devastating consequences. Stray cats are an invasive species that can cause irreversible harm to our local ecosystems by killing native birds and wildlife. Without proper funding for animal control, their populations will surge, leading to ecological damage, public health risks, and greater suffering for abandoned animals. Los Angeles has worked hard to become a city that values both compassion and environmental responsibility — please don't let that progress be undone. Fully fund Animal Services and protect the future of our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriella Freund

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for LA animal shelters. These shelters are already struggling. So many animals are unnecessarily euthanized in shelters. This will lead to countless more animals being killed or left on the street. This issue will greatly impact my decision on who to vote for mayor next year.

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Robinson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my profound concern and strong opposition to the proposed budget cut for the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services. As a concerned resident and advocate for animal welfare in Los Angeles, I believe these cuts would have devastating and irreversible consequences for the animals in our city's care and for the dedicated staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to save lives. Our animal shelters are already operating under significant strain, facing challenges with overcrowding and limited resources. Reducing funding would inevitably lead to: An increase in euthanasia rates for healthy, adoptable animals. Reduced capacity for essential services such as adoptions, foster programs, low-cost spay/neuter clinics, and critical field rescues. Further strain on already overburdened staff and volunteers. A potential negative impact on public health and safety due to fewer resources for managing stray animal populations and enforcing animal cruelty laws. Force the closure of West Los Angeles, Harbor and West Valley Shelters. Slash funding for food, medical supplies and necessary equipment. I would like to offer you a solution: \$5 million has already been set aside in the City's Unappropriated Balance- funds that could prevent these devastating cuts. I am urging Mayor Bass and City Council to use this funding to retain Animal Service staff, preserve shelter operations, and protect the lives of innocent animals. Investing in Animal Services is not just about caring for pets; it's an investment in the humane values of our city and the well-being of our community. A well-funded department is crucial for public safety, reuniting lost pets with their families, and providing a safety net for the most vulnerable animals. I urge you to please reconsider these proposed cuts. I implore you to prioritize the welfare of animals and the vital services provided by LA Animal Services by restoring or increasing their necessary funding in the final budget. Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue. Sincerely, Michele Robinson

Communication from Public

Name: Shauna Lee

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This budget cut will be catastrophic for the animals. The animals and shelters are already barely scraping by with the resources they are given. There needs to be more educational information available to the public about spay and neuter, low cost clinics, and fines for backyard breeders. Cutting funds to shelters is not the way to combat the animal crisis. These animals matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Kennedy
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:38 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who voted for our current mayor for a highly important issue of the animal crisis our city is facing, I am incredibly disappointed in the current budget and the cuts it is making. We are already in a crisis due to the lack of funding currently, cutting back even further would be absolutely devastating. This county is highly populated with individuals and families breeding for the sole purpose of income and making a “quick buck” by selling puppies. Typically, when these puppies do not find a home they are dumped in less populated areas, left to fend for themselves or being surrendered, ultimately, leaving these animals in the hands of shelters that are already over capacity. We are doing absolutely nothing to combat this issue. If we are stripping the budgets out of the shelters and laying off over 60 people, where is this money going to? Will it go to implement laws against back yard breeding? Will it put stricter enforcement and regulation on this issue? Please note that this is the LARGEST cause of the overpopulation at these shelters. Making stricter laws and enforcing these not only would save the city money in the future but it could even make money off of fines, penalties, and interest on individuals who choose to defy the regulations. Putting money towards helping these animals and implementing enforcement against backyard breeding will lower spay and neuter costs, costs of euthanasia, costs of food and water, costs of medication, and much more. Fining individuals who actively choose to breed animals without the proper licenses can bring the city in money while deterring breeding that costs the city money in taking care of the animals. Think about the long term effects this could have on our county. You could be saving lives and instead you’re pulling the limited funding these shelters need to survive. I ask for the hundreds and thousands of dogs currently in the shelter to reconsider the proposed budget cuts. Think ahead, be innovative, have integrity to your original word of being a leader in animal care to the world. This is why we voted for you. Don’t choose to ignore the issues at hand. We should value every life as it is our own and what the budget proposal consists of is not doing that.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Elizabeth

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the city council to reconsider the upcoming closures of 3 MAJOR animal shelters. This would absolutely devastate and destroy the little help the city is able to provide to so many voiceless animals in dire need. Many amazing people will lose their very important jobs that only make our city better. There has to be another way. There is way too much on the line , actual lives rely on these shelters. Being the 4th biggest economy in the world, California can do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Selena

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to increasing the LAPD budget while cutting over a thousand jobs. You're firing civilian LAPD employees yet giving their department as a whole \$6.5 million. That doesn't make sense! If they're getting more money they should keep the civilian administrative employees, otherwise officers will have to fill the admin roles, and cops get paid way more than civilian employees. LAPD is also the department responsible for the largest liability payouts which come from the general fund. If you were a business and one department got the most money but cost the company millions in lawsuits, and also didn't fulfill their purpose (stopping crime), you wouldn't give them more money. That's ridiculous. Layoff cops, keep civilian admins, and provide more funding for unarmed crisis response. There is no reason a police officer with a weapon needs to be on the scene for a mental health crisis. A person trained in psychology and deescalation can do the job more effectively, and without the risk of killing or brutalizing someone (leading to a lawsuit). Crisis response teams could have non-lethal defense such as pepper spray or a stun gun in case they need to protect themselves. Also LAPD liability payouts should come from their overall department budget, not the general fund. I am also opposed to cutting animal services. Animal shelters are flailing as it is. The suffering of intelligent creatures is unfathomable. DO NOT CUT funding for animal shelters. I urge the City of LA to ask the CA State government for a loan or additional funding. As a state, California is the 4th largest economy in the world. There is no reason any city in the state should be broke. Or any residents impoverished, for that matter. We need city council and the mayor to come up with better solutions than cutting employees while giving more money to ineffective and costly departments.

Communication from Public

Name: Elise Long

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DEAR MAYOR KAREN BASS, 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 I 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 CRIS/S MISMANAGEMENT AND NEGLECT OF OUR CITY'S MOST VULNERABLE. /

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. YOU CANNOT DO THIS!!!! We need free spay and neuter clinics! Have a heart

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Kohn

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I am a United States citizen and have been a resident of Los Angeles since 1984. I am writing to ask that Mayor Bass stop her plan to cut funding to the overloaded and understaffed city animal shelters and instead tighten spending in the many other areas that are receiving ridiculous amounts of money with no results or accountability. The Los Angeles taxpayers have willingly paid billions of dollars to fund numerous homeless programs. Other city services, especially animal care and control services, have suffered horribly from the diversion of funding for expensive and ineffective homeless programs. Mayor Bass cannot continue to sacrifice necessary services that affect the safety and quality of life for tax-paying citizens. This includes the horrible conditions of our animal shelters and the fact that when compared to other large cities in the United States, our animal services budget ranks as one of the lowest when Los Angeles has one of the highest intake of animals. Stray, homeless and injured animals are our responsibility and deserve our compassion too. Humans have a choice on how to live their lives while animals rely on their caretakers. Los Angeles needs to do better for the animals that live here. Please add funds to the animal services budget. Cutting funding is beyond inhumane--it is criminal. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that you please fight to keep the Harbor Animal shelter open. I have gone to this shelter for many reasons throughout the years for all of my pets. I try to donate at least once a year with supplies. I have seen firsthand how this shelter provides affordable services and care that these animals deserve. The closure of this shelter would be a great loss in our community. I urge you to be a voice of your constituents and fight to keep our shelter open.

Communication from Public

Name: Katelyn kenedy

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass wants to Cut funding??? As someone who has volunteered at the Los Angeles shelters, they are NASTY, GROSS the dogs are sick all the time and the shelters understaffed! We are home to hundreds of celebrities, hollywood and yet our innocent animals are in the worst shelters it's ridiculous. We need more funding for proper staff, proper shelter and proper vet care. Animals can't help themselves. We need to help these precious innocent babies. MORE FOR THE ANIMALS, NOT LESS

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Totally against to budget cut for the animal services!! Cut budget to take care of homeless not to the animals!! Homeless people have a choice but the animals don't!!! They need our help!! I don't pay lots of my taxes for people. Use my tax to save the animals! Los Angeles city is supposed to be 100% non kill shelters! It's such a BS! Propaganda!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Simboli

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I disapprove the proposed budget cuts to the Los Angeles Animal Shelters. We need more education and enforcement on spay and neuter programs to help mitigate the current overpopulation issues.

Communication from Public

Name: Ariana

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut funding for shelters! We need better plans and ACTION. If this happens, we're basically going to be mass slaughtering thousands of animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Anita Colston Maltun

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF 3 ANIMAL SHELTERS AND REMOVAL OF WORKERS! The proposed closure of 3 very valuable and much needed and well run animal shelters is a travesty proposed by quite a short sighted mayor. So many people served by these shelters are planning to sign petitions for a recall of this Mayor (MAYOR RECALL PETITIONS) if these shelters are closed and workers are let go. These shelters serve communities that are EXTREMELY animal friendly and all the residents will truly go crazy if these shelters are closed. That will mean euthanizing all the animals in the shelters now and failing to offer services to so many that need them. If the mayor wants to stop the MAYOR RECALL PETITIONS, I beg her to not close these shelters and to retain the workers. I can guarantee that these petitions will generate enough signatures in a record amount of time to recall this mayor if these animal shelters are closed. There are already a countless number of citizens and citizen groups quite upset about this proposal and poised to start the MAYOR RECALL petition signing process immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberley Ramirez

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm deeply concerned and disappointed with the targeted budget cuts against the animal shelters residing in Los Angeles. These animals are already suffering enough and the resources are already limited to help these animals in need. These shelters provide crucial services for these animals along with owners as well as protecting them within our community. Reducing their funding will endanger the animals lives and will place additional strain on the workers and volunteers that dedicate their time, hard work, and effort to save these animals. I urge our Mayor to reconsider these cuts and prioritize the wellbeing of these animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Gunderson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Karen Bass needs to stop with her plan to defund the three animal shelters. It is inhumane and incomprehensible to me how she thinks this is going to help anyone. It's going to hurt the animals and hurt the employees that work there we have enough money in the city to take care of our animals these innocent animals and I recently visited Carson animal shelter, which was at capacity alone taking away And inhumane treatment for all these animals not to mention the job losses of their employees. Stop This now .

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot such down 3 of the animal shelters in LA as well as defund the program entirely. We need these programs to be funded! Animals live in a world we created and did not ask to be neglected or abused. It is our job to help them rather than leaving them to die!

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Robbins

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a tax paying Angeleno, I strongly support funding all the Los Angeles Day Laborer Centers. These centers are vital and not only serve as places to find employment, but are places for workers to unite and organize. Do not shut them down by cutting the already small amount of funding they receive.

Communication from Public

Name: Yoceline

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:38 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please save the lives of our voiceless animals. This is inhumane, please use any funds available to stop these layoffs and prevent euthanasia. This is no action plan there has to be another way.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: How DARE you even think of closing 3 out of the 6 animal shelters that we have when you ran on becoming a model city for animal welfare!!

Communication from Public

Name: Rubi Acuna

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:19 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, My name is Rubi Acuna and I am a resident of Los Angeles for going on 26 years now. I plead that these budget cuts for the 3 major animal shelters can not go through. It's crucial that we have all the help and resources for these poor animals. We are a deeply struggling as it is with the current budget. We desperately need more funds coming in not out. All this budget cut will do is more harm than good. We need free spay and neuter to help minimize the population. The situation is dire, our shelters are at full capacity and healthy dogs and cats are being euthanized every day due to there being no space for them. I can't seem to think of a single reason as to why this is a good idea nor why this is even being considered despite the current state we're in. I beg that you reflect on this and do not proceed with this decision.

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Campos
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:49 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today as a concerned resident of Los Angeles to strongly oppose any proposed cuts to funding for our city's shelters. Our shelters are a lifeline for thousands of Angelenos who are facing unimaginable hardships. To cut funding now would not only be short-sighted but devastating to the most vulnerable members of our community. Shelters provide more than just a roof — they offer safety, dignity, and the first real step toward stability and recovery. Without adequate funding, we risk abandoning people to the streets, where they are exposed to violence, illness, and death. Cutting shelter support undermines all of our efforts to address homelessness compassionately and responsibly. As a city that claims to value equity and human dignity, we must invest more, not less, in solutions that work. Shelters are a critical foundation in the continuum of care. They are places of hope, healing, and opportunity. I urge the Mayor and City Council to reconsider this proposal. The lives, safety, and futures of real people are at stake. We must protect and strengthen our shelters — not abandon them when they are needed most. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Madden

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Karen Bass proposed budget cuts for LA Animal Services - A cut to the Animal Services budget is unacceptable. Already too many healthy, adoptable animals are being euthanized in Los Angeles. The proposed cut means reduced, inadequate care for animals, an even higher rate of euthanasia, and increased rate of illness and injury. We can't let this happen to our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Cesar Guzman

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In the new budget all services are important. Hopefully the State can help LA. However, if street services include keeping our city clean—thus healthy—they should be the last to be cut. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: MPF

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Save the animals! No living being should be euthanized due to lack of space. They need more help, not less. Closing animal shelters will only exacerbate the current stray & animal dumping issue.

Communication from Public

Name: Jami

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA County should not be cutting budgets for its animal shelters — if anything, these facilities urgently need more funding. Our shelters are overwhelmed, under-resourced, and struggling to provide even basic care for thousands of homeless and abandoned animals. Reducing their budget would only worsen conditions, leading to more suffering and fewer adoptions. Instead, the county should invest more in hiring staff, expanding facilities, and increasing community outreach and spay/neuter programs. These shelters are not luxuries — they are essential public services that protect animals and people alike. We must prioritize compassion and responsibility, not cost-cutting at the expense of our most vulnerable residents.

Communication from Public

Name: stacy burgum

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT cut the budget for LA Animal Services. It is grossly underfunded already. The department needs a much bigger budget for more shelters and staff. Animals will die if you close a shelter and lay off the staff.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:05 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable City Council Members, We, the concerned residents of Los Angeles, urge you to act immediately to protect the most vulnerable members of our community — the animals in our city's care. Proposed layoffs within Animal Services, along with the looming threat of shelter closures and mass euthanasia, are a moral and humanitarian crisis in the making. These animals rely on us for their very survival. Cutting essential staff and closing shelters will not only result in the unnecessary deaths of countless animals but will also burden our community with greater public health and safety challenges. There are better choices. We call on you to allocate emergency funding and prioritize sustaining Animal Services operations at their current capacity — or better yet, improving them. We must invest in solutions like low cost/free spay and neuter, foster networks, and public education, not in sweeping layoffs and closures that will lead to tragic and irreversible consequences. The \$5 million in the City's Unappropriated Balance could retain staff in LA Animal Services, preserve shelter operations, and protect the lives of animals and the well-being of our communities. Our community's compassion should be reflected in our city's actions. Please, choose life. Choose decency. Choose to keep Animal Services strong and operational for the good of all. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable City Council Members, We, the concerned residents of Los Angeles, urge you to act immediately to protect the most vulnerable members of our community — the animals in our city's care. Proposed layoffs within Animal Services, along with the looming threat of shelter closures and mass euthanasia, are a moral and humanitarian crisis in the making. These animals rely on us for their very survival. Cutting essential staff and closing shelters will not only result in the unnecessary deaths of countless animals but will also burden our community with greater public health and safety challenges. There are better choices. We call on you to allocate emergency funding and prioritize sustaining Animal Services operations at their current capacity — or better yet, improving them. We must invest in solutions like low cost/free spay and neuter, foster networks, and public education, not in sweeping layoffs and closures that will lead to tragic and irreversible consequences. The \$5 million in the City's Unappropriated Balance could retain staff in LA Animal Services, preserve shelter operations, and protect the lives of animals and the well-being of our communities. Our community's compassion should be reflected in our city's actions. Please, choose life. Choose decency. Choose to keep Animal Services strong and operational for the good of all. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:07 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 & 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 cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's 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: Katie McVay

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The committee needs to reject this budget. It cuts frontline services the city desperately needs while allowing the LAPD budget to balloon once again. LAPD has proven itself to threaten the lives of Angelenos with their needless and deadly love of car chases. They don't need more helicopters and they don't need more money. Prioritize average Angelenos instead by funding the services we desperately need—homeless services, climate change readiness programs, and equality programming. The LAPD helicopter program won't do anything to help Angelenos. It will only help the cops feel powerful as they surveil us from the sky. (I say this as a woman who has been yelled at FROM THE SKY while walking across the street from my apartment to my car. The cop yelled "get out of the street" while I crossed 12 feet to the car on my street which has no crosswalk. What a waste of money!)

Communication from Public

Name: Alexys

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut funding, very inhumane. We are the fifth biggest economy in the world, this is absurd.

Communication from Public

Name: Rose D

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. These cuts would be catastrophic for our shelter pets. We need free programs to spay and neuter pets, and we also need to crack down on backyard breeding. Our animals deserve better. Please do not cut funding to animal shelters that are already struggling.

Communication from Public

Name: Celia de Blas

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:14 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT slash funds for LA Animal Services. If anything we need more funds to expand programs and to hire a much needed General Manager (ie Judie Mancuso) who has the skills to clean up the mess LA Animal Services is. We need mandatory spay and neuter with free clinics available, we need to stop giving out breeding permits and to fine those that don't comply or who are engaged in backyard breeding, we need to 'actually' become No-Kill, have regular enrichment for every animal that goes through the shelter system to set them up for success in a home, and we need to start looking at municipalities that have their ducks in a row and start following their lead.

Communication from Public

Name: Claire Ealy

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As an 8 year volunteer at Harbor Animal Shelter, I have firsthand knowledge of the hard work by shelter staff and volunteers that has resulted in thousands of animals being rescued. Please save the shelters!!! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Meredith Jayme

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, It must be extremely difficult to be in the position of having to consider these budget cuts but please do not do this to innocent animals that have no voice and will inevitably suffer due to budget cuts and closing shelters. This would have a devastating impact on the animal and people of LA alike. Shelters are already unable to handle all of the animals that are in need of their help. Cutting these budgets would create a public safety crisis. This is a public safety and welfare issue for our entire city. Please use the \$5 million that is set aside in the city's unappropriated balance. Animals cannot speak for themselves. I plead that you reconsider these budget cuts. Respectfully,
Meredith Jayme

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our shelter's are already struggling to provide adequate and human care for the overwhelming number of animals in the shelter system. Please do not make the situation worse, we should be ashamed of the high number of animals euthanized daily. We need more shelters not less!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't defund the police or fire departments.

Communication from Public

Name: Khaled

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: my individual logic is not absurd. absurdity is the ounce Lying is what they have reached now, and all of this had happened, and it is said that the knots is in my saw, in what knowledge is this It is necessary To stop everything that happens using my individual logic quickly In all people It is necessary Court quickly It is necessary To take my right and what I deserve in everything, every need, and everything that happened in this who is not only lies And not only an ounce It is necessary Act quickly I am not a Muslim, and I declared this publicly twenty years ago, at the age of 17 I have been living in religious permissibility for four decades, since the nineties of the last century I faced severe difficulties in my life in various ways, and I did not know what I was in for My health has been violated since the beginning of the first decade of the 2000s My health was completely destroyed in 2012 and I did not know the reasons Until people came to me and spoke to me in the year 2020 and said all this permissibility of faith and they denied everything that happened to me in everything and left me. I am constantly threatened and I have been proving for years that no one is telling the truth I have been attacked for five years in various ways They did not refrain from saying a word, nor were they able to disbelieve me or disbelieve those who came to me, explained to me, affirmed for me, and confronted me with my truth, and they said that this was permissible from Muslims and from biases of faith. I don't know, this is enough now

Communication from Public

Name: Elvira

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Shutting down 3 shelters will increase the murder of innocent animals that humans have failed. This will leave innocent animals with even less medical care and attention than the current situation.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Lee

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cut to LA animal services will have devastating consequences. Closing THREE shelters, & eliminating 60+ staffs put thousands of animals at AND the entire community at risk. WE ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING ENOUGH, don't you see that?!? These cuts will: - Increase euthanasia - Leave more stray animals without basic care - Lead to more strays and public safety issues - Waste taxpayer investments - Burn out already overwhelmed volunteers Los Angeles cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's about public health and safety, compassion and responsibility. KEEP SHELTERS OPEN. KEEP THEM STAFFED. PROTECT OUR ANIMALS. Please reverse cuts and invest in real time solutions. This cut will not improve anything but only worsen things. LIVES ARE ON THE LINE BECAUSE OF THIS AND TIMES IS TICKING.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am disappointed — to say the least — that the proposed budget includes a 20% cut to street services at a time the infrastructure in the city is rapidly decaying. There are streets in my neighborhood — Silver Lake — that are nearly undrivable because of pot holes and buckling. And there's no rhyme or reason to the repair schedule: In just the past two years, two little-used streets in Silver Lake were completely repaved, while nearby Silver Lake and Hyperion boulevards are in terrible shape and getting worse. Has any city official driven in Hollywood, Silver Lake or Los Feliz? The streets will tear up your tires (I hit a pothole once and blew a tire to the tune of \$800, including rim). I could attach a hundred pictures here of decaying streets. This isn't the Los Angeles I moved to in 1986 and continue to love despite its decline. Everywhere I turn there is urban decay, including graffiti, which is out of control. I'm embarrassed for the city and can't believe we will host the Olympics. The reporting about our city's condition will be bitter but likely accurate. Meanwhile, housing costs are skyrocketing, and many of us are fearing losing our rent-control apartments because of grifters out to make a buck in this market. I am a progressive Democrat, but it's quite clear that our leaders lack vision and smarts when it comes to running this city. I have little confidence in our mayor's ability to attract business and raise more tax revenue through growth and to solve the homelessness problem. My own councilmember has a very narrow agenda and cares little about the concerns of people outside that agenda. It's just very frustrating.

Communication from Public

Name: Maddy Richmond

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of District 5 in Los Angeles, and I am deeply concerned by Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. If implemented, these cuts will directly result in more suffering, neglect, and euthanasia of innocent cats and dogs — animals that depend on our city for protection and humane care. As you are well aware, Los Angeles Animal Services is already stretched dangerously thin. Shelters are understaffed, overcrowded, and struggling to provide even basic levels of care. Cutting funding now is not just short-sighted — it is inhumane. These budget reductions will lead to increased euthanasia rates, decreased rescue and adoption efforts, and deteriorating conditions in our city's already overwhelmed shelters. Mayor Bass has positioned this budget as prioritizing homelessness and public safety. But there is nothing safe or just about abandoning our city's voiceless and most vulnerable animals. These are not just numbers on a page — they are lives that will be lost if this budget is approved. I urge you to take a strong stand against these cuts. Use your voice and your vote to demand a humane and compassionate budget that reflects the values of our city. District 5 residents care about animals, and we are watching closely to see who will stand up for them.

Communication from Public

Name: Tricia Monteilh

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:44 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This will be devastating to Los Angeles animals!

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal R.

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:53 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot defund our Animal Services. These animals have no voices and we must speak up for them. This is cruel. We must promote spaying and neutering so we decrease the amount of animals who need care and end up in animal shelters. Housing needs to be more open to allowing pets for those who rent. Breeders need to be held accountable for their negative contribution to stray pets. This is just unacceptable and we cannot Defund Los Angeles' animal services.

Communication from Public

Name: Joselle Gilvezan

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our city shelters are already grossly underfunded and understaffed. I volunteer at West Valley and I know of dozens of adoptable cats and dogs killed for lack of resources. Bass's budget proposal calls for huge staff and funding cuts, even the possibility of shutting down HALF of the city shelters. Are we a society that kills our pets when they're no longer convenient?

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Butler

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to strongly oppose the cuts to LA Animal Service and Shelters. This is already a service that is chronically underfunded and needs to be maintained as is at a minimum, in order to deal with the crisis in abandoned and lost animals. Any cuts to this department will only result in more unhoused animals roaming our streets that will cause more problems. I do not believe that cuts to Animal Services will generate any savings as there will be higher costs to deal with more animals on the street. The impact on the animals will inevitably be even worse, as this will certainly lead to lower levels of service, lower animal welfare standards and higher euthanasia rates. These animals deserve better. We have the ability to at the very least maintain Animal Services at present levels. There are more rational cuts to be made elsewhere in the budget which would have a proportionally much lower impact, especially in the enormous sums devoted to policing and transportation. I suggest you sharpen your pencil and take a closer look in these areas before decimating our vitally important and already poorly funded Animal Services.

Communication from Public

Name: Dora Quin

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to our animal shelters. These facilities are already struggling with limited resources and dire conditions. Instead of cutting funding, the city should be increasing support to ensure proper care for the animals and the staff who work tirelessly to help them.

Communication from Public

Name: Erika Mendoza

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is unacceptable to further reduce the Animal Services budget. They are already so bare bones, they are unable to patrol our parks in areas known for rampant off-leash dogs. I and my two dogs were recently accosted by an off-leash German Shepard in Cheviot Hills Recreation Center. When reported, I was directly told there are not enough officers to visit the area to cite abusers until there is a budget. It is only a matter of time before someone is attacked by the unleashed dogs in this park. Mayor Bass' decision will directly impact and hurt her constituents. This decision is poor and should be reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT THE BUDGET for LA CITY SHELTERS.

Communication from Public

Name: Brandey Herrera

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Karen Bass, I am writing to express my disappointment, 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 also cement a truly tainted legacy — one marked by gross 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Fahi Hallin

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not reduce the number of the city dog shelters! We need more shelters not less!! Please dedicate MORE not less resources to dogs thank you!!

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua Saxelby-Valle

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Bianca Zhu

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Name: Sophia V

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Communication from Public

Name: sanderson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:39 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Ronald Botelho

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:46 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass is proving her incompetence once again, with her comments and potential decision to cut funding for animal shelters in LA county , which s absurd. This goes against the very grain of every single pet owner in LA. The lives of several unfortunate dogs and cats lies in the balance of this decision. Absolutely wrong path to save budget. No funding for animal shelters should ever be cut, animals are at the mercy of us humans.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Neff

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I'm writing to respectfully ask Mayor Bass and the Council to please reconsider cutting funding for L.A.'s animal shelters or closing any of them. I've adopted from county shelters twice, and I've seen firsthand how hard the staff works with very limited resources. Reducing support (especially for critical spay and neuter programs) will only make things harder for the animals as well as the staff and volunteers working so diligently to help them. Los Angeles has always been seen as a leader, setting the tone for compassionate, forward-thinking action across the country. In a time when so many places are cutting services, L.A. has a real opportunity to continue to protect those who don't have a voice. I truly hope Mayor Bass will compassionately reconsider this action and personally visit a few of the shelters before making any decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut jobs from any dept but especially not from GSD. GSD is just as vital as FD or PD. We assist Fire & Police in making sure they have the necessary resources to do their job without any kind of interruption or downtime. Our fellow citizens & neighbors of Los Angeles will have longer wait times & idle city workers & equipment could be a public safety issue. Many of the GSD workers also went into office during covid lock-downs as essential workers to ensure that the citizens of Los Angeles & our country had the PPE that was needed in order to safely open up again. By cutting these jobs it will cause innumerable damage to not only just GSD but the city as a whole.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Marantos

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need a humane LA! Please stop the proposed layoffs of the animal service staff by using the available \$5,000,000 in funds!
We must prevent mass euthanasia & shelter closures!

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie P.

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:17 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed one-third cut to LA Animal Services staffing, which would eliminate 62 filled positions and 60 vacant roles. These cuts would mean fewer people to care for the animals in our shelters, fewer emergency responses for injured or endangered animals, less support for fostering programs, and ultimately a dramatic increase in euthanasia rates. This is not who we are as a city. Los Angeles has made significant progress in animal welfare over the years — these proposed cuts would erase that progress and bring unimaginable suffering to countless animals who rely on us for their survival. I urge the City Council to act now: please use the \$5 million in available funds to stop these devastating layoffs, prevent the mass euthanasia of animals, and keep our city shelters open and functional. The animals, the volunteers, the rescue organizations, and the people of Los Angeles are counting on your leadership to protect the most vulnerable among us. Please prioritize compassion and public responsibility over budget cuts. Lives depend on it. Thank you, Natalie

Communication from Public

Name: Ezekiel Martinez

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:17 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Sarah E Colombo

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: WE URGE LA CITY COUNCIL TO USE THE \$5 MILLION IN AVAILABLE FUNDS TO STOP THESE LAYOFFS AND PREVENT MASS EUTHANASIA AND SHELTER CLOSURES.

Communication from Public

Name: Stuart Robertson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm deeply concerned about the impact of budget cuts on our animal shelters. • Remaining shelters will face even more overcrowding. • There will be a greater risk of illness, injury, and higher rates of euthanasia due to limited space. • Communities in South LA, Downtown, and the Valley could lose access to nearby shelter services altogether. • Residents who can't travel long distances may have no choice but to abandon their pets.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Wilkinson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed cuts to the animal shelter system. These shelters provide a lifeline for thousands of cats and dogs every year - overpopulation driven by human greed and irresponsible backyard breeders. I urge you to continue to support these shelters and ensure we are not abandoning helpless animals who are in desperate need of our support. We should be cracking down on backyard breeders and encouraging spay and neutering, rather than shutting down shelters. My beloved rescue dog came from the West LA shelter and I can't imagine my life without him.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry L Bolo

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 12:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please keep animal shelters open! WE are at a crisis point as it is, with overcrowding, we dont' want to put healthy animals down just because there is no space for them!!! Please don't be cruel to animals! We are entrusted with their care!! Please!

Communication from Public

Name: T

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. These cuts would directly endanger thousands of vulnerable animals who depend on us for survival. A city's compassion is measured by how it treats its most defenseless. Let's be a city that protects, not abandons. Their lives—and our humanity—are worth investing in.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 07:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I do NOT support any more increases to the LAPD. On the contrary, their budget is already the LARGEST in the city at almost 2 BILLION dollars. They need to be cut significantly, rather than given more next year. I support maintaining funding for transportation, street services, planning, and civil rights departments. Without these crucial city services, our city will be significantly less liveable for me and my family. We rely on public transit for work and school. Our kids go to after school care at the local recreation center. We rely on street services to keep the streets cleaned and safe, and the trees trimmed to keep everyone safe. Our civil rights department is crucial in addressing diverse needs of the city. Please do NOT cut from these 4 departments that are marked for drastic cuts in Mayor Bass's latest city budget proposal!

Communication from Public

Name: Candice

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the budget cuts being proposed for LA Animal Services. Shelby's are already over crowded and underfunded. Animals deserve a basic standard of living, and the conditions under which some of them currently live is appalling. These cuts will result in high euthanasia rates, which should be unacceptable to everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Maya

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to demand that you oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposal to cut \$5 million from Los Angeles Animal Services. Our shelters are already overwhelmed and underfunded. Cutting their budget further would lead to greater suffering for animals, dangerous overcrowding, and a public safety crisis. Los Angeles must do better. As a city that claims to value compassion and progress, we cannot abandon the most vulnerable members of our community. Instead of slashing funds, the City should be investing more into Animal Services to meet the urgent needs they face every day. Please stand with your constituents and vote against any budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Our animals — and our city — deserve better. Sincerely, Maya

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Glassman

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not shut down our vulnerable animal shelters. In a city of 10 million people, we only have 6 animal shelters and Mayor Bass wants to eliminate three in the name of a balanced budget. We should be expanding our animal shelters and improving spay and neuter clinics to save lives, not cut corners to try and protect the LAPD budget. The animals cannot speak for themselves, so we must stand up and speak for themselves and say no to slashing the funding for the animal shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Yulia

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget for animal shelters and animal services in LA! the situation with animal welfare is already catastrophic!

Communication from Public

Name: Celeste

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is my understanding that funds are to be cut for los angeles animal shelters with many future closures to follow under Karen bass to these already filled and much needed facilities. As someone who assists dedicated private rescue groups that have their hands full in addition to our city shelters I am sincerely pleading that not only funds continue, but finding a way to eliminate kill shelters. They need to be improved not eliminated. I have watched in recent months an enormous amount of death row puppies and more be euthanized only for the reason of not being able to have enough shelter space, food donations, or volunteer help. Its important to keep helping animals find homes and love, and bring their love into homes. Cutting funds is worrysome, it's already an every day battle to save these sweet souls, and its heartbreaking for everyone to watch these sweet beings lives discarded for already lacking funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Stone

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly against the mayor's proposal to cut \$5 million dollars from the LA Animal Services. These animals are already not being properly cared for and this budget cut will be catastrophic to the community. We need free spay and neuter clinics and even more resources available to help the stray animal population, not less than the bare minimum.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Amaya-Philbrook

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a native angeleno and proud life long pet owner I am asking the esteemed city council to reject Mayor Bass's proposal to slash the city's animal services budget. To do so would be cruel to numerous animals and have long term effects on Los Angeles with the possibility of late response times to animal welfare or public safety. If these budget cuts pass you set up the animal services dept. Up for failure. Los Angeles is a sanctuary city to so many why not the animals who have no fault in this and only enrich the lives of so many if given a chance. As a citizen and tax payer I demand a humane LA. There is enough cruelty in the world let's not add more to it by allowing this budget to pass.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 02:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello good people at the city clerk's office. I've been doing some research, and I think I've come upon a solution for our cities budget woes! Here's my pitch: The cities finances would require 200 million dollars to avoid layoffs in necessary services for our transport, street services and civil rights--so why don't we take 9.5% of the LAPD's already bloated budget and use that to make up for the deficit? If my math is correct, this would still leave the LAPD with around 1.7 billion dollars to fly around annoying helicopters in this city! It's a win-win! No need to praise me, just go ahead and make this happen and that will be thanks enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Bryna Wallach

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I know Mayor Bass is hyper-focused on the Olympics with her time and our money, but those of us who live here rather than visiting for a few weeks need to be the priority too. Closing crowded shelters causing the death of even MORE healthy young animals and reducing the force that investigates animal abuse is horrific for our city. Stop this insanity and REJECT this budget proposal!! Silenced animals are depending on YOU to do what's right and just! Bryna Wallach, longtime resident and homeowner 626/390-8062

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 03:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: IF you believe in the right to life - all life; IF you believe that all lives matter - all lives; reducing funding to an already over stressed and overwhelmed animal welfare system is not only unconscionable, but ultimately barbaric. NO ONE should decide when another life should end.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Alexander

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:22 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Center for Living and Learning (CLL), 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. CLL is an organization led by graduates of the LA:RISE program and relies on the program as the backbone of all other programs operated by CLL. Every project has higher outcomes when the participants are co-enrolled in LA:RISE. LA:RISE is the most impactful program we operate and truly benefits the community, our organization and the participants we serve.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeb

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 05:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There is so much wrong with this budget proposal. Just after our neighborhoods were ravaged by fires -- worsened by human-caused climate change as well as Mayor Bass's own decision to delay funding for LAFD -- the Mayor is now proposing to cut LA's innovative climate resiliency programs. At a time when LA's immigrant communities are living in fear of harassment by law enforcement, and peaceful student protestors feel unsafe on their own campuses, Mayor Bass wants to increase the budget for policing to over \$2 billion -- that's over twice the city's deficit, right there. While the Mayor's proposal cuts thousands of important city workers, police officers are exempted from layoffs. In the midst of a worsening homelessness crisis, the Mayor wants to cut funding for badly needed affordable housing. This budget is shameful. It is completely at odds with the wants and needs of the people of LA. I demand that council reject this broken proposal, and implement instead a budget which works for the people of LA, addressing the real problems facing us instead of pandering to the police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 08:35 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a former animal welfare advocate, it has been shameful to see the budgets for shelters slashed year after year. Those working to care for these abandoned and ill animals are the most selfless people I've ever met. To watch them have to fight a system that should be helping them lower the population of those in the shelter is enraging and heartbreaking. Given that so much of the budget is going towards policing, why don't you use that to regulate illegal backyard breeding? Make sure that spay and neuter programs are available to residents so the problem of too many animals doesn't continue to persist? This budget has MANY problems but to see the continual sacrifice of the animal services budget is shocking. As an active voter I urge you to reject this budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose the budget cuts for LA animal services!!! Funding for this service is so important not only for animal lives, but for public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: adrienne beitcher

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 06:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: how could mayor bass even THINK about closing three of the cities six shelters? who in their right mind would even THINK about doing that let alone actually do it? does this woman have no conscience? who will be paying to euthanize all the animals that are in those overcrowded shelters? will we just have animals roaming the streets? this is absolutely sickening.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Townsend

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 07:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Elected officials are fond of trumpeting California as the fourth largest economy in the world. If that is true why is California so badly managed? I think they are cooking the books. They do not see the same California that may of us confront every day. Businesses large and small are failing. Streets are filthy with trash and homeless tents. We have allowed in hoards of immigrants so they could be exploited for their "cheap labor", which really means we are not going to pay them enough to actually afford California, without massive government assistance. So cheap is not really cheap. K-12 education provides little more that day care for families where both partners need to work to survive. A high school diploma is useless and even college graduates find that their degrees cannot guarantee employment or even a salary that would allow them to start a family or afford a house. Politicians see the public employee "unions" as rich and powerful constituents whose votes can be secured by ever larger and more beneficial contracts, paid for with tax dollars. And even with hallow pronouncements of government "transparency", more officials are under investigation, under indictment or serving jail sentences. Los Angeles has a budget of thirteen billion dollars and is still running a billion dollars in the red. In my seventy six years I do not recall a time when California government, at all levels was more corrupt and more inept. Governor Newsom loves to proclaim that California sets the standards for the nation. That was always arrogant but now, sadly, misplaced.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:51 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, Closing our animal shelters would be a death sentence for thousands of innocent animals. We are begging you — do not let this happen. Without shelters, animals will be dumped in the streets, creating a public health and safety crisis and overwhelming volunteer and rescue organizations that are already stretched thin. This is a crisis. Los Angeles must act with urgency and compassion. We need to invest more in solutions — like increasing funding for shelter staff, expanding adoption programs, and supporting community education — not walk away from our responsibility. Los Angeles has the opportunity to be a leader in humane animal care. Please, keep our shelters open and fully operational.

Communication from Public

Name: Carly

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:51 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: Karen

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:00 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please save the Harbor Animal Shelter. The hardworking staff and volunteers work every day to help innocent animals who have been mistreated or abandoned by humans.

Communication from Public

Name: Marianne Shriver

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund Rainbow Services. They are one of those quiet organizations making a huge difference in our community. As a nurse, I referred a few people to Rainbow . They give men, women and children the support they need a desperate time. I give what I can to them annually but they need support. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Eng

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:11 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut budgets for animal services/shelters in Los Angeles. The system is already taxed and as a concerned animal lover I would ask for services not to be cut and for there to be greater awareness of licensing and other ways to support the system, not diminish it

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed cuts to LA Animal Services will have devastating consequences on an already strained and seemingly inhumane shelter system. Closing three shelters and eliminating 60+ staff will put countless animals and our community at risk and only exacerbate the issues of overcrowding we've been experiencing. Please reverse the cuts and invest in real solutions that will benefit our animals and public health. All animals deserve at least basic care, and it's honestly despicable how they're being treated in our under-resourced shelters and by community members that need better education, resources, and spay/neuter services. Please fulfill your responsibility to care for this vulnerable population that depends on us.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashlyn taggart

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing this cause I see you want to slash the budget that helps with the care of shelter animals. This is horrific and inhumane. The shelters are at full capacity and healthy good animals are at risk for euthanasia at any time. If you move forward with this bill, you are ensuring that more animals die without the time to find a rescue or a good home. This is sickening that you would even consider this bill. Please reconsider

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Morkus

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:45 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot cut the budget for animal shelters. If anything, the budget should be increased. There should also be a program for free or discounted spraying/neutering to help reduce the amount of abandoned animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana Garcia

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly oppose to a cut in LA Animal Services. The shelters are already in crisis and these cuts will impact negatively our community and the innocent lives of thousands of animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronyka Rivera

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I understand the need to be responsible with the city budget, but cutting funding for animal services is not the answer. These services protect both animals and our community. Instead of reducing support, we should focus on holding those in charge accountable for how poorly the budget and resources are managed. Smarter spending toward the actual animals and their needs, free spay/neuter will go much further than cuts that risk public safety and animal welfare.

Communication from Public

Name: Brianna Rizzo

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Unnecessary cuts will be worse in the long run

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Morrow

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:44 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: 04/26/2025 11:40 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about the cuts to the budget that concerns animal shelters. I am decided AGAINST any budget cuts to any shelter or personnel thereof. Mayor Bass is certifiably insane if she thinks this will work out for the animals! And the "waiting to be laid-off" workers!

Communication from Public

Name: Hazel McGowan

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Karen Bass: I don't even live in Los Angeles, but what you're doing is so outrageous, so cruel, that people outside your city are furious. Cutting \$1 million from Animal Services in your 2025 budget (Council File 25-0600) is a disgrace and Mayor Karen Bass, this failure sits directly at your feet. You came into office promising compassion, change, and leadership. Instead, you're delivering budget cuts that will directly cause more suffering, overcrowded shelters, mass euthanasia, and public health crises. Stray animals will die because you and your administration made a deliberate choice to defund the very people trying to save lives. While you increase police spending, you slash vital services for the voiceless. Where exactly is the "compassion" in that, Mayor Bass? Where is the leadership? Where is the moral spine? Under your leadership, Los Angeles has turned its back on its most vulnerable, choosing politics and optics over real, humane action. You are responsible for this, Karen Bass. No committee, no council vote, no staffer — you. You proposed this budget. You pushed it forward. You chose to let animals suffer. Fix it. Restore full funding to Animal Services. Show the city — and the country — that Los Angeles hasn't completely lost its soul under your watch. Because right now, you're not just failing Los Angeles — you're failing everyone who ever believed you were different. The world is watching. And we will not forget.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Peck

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:42 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed budget cuts that would close half of Los Angeles' six animal shelters forcing the mass euthanasia of thousands of innocent animals. This plan is not only inhumane but also reflects a complete failure in moral and civic responsibility. The shelters are already under immense pressure; reducing their number would place unbearable strain on the remaining facilities, compromise animal welfare standards, and lead to preventable suffering and death. The animals housed in these shelters are voiceless members of our community — many of whom have already been abandoned, neglected, or abused. They deserve compassion, care, and the opportunity to find permanent homes, not death sentences because of financial mismanagement. Additionally, eliminating animal control officers will directly threaten public safety, leading to more stray animals on the streets and creating dangerous conditions for both people and animals alike. The people of Los Angeles expect and demand better. It is inconceivable that such a wealthy and resourceful city would even consider "solving" budgetary issues at the expense of the most vulnerable. I urge you to explore humane alternatives — fundraising initiatives, volunteer mobilization, partnerships with nonprofits, and reassessment of city priorities — before taking such an irreversible and shameful step. Please do not allow this atrocity to happen. Our city is better than this. The lives of thousands of animals and the conscience of our community depend on your decision.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Granger

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:42 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As much as I appreciate the focus on unhoused folks, so far, the efforts have netted invisible results. I see people on the far side of mental health, basic hygiene, health, and nutrition challenges daily. This said, I also have a HORRIBLE alley behind my home. It is being DEVESTATED by the trash, recycling, and green waste vehicles that rumble through weekly. It is inaccessible for some vehicles and extremely hazardous. We are new to LA and don't understand why our city doesn't take care of its infrastructure. I realize that I am sharing this concern in the face of a huge budget shortfall. However, we need to figure out how to take care of our residents and use tax revenues to provide the basics that folks should expect. Thank you.



Communication from Public

Name: Roxy

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 05:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts services people need and wastes money on programs that hurt people. I work supporting unhoused people in this city, and have seen how sweeps, criminalization of poverty, and police violence and harassment against unhoused people makes every problem associated with being homeless worse. Currently we have the CARE program, which has some value in helping unhoused people clean encampments, and the "CARE+" program which threatens and displaces people under the excuse of cleaning. A budget that cuts CARE for only CARE+ is openly not trying to make any of the problems associated with homelessness better. For this budget, the cruelty is the point. This city spends ludicrous amounts on cops and sweeps while cutting services people need - notably including firefighting, as we saw in the recent fires. The most reasonable proposal is to keep services and solve the budget by reducing the fortunes spend on too many cops, starting with the ever-present police helicopters. Money goes a long way when it's helping people, whether that's people who need housing, people who need food, people who need health care, and every other kind of good program in this city, but when it goes to yet another giveaway to the cops it's setting money on fire. Fund the people, defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Patty Shin

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 05:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: How disgusting to close animal shelters when budgets could and should be cut elsewhere! LA City shelters are ALREADY struggling without enough funding and support while innocent, healthy dogs are being euthanized. We need more help, not cutting budgets to pay more to council members and Mayor! I'm absolutely disgusted and Mayor Bass needs to be replaced!!! Will not vote for her during election along with other council members that vote for this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 05:46 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: Veronica Ponce de Leon

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 05:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Funding for IDEPSCA's day labor centers is critical and must continue in order to avoid the loss of trusted locations where day laborers and domestic workers receive preventative services such as health and safety training and comprehensive health resources. A real sanctuary city supports all workers, especially those that rely on city-funded resources to find employment and seek resources for their wellbeing. Day laborers and domestic workers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters (such as COVID and the wildfires) but haven't been recognized an important part of the city. Mayor Bass defunding day labor centers makes workers' contributions to the economy of Los Angeles invisible. Do what is right and fund the centers that that will provide to those that provide their labor, skills, and hard work for our economy each and every day.

Communication from Public

Name: daniella

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:34 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: THIS IS A TERRIBLE IDEA This is a devastating proposal that will put jobs at risk, waste taxpayer money, lead to more strays, death, sickness and public SAFETY issues for people and animals. we need the opposite of what this is proposing, we need basic care for animals and we need more help!!! This is going to exhaust volunteers, exhaust rescues, exhaust fosters, and lead to overall sadness and disappointment that this is even being proposed in Los Angeles, this makes me sick and I will move myself and my business and my tax paying money from the city if this goes through

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Caballero

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:53 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DON't FAIL THE DOGS ANY FURTHER!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sable Olmstead

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:54 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting \$5 million from the animal shelter budget is shameful and dangerous! Our shelters are already in crisis. Animals are suffering because of years of underfunding and mismanagement, and now you want to take even more away? We need more funding, more staff, and real solutions, not more cuts. Do the right thing. Oppose the budget cuts to LA Animal Services and fight for the animals who cannot fight for themselves. We are watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Truong

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:54 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an animal-loving citizen and resident of Los Angeles. I have volunteered my time for animal rescue organizations, and I am raising my son to be a compassionate person towards animals and pets. Please, please, do not close down animal shelters in Los Angeles. This will yield a devastating result for all animals. Los Angeles is already experiencing an animal crisis with pet-overpopulation and a lack of spay-neuter and animal education for the public. This will make the current situation even more dire. Find waste elsewhere. Preserve the animal welfare programs. Or at least crack down on backyard breeders and unspayed/un-neutered animals so we don't have this problem. Cut it off at the source.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Coogan
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:57 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We should keep as many animal shelters open as possible. 5 million dollars must be findable elsewhere. After Mayor Bass claimed she wanted to make LA a national leader in animal welfare it is shocking that this would be proposed.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon. I'm a Management Analyst with the City of Los Angeles and an EAA member. I have 18 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles. I am providing public service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles in achieving the city's goal of a Sustainable, Safe, and Livable city. I am providing support and managing over \$1.8B of grant funded traffic safety and active transportation projects citywide. The Mayor's proposed budget would eliminate 77% positions in my section, which will burden and threaten my family's livelihood and it also threatens the angelenos of a safe and efficient city to live. Without people like me, planning for safer streets will fail and stall. These layoffs are a direct hit to public safety and to working families. I urge you to reject these cuts and preserve the jobs that keep LA safer, cleaner, and more livable. I am sincerely requesting you to reconsider RESTORING ALL positions rather than DELETING positions. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Thompson

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:05 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am devastated at the thought of our animal shelters being defunded and shut down. This budget cut means closing down 3 shelters and losing 62 jobs. Where will these animals go? We will still have animals in need of homes and this will cause insurmountable pressure on the remaining shelters. We will need to euthanize so many healthy animals that could have found loving homes. If we can find it in our budget to overfund the LAPD, we can find it in the budget to keep shelters funded. In 2022, Karen Bass vowed to make LA a “national model for animal welfare.” How can we be a national model when we refuse to even meet the basic needs of animals?

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Pok

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:05 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: Anne Carlile

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:09 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging all council members to please do everything in their power to keep funding for animal shelters at their current levels. We are in the midst of a serious crisis of homeless pets, pets that are being euthanized daily for “kennel stress” &/or lack of space in our shelters. We cannot allow any of our shelters to close at this critical time. We must do everything in our power to ensure that homeless pets are cared for until they can be adopted into new homes. We must work together with volunteer organizations like Best Friends to make this happen. Please do not abandon our animal shelters and all the good work they do. To do so would reflect very poorly on our great city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:09 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 cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's 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: Jenny

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:13 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: Lauren A

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:17 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposed budget cuts to the Department of Animal Services! They need more funding and support from the city, not less. Shelters are already facing challenges and unnecessarily euthanizing perfect animals due to space issues and inconvenience. It is sickening, and cutting budgets will only make this problem worse. Please find more helpful solutions to support LA's Department of Animal Services and its employees.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:17 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider decreasing funding and closing LA city shelters. It would put thousands of animals on the street. It doesn't make any sense!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This will be so detrimental to all the innocent animals who didn't ask to be abandoned. There must be another way to help these poor souls!

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Holman
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:24 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do more for your animal population LA! You should be ashamed of the state it's currently in. I thought LA was supposed to be one of the greatest cities in America but you dropping the ball on so much (animal welfare, the homeless population). Do better!

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:40 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT BUDGETS FOR LA ANIMAL SERVICES.
These animals depend on humans to be cared for and have the right to life. Los Angeles is one of the richest counties in the U.S., the city does not need to cut budgets unfairly from animal services and instead should fund MORE money to animal services. The lives of these animals are precious and they deserve better quality of life and care.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen Lewis

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot cut the budget for animal shelters. If anything, we need to increase it and provide free spaying and neutering as well as ban backyard breeders

Communication from Public

Name: Kate White
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:08 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: No budget cuts to animal services!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Michaela Ullmann

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:15 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. As a long-time volunteer, I know first hand the horrific consequences these cuts will have on our shelters and ultimately on innocent animals. Closing three of our 6 shelters will lead to mass killings of innocent cats and dogs. There are other solutions! For example, enforce spay & neuter, penalize unpermitted breeding, audit LA Animal Services staff performance and replace under-performing staff with staff who are skilled and invested in animal well-being. Collaborate with rescues and use their help in getting dogs assessed and adopted. Invest in media campaigns telling citizens the truth about our shelter animals and educate the public better about the importance of spay and neuter. Send mobile spay & neuter clinics into neighborhoods most impacted by breeding more dogs due to un/misinformation. Cancel Hasen's consultant contract and instead get qualified consultants to revamp LA Animal Services. I could go on and on. As shelter volunteers and rescuers, we know where the system is broken and ways to fix it. Let those who have the expertise and willingness help but please do not cut the budget for LA Animal Services. We are the only advocates these animals have. They already suffer in our sub-par facilities. Cutting the budget would lead to animal cruelty, the exact thing LA Animal Services was created to prevent. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Ritti

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:28 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cut to LA Animal Services during this critical time when shelters are over run and under staffed is inhumane and we can't do this to our city and our animals. We used to be proud to be a No Kill city and under Mayor Bass we've seen nothing but increase. These cuts will only worsen our situation and - 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 cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's 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! DO BETTER!

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Aguirre

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:55 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cut to LA Animal Services will have devastating consequences. Closing 3 animal 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 cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's 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:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:58 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't closed any of the animal shelters. We need to keep them open. Signed, Concerned Citizen of San Pedro

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 08:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support the budget cuts to LA animal shelters and services. Healthy animals are being euthanized and animals with minor injuries have no chance of survival. Funds need to be directed toward free spay/neuter clinics and fines for backyard breeding need to be imposed to cover these costs. This problem will not go away and this budget cut is pure brutality.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Beardsley

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:05 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need to prioritize public safety and focus on services for legal residents. Cuts to the fire and police department will lead to a dangerous and expensive increase in crime and injury. Civil rights services to illegal immigrants should not be a priority at this time. Street maintenance should not be cut- doing so is a short term savings with long term expensive consequences. I suggest city council members and the mayor take a paycut.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Schwarz

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 09:06 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't make drastic cuts to LA Animal Services. I have seen proposals to close some of the shelters and lay off a large number of workers. Every shelter is overcrowded and understaffed as it is. Where will the animals in these shelters go? Not to other shelters, there is no space. Not to adoptions if there is no staff to assist the public - already a big problem. Who will answer calls from the public when there is a stray or dangerous dog or other animal? Animal Services is a small.bidget compared to many other departments but they are important and it's heartbreaking to see these cuts.

Communication from Public

Name: Shelcy Alfaro

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Shelcy. I'm 19 years old, and I'm part of the Invest in Youth Coalition. I also been doing this work for over five years now. I was a part of Youth Council through Legacy La and now I am a Social Justice intern. However, I'm here today because we, the young people, are the future of Los Angeles. However, because we worked hard to create something this city had never done before: a department made just for youth. The Youth Development Department was created because, for too long, youth services were scattered, underfunded, and hard to access. Our Task Force made clear recommendations: build Youth Hubs, create a youth portal, make trauma-informed programs accessible, and most importantly, let youth lead and decide how funding gets spent. But three years later, the department still doesn't have the staff, funding, or tools it needs. Now the City wants to merge it into a bigger department and one that serves children, families, and seniors, too. That's not fair!! Every council member who has a seat and even the Mayor has once said that "young people are the future and we need to invest in them," But now we need you to lock in and do your job so you can save the Youth Development Department. Young people deserve focus, not to be pushed to the side. We need the department to stay independent, and we need it to be fully funded. Youth voices, youth leadership, and youth needs matter. We're asking the Council to stand with us, protect the Youth Development Department, and give it what it needs to make a difference. We urge our City Council to represent us and stand with us behind the need for a stand alone youth development department and instead of consolidating into another department rethink what programs and services can be housed under the YDD and fully fund the department so it can deliver on its promise: building equity, opportunity, and leadership for our city's young people. We don't need an office, we need a department. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Tilly

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Speaking as a LA voter but also as a Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA, the most acute needs the City faces are the shortage of affordable, workforce, and low-income housing, and in particular housing that can help prevent or help people exit homelessness. It's important to devote more resources, not less to this. I would like to see fewer resources devoted to armed law enforcement, with some of the savings going to unarmed intervention programs and some to meeting housing needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Nat Safran

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT FUNDS TO OUR CITY SHELTER SYSTEM??
LA is facing a tragic crisis that kills thousands of pups in our county shelters daily - stop ignoring the rescue community please and citizen complaints! We need MORE FUNDS to address the problem and dedicate resources to outlaw backyard breeding (SKID ROW BREEDERS ALERT??), educate our communities, expand rescue and rehabilitation programs and shelter havens!!! We will be voting out this mayor and city council unless they start paying attention to this disaster. You're helping turn LA into a high-kill zone ??????