

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Laying off staff and closing shelters will have increased costs and negative long-term effects on people, not just animals. If shelters are closed, more animals will be euthanized, obviously. But that means pet owners who want to surrender their pets will have the choice between 1) certain death for their pets, if they surrender them to a shelter, or 2) a chance of life if they abandon their pets on the street. Closing Half of LA County's Animal Shelters Will Cause: -Potential lawsuits against the city for injuries or zoonotic disease exposure. -Increased PTSD, depression, compassion fatigue, and self-harm among shelter staff, veterinarians, rescue workers and volunteers. Self-harm rates by veterinarians and shelter staff care are similar to police and fire personnel. (City Watch LA) -Overwhelmed and unsafe conditions for animal control services, emergency responders, and rescue organizations. -Increased work-related injury lawsuits from animal control services and emergency responders. -Emotional trauma and financial burden on citizens trying to rescue animals. -Rise in backyard breeding and pet overpopulation. -Higher public health risks — disease from waste, flea outbreaks, dead /diseased animals, and rabies threats. -More urban coyotes and stray dog attacks. -Increased traffic accidents from animals running into roadways. -Stray animals begging for food in parks, beaches, and playgrounds. -More animal abandonment and abuse, with pets dumped on streets instead of surrendered. -Damage to LA's reputation as a humane and safe city. Cutting the budget for Animal Services is not a fiscally responsible choice. It is not a moral choice either, but cutting the budget for Animal Services will cost the city a lot of money in the long run.

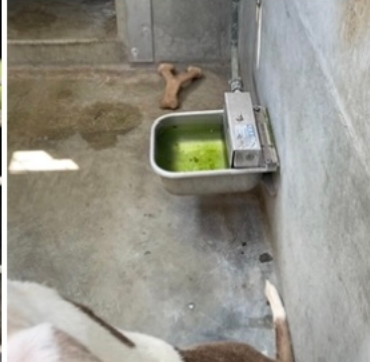
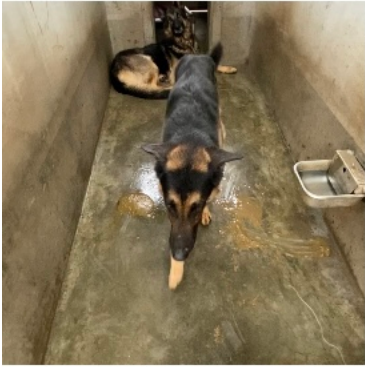
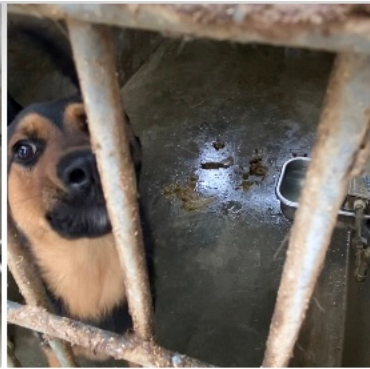
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Name: Cat Edwards

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am voicing my strong opposition to proposed cuts for the Department of Animal Services. Totally the wrong direction! Eliminating over 120 staff positions and closing any city shelters will be catastrophic for public safety and animal welfare. Have you visited Skid Row or any city Shelters lately?? They are all overcrowded and understaffed already. At SLA pets are dumped daily: pregnant, seniors with serious health issues and entire litters of puppies and kittens of all ages. I've made videos for 7 years at SLA and it's shocking to see things only get worse. How can folks keep going with no city support or understanding behind us? Cuts will lead to even more euthanasia for space, inhumane overcrowding, slower emergency response times, and loss of services for residents across the city. There is \$5 million already allocated in the City's Unappropriated Services Operations. These funds can be used to retain staff and keep all six shelters open. Please do not cut funding to an already suffering department. Why is our city not focused on more FREE and cheap Spay & Neuter??? Everyone knows it's the solution to reduce numbers. We simply have more pets than homes. Yet no one seems to have an actual plan. So rescues and regular folks try, but are exhausted and broke trying to pick up the pieces for years. Over 80% of dogs enter SLA unfixed. There is no real messaging about S&N importance and easy ways to get it done. As if no one in LA took a Sex Ed class?? We are now infamous for our pathetic overcrowding, lack of S&N, dogs running loose all over and millions of homeless cats wandering our streets. We could be heroes and lead the way. So I find it shameful the lack of compassion and acknowledgement by folks in power so far.



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Name: Wendy Pinedo

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Comments for Public Posting: Dogs cannot speak for themselves, but their needs are just as real and urgent as our own. Every day, countless dogs rely on us for safety, nourishment, medical care, and love. Without adequate funding, we cannot provide the essential support they deserve. These animals are not just pets — they are companions, protectors, and family members who enrich our lives in countless ways. It is our responsibility to be their voice and ensure they receive the care and dignity every living being deserves. We respectfully ask for your support in providing the critical funding needed to continue this life-saving work.

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Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funding to an already underfunded sector like animal shelters is abhorrent. There are backyard breeders and uncountable strays in Los Angeles. There are overworked, under and often not paid individuals trying to help save as many animals as they can. The shelters are already at capacity most of the year. What do you think will happen if you shut down three of them? This is a completely inhumane suggestion. Perhaps cut funding from the LAPD's asinine \$1 BILLION budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Fiona

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been to the West LA shelter and these dogs and cats are already living in poor conditions. It's overcrowded, and the animals have kennel cough or worse. But they are good sweet animals who deserve a chance. And the staff is working tirelessly to give them that. The issue is that they are already underfunded. We can't afford to lose more shelters. Where will these animals go? To other overcrowded shelters? That would be a death sentence. Please do not make this budget cut. Lives are at stake and we need to do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is outrageous, it's bad enough that the country is falling apart, but to think Karen Bass is hopping on the 'terrible people train' as if she can get away with it is sickening and disgusting. California has been a safe space for so many and seemingly the last bit of hope and fight we have against the trump administration, so for you to even suggest closing down shelters and letting go of even more people is heartless and inhumane. We need support and community more than ever, why should innocent lives suffer our consequences! This is not an issue of budgeting, this is an issue of greed and gluttony.

Communication from Public

Name: Brenden Guthrie

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing a concerned Angeleno about proposed budget cuts to our already struggling city animal welfare system. The proposed budget cuts and layoffs would have a deep negative impact on our most vulnerable animals who have come under the care of the city at no fault of their own. The money spent on animal welfare in the city is a tiny fraction of the budget and we should do everything possible to not further damage the already struggling department.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Seror

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:37 PM

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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: Haidy Ojeda

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, First and foremost, I want to say in understand budget allocations are a series of complex decisions and my critiques are coming from a place of worry and concern, rather than hate. That said, I don't understand why budget costs to animal shelter projects is justified when there's a clear need for even more help to animals. I am asking for budget to remain the same at the very least or to be increased for shelter and neuter clinic initiatives. I have personally experienced the good impact that these projects can have on animals and their families. I am an avid supporter of CAMP (formerly the spray neuter project) and constantly inform my community of resources available there to stop the number of unnecessary litters. I can't fathom those services being more underfunded and the shelter right next to it (Harbor) possibly being shut down. So many animals are in need of homes and shelter. I understand that does not come at a cheap cost but there was also nothing being done to address the root of the problem. Our representatives have failed to criminalize backyard breeding. So many pets end up in shelters from these breeders and no one is fined. So please strongly consider reforming your approach to this issue rather than simply removing funds. On a separate note, I think there needs to be a better ways of marketing the efforts that are being made to address the problem. Most of dog owners I know have never heard of the neuter and spay facilities available to them or the services that come with them. In the reform I am asking for, please also take this into consideration. Better communication with the public will lead to higher cooperation. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa H

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I am writing to express my deep concern and heartbreak over the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Our city's shelters are already overwhelmed, underfunded, and struggling to provide basic care for the countless animals who rely on them for survival. Cutting staff and resources will only worsen the overcrowding crisis, leading to more suffering, neglect, and unnecessary euthanasia. These animals — many of whom have been abandoned through no fault of their own — deserve compassion and protection, not to be forgotten in a budget decision. As a proud resident of Los Angeles, I urge you to reconsider this devastating move. Our shelters are a reflection of our city's values, and we must invest in solutions that prioritize humane care, adoption efforts, and public safety. There are countless Angelenos who care deeply about animal welfare, and we stand ready to work with you to find better alternatives. Please do not turn your back on the most vulnerable members of our community. The lives of thousands of innocent animals depend on it. Best, Vanessa H

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Name: Emily Cervini

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting in protest of proposed budget cuts to animal services. This is a public health issue and any cuts to Animal Services would be a moral and logistical travesty. We must have adequate housing and services for the animal population of this city. The officers who work in this space deserve adequate tools and a government administration that is mindful of the negative psychological impact of underfunding in this sector. This is a city that values animal safety and public safety. As a voter - I will persistently and actively work to remove from office any official who supports such cruelty to the vulnerable animals of this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Valentina Cellini

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut budget on animals. Before elected you promised to make it better for them. I'm pretty sure if you search enough something else can be done. Maybe your trips ? Cut on your trips! Don't punish helpful animals; don't kill all these animals! There must be a better solution! We voted for you to makes this city better not to makes it worse. People will not forgive and will not vote you back in if cut budget for animals. Don't kill them I beg you don't do it please.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Espinoza

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: City of LA, It has come to my attention the city wants to cut the budget even further towards LA animal shelters and service in general for the assistance and help of animals in the city of Los Angeles. Please help us and take us in consideration and not cut any budget when it comes to the help and assistance of animals. As it is already many things have already been cut and many innocent animals are being killed without a cause. Please help in saving the current shelters and if possible built more shelters to helo these innocent animals that need all the help and assistance posicionone. If low cost clinics are created more opportunities to neuter and spay these animals will help in the reduction of them. We've had a very tuff year with the fires destroying important cities of LA please don't make our community a worst one by cutting these animal shelters and hurting those who care and enjoy having animals. Pets are so important for the well being of a lot of us and by cutting these budget the city of LA will continue to hurt the LA community. Please look at other choices but please don't cut something that is so important to the city of LA and its citizens. Thank you for your time. I hope you truly reconsider.
Laura Espinoza

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Name: S. Joyner

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Cutting the budget for Los Angeles animal shelters would have devastating consequences for some of the city's most vulnerable lives. Shelters are already overcrowded and under-resourced, with many animals depending on basic care, medical treatment, and safe housing to survive. Reducing funding would directly increase euthanasia rates, worsen living conditions for animals, and overwhelm rescue organizations that are already stretched thin. Animal shelters are not just places for adoption — they are critical community services. They reunite lost pets with families, protect abused and neglected animals, and help control the stray population humanely. Without proper funding, public health risks could rise, including more stray animals on the streets and greater spread of diseases. It's not just about animals — it's about keeping our neighborhoods safe, humane, and compassionate. Los Angeles prides itself on being a progressive, compassionate city. Turning our backs on shelter animals would be a step backward. We should be investing more in humane solutions, not less. Please reconsider and protect the funding these shelters desperately need. The animals — and our community — are counting on it.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dogs are among the most vulnerable members of our community, depending entirely on humans for their survival and well-being. They cannot ask for help, but we can — and must — do it for them. Without proper funding, we risk leaving these innocent lives without the care, shelter, and medical attention they so desperately need. By investing in their future, we are investing in compassion, responsibility, and the strength of our community. We urge you to stand with us and be the voice they do not have, ensuring every dog gets the chance at a safe and loving life.

Communication from Public

Name: Azzalie Angel Liendo

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: PROTECT THE ANIMAL SHELTERS!! We can NOT let this happen!! Those poor innocent animals souls DO NOT deserve this ! We can NOT fail them !!! We need to protect them ! Be their voice ! Show them love and compassion!! This is what makes us human to stand for what's right and go against what's wrong! We share this earth with these beautiful creatures ! We are suppose to protect them ! They are already neglected and struggle , we should not add to that! Please find it in your heart to understand that it is not our job to fail them and look away. It's our job to show them love , care for them , and show them that not everything in this world is bad. We have to change and for the better ! KEEP THE SHELTERS OPEN AND SAVE THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS DONT DESTROY THEM !! SHOW THEM THAT THEY MATTER TOO !!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to make sure we are helping animals. The animal shelters are already struggling as it is. Taking away funding is going to make these animal shelters suffer even more. Los Angeles should be having one of the best systems, so why don't we? Animals need as much help as they can get. Taking away funding from animal shelters will only worsen the situation. Animal shelters need MORE FUNDING.

Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Sanchez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The cuts that the Mayor is proposing will result in more euthanasias of animals that could have a chance of life with a family. This will also affect human lives with jobs lost which will result in less tax revenue for the City and possibly more homeless people. I urge City Council to consider the devastation of these cuts and to vote against them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. I'm a Management Analyst with the City of Los Angeles and an EAA member. I have more than 18 years of civil service to the City of Los Angeles. I am part of the CRITICAL staff of the city who manages, plan, and implement the city's goal of providing needs to the citizens of City of Angeles of SAFE communities to live, EFFICIENT transportation needs, and CREATING engaged communities. The Mayor's proposed budget would eliminate 100% positions in my section, that COORDINATES, PLANS, and MANAGES \$1.8B of grant funded traffic safety and active transportation projects citywide with other city departments such City Planning, Bureau of Engineering, and federal and state agencies. The Mayor's proposed budget is a THREAT to my family's livelihood and it also threatens the angelenos of a safe and efficient city to live in. WE are the people that COMPLETES and IMPLEMENTS all the city's goals (Mobility Plan 2035 and Sustainability Plan) to provide the angelenos safer streets and a sustainable city to live. The city's budget deficit is a result of the Mayor's mismanaged priorities. These layoffs are a direct hit to public safety and to working families. I respectfully ask the Council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget and PRESERVE ALL city positions. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Consani

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Cutting the budget for animal shelters will not solve a problem, it will make the problem 100x bigger. Please do not cut the budget for the animal shelters, instead please review and update how we handle the shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Olga

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please please don't close more animal shelters!!! How is it possible that we don't have budget for this!?? CA is the 4th strongest economy in the WORLD!!! How are we having this issue!?

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriela Cuevas

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject Line: Rainbow Services Urges Full Funding for Survivors
Dear Budget and Finance Committee My name is Gabriela Cuevas, and I am writing as a supporter of Rainbow Services, which provides shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence. We are deeply concerned about the proposed cut to CIFD's Shelter Services budget — this reduction will result in the loss of vital beds and services. This comes at a time when 43% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. Cuts to CIFD undermine progress made in building survivor-centered systems and will force more people into homelessness. CIFD's Survivor Services programs rely on General Fund dollars for 68% of their total \$18.3 million budget. We urge the City Council to approve the full \$12.4 million in General Funds requested for FY 25-26 and to restore any cuts to Shelter Services. Victim Service Providers (VSPs) deliver trauma-informed, life-saving support — yet are funded at just \$40 per shelter bed night, compared to \$80 for general homeless shelters. Survivors need more than a roof over their heads; they need access to wraparound services like legal support, case management and permanent housing support to rebuild their lives. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence — not to scale it back. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services. Sincerely, Gabriela Cuevas

Communication from Public

Name: kelsey wuensch

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerk and Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing today as a deeply concerned resident of Los Angeles regarding Mayor Karen Bass's proposal to reduce funding for animal welfare services in the upcoming city budget. These cuts are not only irresponsible—they are inhumane. The animals in our city are already suffering, and further reducing the meager support they receive will only deepen a crisis that is spiraling out of control. The current state of our city's animal shelters is abhorrent. Animals are packed into filthy, overcrowded kennels, often living in their own waste, deprived of proper medical attention, enrichment, and even basic care. Volunteers and whistleblowers have consistently reported unacceptable conditions and negligence, yet the situation remains dire. Instead of receiving help, animals are routinely euthanized within days, with no real chance at rehabilitation or adoption. Animal control, whose job it is to protect animals and enforce laws, is virtually absent—both inside and outside the shelters. When residents call for assistance with neglected or abused animals, response is slow or non-existent. It often takes massive public pressure or media attention to get any action at all. This is unacceptable in a city of our size and resources. What's worse, the City has taken no real steps to address the crisis of backyard breeding or to invest in proactive solutions like free or low-cost spay and neuter programs. In areas like Skid Row, there is a brutal underground breeding and dog-trafficking pipeline where animals—especially pit bulls—are raped, abused, and sold for thousands of dollars. These dogs are exploited as currency in the drug trade and used for illegal fighting. It is heartbreaking, and yet the City turns a blind eye. Slashing the animal welfare budget sends a clear message: that these lives do not matter, and that our leaders would rather ignore suffering than address it. This is not the Los Angeles I believe in. We need more funding, not less—more oversight, more staff, more humane education, more enforcement of breeding regulations, and more resources for spay/neuter access, outreach, and community care. Please stand against these proposed cuts and fight for the most voiceless among us. Animals cannot vote, but the people who care about them do—and we are watching.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dogs bring unconditional love, loyalty, and joy into our lives, yet too often they are left without a voice when they need us most. It is our moral duty to protect and care for them, especially when they cannot protect themselves. Funding is not just about resources — it's about giving these dogs a chance to heal, to find homes, and to know a life free from suffering. With your support, we can continue to be the hands, hearts, and voices these dogs so desperately need. Together, we can make a difference that truly saves lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Alta

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Funding for these programs is vital for the community!

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: California and Texas animal shelters have the highest euthanasia rates of healthy animals in the United States. This is not something to be proud of. California should be a leader of the No Kill Shelter, instead we are one of the worst states. We need to be adding animal shelters, not taking them away. We need to do better, we need to Be better.

Communication from Public

Name: Connie L.

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:44 PM

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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. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles to euthanize the amount of animals it does. Other cities such as San Diego have successfully implemented no kill shelters. There is no excuse for Los Angeles to fail at this. LA should be funding, spay neuter programs, and hiring veterinarians not cutting the positions. Los Angeles should enforce Haydens Law, which addresses overpopulation by creating civil fines for redeeming unaltered animals from shelters. 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. . 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Lilit Aghanes

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to urgently oppose the proposed budget cuts that would lead to the closure of three city animal shelters. These closures would have devastating consequences, not only for the animals — the most vulnerable and voiceless members of our community — but also for the residents and shelter workers who have dedicated themselves to their care. Our shelters are already stretched beyond capacity. Closing facilities would force more animals into overcrowded conditions, dramatically increase euthanasia rates, and undo the progress Los Angeles has made toward becoming a humane, no-kill city. The animals who depend on us cannot advocate for themselves. It is our responsibility to be their voice and protect their lives. Animal shelters are not a luxury; they are a critical service that reflects the heart and values of our city. Rather than closing shelters, we should be strengthening them — increasing resources for staff, volunteers, spay/neuter programs, and community outreach to prevent abandonment and homelessness in the first place. I urge you to reconsider these cuts and stand with the voiceless who need us most. Please prioritize compassion, responsibility, and the well-being of all members of our community. Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your commitment to doing what is right. Sincerely, Lilit Aghanes

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Lee

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Mayor Bass's proposed budget. Cutting jobs, especially for services that are essential such as animal services and homeless shelters will hurt the community you are tasked to care for. Why is there always money for police and money to bail them out of misconduct but never money for people and services who actually make our communities good and safe? Don't cut jobs. Care for all people, care for animals, care for LA

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa S

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts that would result in the closing of 3 LA Animal Shelters is unacceptable. While the track record of our shelter system in terms of management and reputation clearly needs improvement, there is no way that closing 3 shelters will accomplish anything except huge numbers of euthanized animals and job losses for dedicated staff who have soldiered on throughout these last years. Animal advocates and groups work hard to find homes and sanctuaries for animals failed by humans, but unfortunately public shelters continue to be a critical component of that effort. They must be improved, not closed. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jen Godbey

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut the Animal Services budget. LA Animal Services is and has been in crisis, the animals therein are currently suffering from the already-present lack of staff and volunteer caregivers. Cutting the budget further will increase suffering and dramatically increase euthanasia. These animals are NOT disposable. These animals are casualties of society; they are no less important than the citizens of LA that lawmakers aim to protect. Do not cause harm and undue death to the shelter animals of LAAS. Do not take from them for "human good". Find another source.

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Name: Margaret M Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: MAYOR KAREN BASS!!!! I cannot believe that you are going to cut billions of dollars from LA county shelters and close three when you know they are overcrowded and killing dogs daily for space, not to mention keeping them in horribly crowded conditions with workers who are already stretched too thin!! I thought you ran on making LA a model for others to see for how we treat our animals? You know they say a civilization can be judged by the way they treat their animals, right? YOU HAVE FAILED!! I voted for you and defended you but this is the last straw. I thought you just needed to get seasoned and you made a lot of mistakes, but I thought you had a good heart. You do not have a good heart Karen, you must be as corrupt as they say you are. How could you take all this money from the least among us, the defenseless animals? Let me tell you something if you pass this budget and close those shelters I will be voting Republican and I am 78 years old. I have voted democrat all the years of my life, but I will not watch another election happen with our dogs dying every day because incompetent people like you take the money and spend it somewhere else. We have plenty of money, we have a surplus why is it not going to build new shelters not close old ones you make us all look bad, you make everything they say about Democrats seem true. I'm ashamed of you. I'm ashamed of our city. I'm sure you won't read this. I'm not writing it actually for you. I'm writing it for everyone else that will see it up on that wall and read it and realize what I think of you and maybe take a picture of it and post it somewhere else maybe on social media maybe in the newspaper. Your time here is past and if you don't put that money back in that budget your time everywhere is past. You won't be able to be elected as they say dog catcher. I have fostered many dogs from your shelters over the years. I have three of them that I have adopted and many more that I have adopted out or that have since passed on I've always tried to support the shelters but you do not make it easy you don't try to support the dogs yourself. You expect us to support them I am ashamed of you. I hope you are ashamed of yourself. Do the right thing put that money put it back in the budget, build a few less golf courses and take care of those dogs and cats and all the little animals that can't help themselves. I'd love it if you had to spend a couple of weeks watching the dogs go to be euthanatized, would it move

you at all? Seniors who deserved to die with some dignity, puppies who might have gone to a loving home if they had a little more time, and yes, the big scary ones who are just big babies jumping around so happy to be out until they catch the anxiety in the air. The bags dragged out the other door. The beautiful vital lives gone for what? Oh yea, your bottom line.

Communication from Public

Name: Randall

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I feel it important to keep these programs in place. I feel the Olympics should be funded by those benefiting from them. Maybe we should have considered the cost of the Olympics before asking to host them. The animals do not have a say so I am speaking for them. Thank you for listening. Randall and Julie

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Adelson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:32 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: NO CUTS TO ANIMAL SHELTER- INCREASE FUNDING NOW - IMPLEMENT ENFORCEMENT ON SPAY AND NEUTER ALL PETS. ENFORCE LEASH LAWS. ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT ANIMALS NOT THE LAPD inflated budget so they can not enforce laws on the books that we citizen tax payers call them for, yet they can falsely arrest innocent protesters who protest against fascism! AND REVOKE YOUR CITY COUNCIL RAISES! SHAME ON YOU!

Communication from Public

Name: Manis

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:36 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cuts for animal shelters unacceptable as it is we have a major crises going on already. Healthy beautiful furbabies getting euthanized due to lack of space is a sin. Someone needs to take Karen Bass to the shelters so she sees first hand what is going on she then can look into those beautiful innocent animals eyes and see how they are suffering and just waiting to be loved and treated with dignity. Maybe then she will have some compassion and do the right thing. We should be moving forward not backwards with the treatment of animals this has gone too far already and needs to stop. If anything funds should be added, more shelters should be opened instead of cutting funds or closing shelters which will make this crises much more worse than it already is. I pray and plead that Karen Bass finds it in her heart to do what is right.

Communication from Public

Name: L gavillet

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I'm writing with a heavy heart, I'm deeply troubled by the proposed budget cuts to LA's animal shelters. It's hard to understand that, at a time when so many people are desperately trying to surrender their pets, we would choose to shut down shelters and lay off staff. The reality is that healthy puppies are being euthanized simply because there's no room, while people line up, hoping for a chance to give their pets a safe place. This feels like a devastating step backward for both our community and the animals who rely on us for care. Please, reconsider these cuts. Our city's shelters need more support, not less. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Overton

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:38 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please dedicate funding for arts and public events. It is important to keep this vibrant city culturally impactful and as a leader in the world's cultural influence. Los Angeles is a great city and should remain that way.

Communication from Public

Name: Jade Prasad

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:38 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: LP

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close any animal shelters. Do not reduce staff. Create incentives for spay and neutering. Have stiffer laws for backyard breeders. Charge breeders special fees & taxes for litters that would only benefit animal shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:40 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi there! Born and raised in LA. Would love more money to the arts and education and cultural affairs and social services and healthcare. We don't need tanks as a city. No need for highly militarized police if people are provided their basic needs (housing, healthcare, arts, education). Please and thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to see more money to be put towards the arts, towards cultural and community initiatives, and towards education! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: L Jones

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:43 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please , please, allocate funds to protect the dogs and cats at the LA animal shelters. Shelters are needed to keep animals safe, fed and off the streets so the owners can be found. They can be adopted or fostered. This is mandatory for safety for animals. This is especially needed with the wildfires causing the animals to be orphaned or housed. Closing shelters just cases panic and death. Please PROTECT them!

Communication from Public

Name: Liliana

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close the animal shelters. It's the one positive thing we have done to help our communities. We need resources, and the jobs for the employees working at the shelters.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the funding for animal shelters in Los Angeles. So many animals will die. It will be absolutely devastating.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle p

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as an outraged and heartbroken citizen of Los Angeles to demand that you oppose the Mayor's disastrous and inhumane budget plan to close three city animal shelters and slash already inadequate funding for animal services. At a time when our shelters are overcrowded, understaffed, and under-resourced, this plan will not only worsen an already dire capacity crisis, it will lead directly to more suffering, abandonment, and death for the animals entrusted to our care. Our city's animal shelters are already struggling due to years of horrific mismanagement, neglect, and less than impactful marketing efforts. Instead of investing in real solutions — such as hiring more staff, modernizing facilities, and promoting adoptions, the Mayor's plan chooses the cruelest and most shortsighted path: abandonment. Closing shelters does not make animals disappear. It makes their suffering invisible until it spills into our streets, our neighborhoods, and our consciences. That certainly can't be good for the upcoming world events our city is hosting either! Reducing services will not save money in the long term. It will increase public health risks, emergency service costs, and community outrage. It will damage the reputation of Los Angeles as a city that values compassion and responsible governance. I urge you in the strongest possible terms: Reject any plan to close city animal shelters. Demand an immediate reassessment of marketing and adoption strategies. Push for accountability in how Animal Services leadership has failed these animals and this city. Prioritize the welfare of our city's most vulnerable not political expediency or budget optics. The animals of Los Angeles deserve better. We, as citizens, demand better.

Communication from Public

Name: Terri Lloyd

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:06 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We were supposed to be a no kill city regarding our animal shelters. We were supposed to be better than what we are. Now it is proposed that Los Angeles is going to shut down shelters in an already overwhelmed and overcrowded system. How many people are losing their jobs? How does this improve life in Los Angeles? Who benefits from these actions? Short answer: it doesn't. And not us. Not the animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:01 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Aimee Morein

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: With shelters already overcrowded and underfunded, why in the world would you make the decision to close 3 shelters and fire staff. This is a crisis. There need to be improvements to the shelters, increased finding for staff, increased funding for spay/neuter programs and educational outreach to the public to curb the occurrences of backyard breeding and animal dumping. As a dedicated foster, this is so disturbing on so many levels. Do what you promised and make LA a shining example of how to run a shelter system.

Communication from Public

Name: Margaret Karapetian

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE, do NOT cut the budget for animal shelters! They need help, more than ever! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsey

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:13 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles I condemn any decision to cut animal funding. We pay so much money in taxes and to have been promised animal welfare is a priority of Los Angeles. Im against any cuts to funding to these shelters. We will remember what happened here when we vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing animal shelters is cruel and irresponsible. Every day, more innocent animals are left to suffer on the streets because there aren't enough resources to help them. We need more shelters, more funding, and more compassion — not more neglect. These animals depend on us. We cannot fail them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 01:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: If there must be layoffs, please consider using this as an opportunity to shed positions strategically from bloated areas of the city bureaucracy and return to first purposes. Our City has spent and lost millions of dollars on initiatives that were at best put forward to provide positive optics for those associated with the City that were in need of positive optics. Similarly, union contracts have seemed to be negotiated to insure votes and maintaining leadership positions within the unions and within The City government. The City can no longer afford to do anything but go back to basic services. Decisions made for political expediency or to placate the many, many special interests will be remembered at election time. This can be an opportunity.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund LA Animal Services!

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea G

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: For whoever reads this - please do not cut funding for the animal shelters. These poor babies already go through so much and the people who work at these facilities, it is heartbreaking to see LA (a very highly taxed area) not be able to accommodate people and animals funding. Please do NOT CUT FUNDING! THESE BABIES ARE HELPLESS as is the staff. Let's be a model city and show the world how animals and the staff deserve to be treated, and to do more outreach.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Back

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in to comment on the proposed budget. Cutting one-third of planning staff is unconscionable when we are in a housing crises and we need those folks in order to process entitlements etc for new housing projects. This will increase the time it takes to get folks into housing when it is already so slow. I work in affordable housing development and this will greatly harm residents in need. Additionally the massive cuts to Transportation, Street Services and Civil Rights is outrageous considering what a city government is actually supposed to do which is provide public services not spend billions in police. Please reconsider how this budget reflects on the city's values. Fund more unarmed crisis teams, street tree protection and planting, fixing side walks and broken street lights, increase street safety for pedestrians. Please do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily f
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 05:33 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: This is a public safety issue

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Morrow

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 06:51 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 08:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT cut funding to protect vulnerable animals. LA animal shelters need more help than ever, and the budget cuts will only worsen the situation.

Communication from Public

Name: Nico M

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I don't support budget cuts to help animal shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Lissete H.

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:32 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I will not stand by as you cut the budget for thousands of defenseless animals. The shelter is already in a major and cutting the budget will only make it ten times worse for the people and for the animals. California has a strong economy, we need to do better with managing the money. The mayor will not recover from this if this budget cut goes through. Do not and I repeat do not cut the budget. This will make it even harder for the shelters to manage and cause even more burnout. We should be figuring out way to help the shelters with vet services and spay and neuter clinics.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely do NOT support Karen Bass's budget cuts for the LA animal shelters! This would lead to so many animals being euthanized. Her proposing this is a big shame, and would reflect very badly on her image.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Hernandez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:33 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't take away the homes of these animals. They're the angels in disguise that we have to protect.

Communication from Public

Name: Jean Hooe

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:35 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: For what it's worth these animals have no voice and are helpless without your care. They need more not less. Think about the tireless efforts of those that do it for free.

Communication from Public

Name: Christy Crawford

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:37 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have worked in rescue for many years. Our city's shelters cannot endure a budget cut. We are already in a crisis and so many good dogs never find homes. Please listen to your constituents. We need more shelters, not less. We need more qualified employees dedicated to serving the animals in need. Please do not let down the animals of Los Angeles and the people who care about them.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Smyth

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:39 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of a global climate crisis: Los Angeles is projected to experience more frequent and severe extreme heat events, unprecedented coastal and inland flooding, recurring periods of drought, and devastating wildfires. The City needs robust staff and resources to prepare for, withstand, and adapt to these climate hazards, in a manner that does not exacerbate existing socioeconomic and racial disparities. Please reconsider the cuts to these essential staff.

Communication from Public

Name: Argelia Valdovinos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I'm writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed city budget cuts that would result in the closure of three Los Angeles animal shelters. These closures would have devastating consequences-not only for the animals who will suffer or face euthanasia due to lack of space and care, but also for the dedicated staff who will lose their jobs or be forced to euthanize even more of the animals they work tirelessly to save. The impact on the communities who rely on these essential services would be equally severe. I'm open to sit in on any round tables to discuss and develop possible solutions. I hope that you take our pleas with urgency and keep the promise to represent our voices as elected officials!! Kind regards,

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: During a time where immigrants and undocumented people are being so cruelly targeted and abducted, it's unconscionable to eliminate the day labor program for Los Angeles. As a resident of CD 3, I wholeheartedly oppose not including the daily laborer program in the 2025-2026 budget.

Communication from Public

Name: megan gilliland

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:42 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Megan Gilliland, I am a dog lover, a volunteer at local shelters, & an owner of 3 beautiful rescue dogs that came from high kill shelters. Today I am emailing you in regards to Mayor Karen Bass' proposed budget cuts that will have DIRE effects on the animal population for years to come. I am saddened and disheartened that this is even being proposed in the first place. Since the covid hoax, we have been in an EPIDEMIC in our animal shelter system nationwide, but California makes up 71% of the Nation's euthanasia rates. Let that sink in, 71% of the NATIONS euthanasia rates come from california shelters across the state, yet Mayor Bass is proposing cuts that will only increase that number. Have you gone to any of your local shelters? Have you seen the condition they're in? Have you spoken to volunteers or spent any time with the animals who are locked up 23.5 hours of their day, lucky to get out for 1 walk of 30 minutes IF there are enough volunteers to get to all the dogs that day? If your answer is no to any of those questions I implore you to go to a shelter and SEE for yourself. I IMPLORE you to go to skidrow and see the hundreds upon hundreds of homeless people keeping dozens of dogs per person locked in cages, or letting them roam the streets and breeding uncontrollably. Instead of cutting city programs that do NOTHING or finding other solutions Mayor Bass jumped straight to cutting funds. Some solutions to the overpopulation and shelter epidemic would be putting a halt on ALL breeding licences that include ANY loopholes people may try to find, requiring spay/neuter for all animals before they leave a shelter & creating AFFORDABLE spay/neuter programs for pet owners. Did you know the average cost of a spay/neuter surgery is between \$300-550. A LOT of families cannot afford that due to the increased prices of groceries, gas, bills, utilities etc. Please, please, please take this in to consideration. The overcrowding in the shelters is a HUMAN problem due to being irresponsible, it is a COMMUNITY problem. Animals are NOT trash to be disposed of when they become inconvenient, yet our societies view on animals have shifted to just that. They cannot speak for themselves so we have to do it for them. Cutting funding would not only cause 3 of the major LA county shelters to close but it would also impact all the other shelters across the county and state to be impacted as well, not to mention laying off hundreds of

staff/volunteers who have been in the thick of it since this started. Shelters are drowning and this is NOT the solution, it would in fact cause more problems. Please listen to everyone that you hear from. Please go to a shelter and SEE. Please find another way. I hope this email finds you in good health. Sincerely, Megan

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council member, I am writing to respectfully urge you to continue and, where possible, increase the funding allocated to our county and city-funded animal shelters in Los Angeles. These shelters are not just facilities; they are vital lifelines for thousands of abandoned, lost, and vulnerable animals across our communities. Continued funding ensures that these animals receive the basic care, medical treatment, and humane conditions they deserve. It also allows shelter staff and volunteers to carry out essential work, including adoptions, spay and neuter programs, community education, and rescue efforts that directly impact the health and safety of our neighborhoods. Without sustained support, we risk overcrowding, disease outbreaks, and a heartbreaking rise in euthanasia rates. Investing in our shelters is an investment in public health, public safety, and in the values of compassion and responsibility that our city strives to uphold. I urge you to stand with our animals and our community by protecting and strengthening funding for our shelters. Your leadership on this issue is vital. Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the wellbeing of Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Lora Egri

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't allow Karen Bass 5m million dollar budget cut to the LA County Animal Shelters to go through! This would devastate an already devastating situation. It would be absolutely catastrophic... The animal shelters NEED more funds, lots more. There's no way this can happen, please do the right thing

Communication from Public

Name: Lora E

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 11:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT LA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER BUDGET FOR 5 MILLION DOLLARS PROPOSED BY MAYOR KAREN BASS! THIS WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC AND CANNOT HAPPEN. WE DESPERATELY NEED FREE SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS AND MORE SHELTERS, NOT 3 LESS!!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Plescia

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the West Valley, and the proposal to close three shelters in Los Angeles County goes against everything that this city tried to put forth in being a progressive city for animal welfare. With the shelter system needs is reform, not budget cuts. Most of the Costco go to salaries, not taking care of the animals. Los Angeles is a city full of animal lovers. This would be disastrous for the city, as well as the mayor and the council members if this went through.

Communication from Public

Name: Ana Montes

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:22 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Reducing funding and shelter access will not only worsen the quality of life for these vulnerable animals but also put more pressure on neighborhoods, volunteers, and rescue groups. Animals deserve protection, care, and humane treatment — not to be abandoned because of budget decisions. I urge the Council to reconsider these cuts and prioritize solutions that protect both the animals and the community as a whole. Los Angeles must do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Lorenzo Labelle
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:21 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed 2025–2026 budget cuts that would shut down three vital animal shelters and eliminate over 120 essential staff positions. Our shelters are already overcrowded and under-resourced. Closing shelters will only worsen this crisis, leading to mass euthanasia of innocent animals who deserve a real chance at life. This is not just a budget issue—it is a public safety, humane welfare, and community crisis. We need more shelters, not fewer. We need more support for staff and volunteers, not layoffs. I urge Mayor Karen Bass and the City Council to use the \$5 million in available funds to stop these devastating cuts and prioritize the lives of Los Angeles’ animals and the well-being of our communities. Please be the voice for the voiceless. Please stop the shelter closures.

Communication from Public

Name: Mario Ornelas

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is disheartening to know that our public servants see the only way out of a budget deficit is to go after the vulnerable and helpless. Animals, whether they be dogs, cats, birds, etc. And the many who cannot speak in this session for themselves are a significant part of our lives. They comfort us in times of need, they are at our side through it all, and ask for nothing but love and affection in return. To propose these budget cuts that would close shelters and overwhelm the shelter system and it's dedicated workers is, in my opinion, appalling. Casting aside a living being because our public servants cannot budget. Killing a helpless animal to save money and to ensure that your job is safe and your livelihood is not threatened. While these dedicated workers care for these animals, comfort these animals, and help find them permanent homes. Not only is this a threat and a devastating blow to said animals but also to our working angelenos. In these hard and uncertain times proposals such as this only contribute to the skepticism and distrust in our elected officials. As someone who has adopted 3 dogs and contributes to shelters I demand a reconsideration. Not only for the dogs that have become family for so many but for the many animals yet to find their forever homes and for the selfless workers who continue to make sure these facilities and it's resources will always be there for an animal in need. Thank you for this acknowledgement and thank you to every single individual who stands up and raises their voices for all those who have no voice, no matter if they have hands or feet, paws or tails.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill Helman

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please save LA Animal Shelters. We are the voice for our sick and abandoned animals that didn't ask or chose the situation they got put in. Euthanizing them or shutting down the shelters is not the answer. What is going to happen? We will have even more homeless animals on the streets possibly getting other animals sick and more pregnancies and then the cycle continues. These animals that get found and saved can go on living safe and happy lives in loving homes. PLEASE do not shut down the shelters. We are talking about living creatures that have heartbeats and souls. Do the right thing, PLEASE!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The action and even consideration of closing down 3 animal shelters in LA while they are currently over populated is inhumane and egregious. This will create a bigger problem in the future, not only for the animals but the shelters left open and the community. If the City's concern is allocated funds look into cutting the outrageous LAPD budget, they can definitely go without 8.1% increase.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacey Pennock
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:14 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: How dare you cut funds for innocent animals who are at the mercy of humans who are so irresponsible and quite frankly cruel. The situation is already hopeless!! You are a horrible mayor. Resign!

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa keast

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Slashing funding for animal shelters in Los Angeles is a disgraceful act of cruelty that shows a complete disregard for the lives of innocent animals. Shelters aren't just places to house stray animals — they are vital community resources that protect public health, promote compassion, and connect families with beloved pets. Gutting their budgets will guarantee more suffering, abandonment, and death on our streets. Meanwhile, the LAPD continues to drain billions from the city's budget with little accountability. If city leaders are serious about saving money, they should start by trimming the fat from overinflated police funding — not by turning their backs on the most defenseless members of our community. This is shameful, and our community is outraged. Please steer Karen bass away from making this budget cut at all costs.

Communication from Public

Name: michael miceli

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:49 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: 04/27/2025 12:55 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't close down the animal shelters !! We are their voice and they need us to help them. If it's not us helping them who else will be. It's disgusting to have a mayor say they were gong to help the animals and not take that away. Do the right thing and give animals more resources!

Communication from Public

Name: Carolina

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing this message for the city clerk of Los Angeles to let you know my concerns and disappointment learning that Los Angeles will be closing three animal shelters and firing over 60 people. As you guys said, Los Angeles will be the example for the treatment of animals what happened to that? This is incredibly disappointment my love for animals and passion that I have for them has me not being able to sleep at night thinking of how many animals will be in the street cold or hot in the summer days cold in the winter days they don't deserve that they don't have a voice And us as humans. We have a responsibility to help them and be there for them because as you know, animals are such a big part of a human life. I'm begging you to please reconsider and maintain those shelters open. They need us and we need them. This is not fair for them and I hope Los Angeles can be in fact the example of how we treat our animals. We are a community that should stand together to protect those without any voice.

Communication from Public

Name: Chanelle Moseman

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our children deserve more, not less. Cutting the Youth Development Department would be a devastating mistake that risks the safety, mental health and future success of nearly 800,000 young people in Los Angeles. With the World Cup and Olympics approaching, now is the time to strengthen protections, not strip them away. YDD programs save lives, create opportunities and prevent the kind of crises that cost families and the city far more in the long run. I urge you to prioritize our youth and fully fund the Youth Development Department. A city that abandons its children abandons its future. - Chanelle Moseman

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Mastro

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the mayor and city council to not support reducing any funding for animal services. In fact there is a crisis and lack of care and support in the animal services department right now and a budget increase is needed. Animals are suffering now, budget costs will make the problem worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Laskey

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:29 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting the budget at LA Animal Services is a cruel and inhumane proposition that will literally kill thousands of good animals each year, and increase the suffering of all. It is impossible for our animal shelter system to operate humanely with any less money than it currently has. The mayor and city need to balance their budgets without imposing such harm on the helpless. What a terrible idea, and a true reflection of moral compass and financial competence of the current administration.

Communication from Public

Name: dakotah rae

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn J villela

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: “I urge the City Council to fully fund the Youth Development Department. Eliminating youth protection staff, job programs, and mental health support will harm families, increase crime, and leave LA unprepared to protect children during major events. Invest in our youth. They are our future.” As educators, we see daily how programs like these transform lives. Let’s ensure LA does not sacrifice its children to short-term budget decisions. Your voice matters, please act by submitting a public comment in person or online.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariela Preisler

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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AI Overview

Learn more

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Elaboration:

Public Budget Hearings:

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In-Person Comment:

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Location:

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Budget Cuts:

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City Council Committee:

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Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Knapic
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:13 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep disappointment and disgust regarding your administration's decision to close or reduce capacity at animal shelters in Los Angeles. As someone who campaigned on promises of prioritizing the needs and welfare of animals in our city, your actions are not only hypocritical — they are a complete betrayal of the trust that voters, including myself, placed in you. Animals in our city are already vulnerable, abandoned, and too often neglected. Closing down shelter space or cutting resources does not solve the problem; it condemns countless innocent animals to suffering, abandonment, and death. It is the opposite of leadership, compassion, and responsibility. I no longer trust you to represent the best interests of the animals — or the people — of Los Angeles when it comes to humane and ethical decision-making. Your actions send a clear message that political expediency comes before the lives of those who have no voice. I urge you to reconsider this cruel, short-sighted move. Our city deserves better — and so do its animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Lee

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal Shelters, spay and neuter clinics, and backyard breeding restrictions are critical to protecting both animals and the community in Los Angeles. Shelters provide safe refuge for abandoned and abused animals, while spay and neuter programs prevent overpopulation, reducing the number of animals that suffer on the streets. Strict regulation of backyard breeding is essential to curb irresponsible practices that overwhelm shelters and strain public resources. Cutting funding to these vital services would worsen an already urgent crisis, leading to more homeless animals, public health risks, and greater long-term costs. I urge the city council to prioritize and protect funding for these programs.

Communication from Public

Name: J Savio

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am dismayed to learn about the state of our city's finances. As any logical person would do, i looked for the main causes of overspending, and the numbers are clear. In FY2024, we lost a record-breaking \$240M in liability payouts. This year we'll likely lose even more, estimated at \$320M. Clearly this is a recurring problem and -if this pattern is allowed to continue- no amount of cuts or layoffs could feasibly make up for such growing losses year after year. Good news is that this pattern is not set in stone: there's a lot of things we can do to **minimize** the amount of future liability payouts. Conversely, however, the way we're currently doing things, if we implement the proposed budget plan as it is, it would keep continuously **maximizing** the city's liability payout losses every year. Last year, \$38M of these losses were caused by inadequate Street Service resources, leaving streets in hazardous conditions. This year so far we already lost \$26M in StreetServices-related liability payouts, along with \$16M due to inadequate Transportation Department resources. Obviously, to minimize such losses in the future, these struggling departments need adequate staffing to do a better job maintaining our streets and transportation system. Instead, it's absolutely shocking to learn that the Mayor is proposing to **cut** 260 workers from the Transportation Department, and 130 from Street Services. Last year, we lost \$104M in liability payouts due to Police misconduct, most of it due to unlawful use of force. This year so far we already lost \$107M in such payouts! It's absurd to cut 403 unarmed **civilian** support staff from the department, instead of demanding better accountability from the offending armed divisions actually responsible for causing all these liabilities year after year. In addition to these payouts, our city is now incurring growing expenses due to worsening Environmental disasters such as fires floods and severe weather, all of which have been increasing in both frequency and severity, and for which we're still woefully un-prepared. Good news is: there's a lot of things that we can do NOW, to **minimize** future disasters and the financial losses they bring. Conversely, however, if we continue to do things in the way we have been, then these disasters (and resulting financial losses) will only keep getting worse. Researchers all around the world have now amassed unprecedented amounts of environmental data, and it's now

undeniable that greenhouse-gases have been permanently altering the physical parameters of our entire planet, in ways that are disrupting the previously-stable conditions that we had been enjoying for millennia, causing increasing meteorological turmoil, increasingly unpredictable climate, and gravely worsening disasters such as floods wildfires and even coastal erosion. It is also now unequivocal, that burning fossil fuels is the main source of these destructive greenhouse-gases. I'm sure everyone in L.A. understands the gravity of the fires we just experienced, which grew to sizes so much worse than in past years, due to the unprecedented climate-whiplash (extreme drought followed by extreme rain) and increasingly ferocious windspeeds (due to climate change as well). A less-visible disaster, although also unfathomably expensive, is the Palos Verdes landslide which is destroying dozens of properties, and into which our neighboring city is sinking over \$36M this year alone. Just like the fires, this catastrophe is also being greatly aggravated by the abrupt changes in rainfall due to climate unraveling. These disasters are only the beginning of what our region will have to face in the coming years; and the longer we delay climate action, the more and more financial losses we will incur due to such catastrophes (not to speak of the homes and even human lives that will be lost, though clearly this Administration could not care less about people's lives). In light of this, it would be absolutely unconscionable to reduce staffing for the oil and gas well compliance program, or the oil amortization program, when phasing-out fossil-fuels is *the* most important thing that our city can do in order to minimize future environmental disasters (and associated expenses)! It's unconscionable to cut funding for Transportation, when expanding public transit is *the* most important thing that we can do to reduce our local fossil-fuel dependency! It's appalling to learn that the Mayor would eliminate the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, when the need for it is only increasing, and especially while simultaneously proposing a 600k pay-raise for her own office! Such levels of reckless selfishness are just astounding. It's clear to see why so many of your citizens are completely losing faith in your 'leadership'. The younger generations, nor archival records, will forgive you, if you fail to adequately respond to this pivotal time in human history. Please reconsider this budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reject the Mayor's proposed budget for L.A. Animal Services ? April 27th, 2025 Re: Proposed budget for L.A. Animal Services Dear Councilmember Blumenfield, I am writing to express my extreme concern over the Mayor's proposed budget for L.A. Animal Services. I understand that the proposal is to decrease the operating budget by \$4.8 million dollars, let 62 current staff people go, and not fill the empty staff positions. This is completely unacceptable, and I implore you and the rest of the Council to reject it. Given that the current personnel figures have not even reached the proposed City agreement from 2024, (which would have provided each shelter with sufficient resources to run according to the LAAS charter), the issues surrounding liability will see an increase as well as a decrease in employee morale. Volunteers have been critical to LAAS, as we are integral to the daily shelter procedures and tasks, but this will be hindered without sufficient city personnel to work with us. Shutting down shelters is naive and idiotic as closing a shelter during Covid did not alleviate the population but rather contributed to the increase post-covid across the 6 remaining shelters. As someone who has carried out many policies related to animals- which is greatly appreciated by me and other animal lovers throughout the city- I am sure you know that a significant cut to LAAS will seriously negatively impact the animals at the shelter and on our city's streets. The situation is already dire, with cats breeding uncontrollably because of a lack of spay and neuter resources, "bottle babies" being left at the shelters daily (many of which are euthanized because of the inability to properly care for them), and dogs being listed for euthanasia simply due to overcrowding. The line of animals being dumped at our city shelters seems never-ending. Remember, Los Angeles has boasted about becoming no-kill by 2025. If we don't fulfill that promise, many other Cities and States will follow suit reversing all our hard work done over the past decades. Los Angeles has to slow down before making rash decision with no logic just to appease the journalists. The most crucial thing that's going on right now is the taxpayers' money, allocated to the homeless, that has been embezzled and mismanaged. I'm sure there is enough funding that can be recuperated for animal services to remain intact. The mission of L.A. Animal Services is to promote and protect the health, safety

and welfare of animals and people. This is simply not possible without enough staff to care for the animals there and enough services for the people of Los Angeles to care for their pets. A budget less than what is already being used for the Animal Services division is the exact opposite of what is needed for the department to fulfill its mission. If this budget is accepted, what will become of LAAS' citywide cat program- something that you yourself spearheaded?! I have been a volunteer at L.A. Animal Services for approximately 2 years. I care how my taxes are used and how the animals in our city are cared for, and I vehemently encourage you NOT to accept the Mayor's proposed budget for the Animal Services department. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Christine Jackson, L.A. resident and L.A. Animal Services volunteer

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm very concerned with the proposed cuts to Animal Services.
Do not close the shelters!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I was born and raised in LA and I voted for you Karen Bass, along with everyone holding a position now. I am truly disappointed on how you have handled everything and now cutting budget to LA CITY ANIMAL SHELTERS is the cherry on top. If you truly knew your constituents then you would know we all stand for adopting animals and the city shelters trying to help the current crisis. Cutting budget would be devastating. Shelters are already so underfunded and drowning in homeless animals because la city gives NO help to the current situation. We do not want this!! DO NOT DEFUND SHELTERS! I will not vote for you again if this passes or if you do not acknowledge our outcry. I want my tax dollars to fund and help the animals of LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Jaden Nance-Waldmann

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:40 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:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Leann Roque, and I'm writing as a supporter of Rainbow Services, which provides shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence. We are deeply concerned about the proposed cut to CIFD's Shelter Services budget — this reduction will result in the loss of vital beds and services. This comes at a time when 43% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. Cuts to CIFD undermine progress made in building survivor-centered systems and will force more people into homelessness. CIFD's Survivor Services programs rely on General Fund dollars for 68% of their total \$18.3 million budget. We urge the City Council to approve the full \$12.4 million in General Funds requested for FY 25-26 and to restore any cuts to Shelter Services. Victim Service Providers (VSPs) deliver trauma-informed, life-saving support — yet are funded at just \$40 per shelter bed night, compared to \$80 for general homeless shelters. Survivors need more than a roof over their heads; they need access to wraparound services like legal support, case management and permanent housing support to rebuild their lives. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence — not to scale it back. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services. Sincerely, Leann Roque

Communication from Public

Name: Daisy Wilde

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Budget cuts to our city shelters ESPECIALLY after the fires is incredibly irresponsible. We will have more homeless animals than ever. This brings more animals due to neglect of spay and neuter etc, not to mention disease. We CAN do better. This is NOT the answer. Please reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal Soto

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT CUT BUDGETS FROM LA ANIMAL SERVICES!! It's bad enough animals are barely protected and this will only continue to make matters worse. These poor animals don't have a voice so I stand To help protect them in any way i can. I am Using my voice today to STRONGLY disagree with this cut.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts that would shut down 3 animal shelters and eliminate over 120 jobs. This will lead to mass euthanasia and devastate our community. Please use the \$5 million in available funds to save these shelters and protect these lives. We need more shelters, not less.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Mata

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's a disgrace that your city in California is going to cut budget funds for animal shelters! The shelters are killing innocent animals everyday and your budget cuts are a death sentence for these animals. Why don't you cut your own salaries instead and have some compassion for these animals!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is cold-blooded and disgraceful to propose closing the Harbor, West LA, and West Valley shelters. If you close these shelters you are literally putting lives on the line. LA is a high need area and its shelters are already suffering overcrowding. The solution of distributing these poor innocent animals to the remaining shelters will lead to their death, it will increase euthanasia. For them and for others. Is that what LA is? A place that is willing to kill innocent animals who are in need of home and love? By closing the shelters, that is the message you will send. Is the city council so willing to tarnish their reputation even more? Because citizens are already angry. Not only are you executing animals but you are taking away valuable community resources. The cost of living in LA is already extremely high and these shelters help ease the caretaking of our beloved pets by offering low cost services like spay, neuter, and vaccines. As someone who has used resources at Harbor and West LA shelters for three of our rescue cats, I first hand know the value, service, and heart they add to the Los Angeles community. By closing the shelters you are also adding 62 employees into a job market that is already the worst in recent history. Employees who are passionate, dedicated, and hardworking for the benefit of our animal population. LA needs them even more now and you are risking their livelihood. By closing the shelters you are very bluntly saying you don't care about your citizens and the vulnerable lives in our communities. I implore the council to not approve the proposition for closure of the shelters. Instead seek solutions that keep shelters open and improve revenue. If you don't know how, ask any animal advocate in the community because the ideas are out there. Understand that your job is to protect the needs of your citizens and by closing these shelters you are cutting literal lifelines for many.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Miloro

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass cannot close 3 city shelters. No taxation without representation. She does not represent the public when there are dire pleas not to let these animals suffer. She let the city burn and is now targeting the city's most helpless - animals. She should take a pay cut, or honestly all pay should be withheld, until she actually follows up on her promises. She ran on a platform of making LA a model for how government would support and protect animals. Now, she is putting them in the most danger ever. STOP HER!! This is now what the people want, and she represents the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Halloran

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the animal services budget. We need MORE staff and MORE shelters. So many wonderful animals are killed everyday and that number will rise greatly if the budget is slashed. There is only so much the wonderful animal welfare community can do without the city's help and support. We donate, foster, volunteer and advocate. The city needs to find a way to promote and sponsor affordable spay and neutering and stop giving breeders licenses. I love LA with all of my heart but the crisis in our city shelters is an embarrassment. I urge the mayor and every city council member to spend even an hour in a local city shelter and escort an animal to their death and watch them get euthanized before they vote on this budget. If this budget is passed there will be blood on all of your hands.

Communication from Public

Name: Rhona Cleary

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to 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: 04/27/2025 02:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing this in response to the proposed budget cuts for animal services. This proposal is absolutely ludicrous. I, as an individual, should not be the person responsible for the well being and safety of vulnerable animals that need help. Several times I've had to be out on the street, keeping twelve puppies and their momma safe from getting lost and being hit by cars because of my neighbor's reckless behavior. The poor dogs kept escaping his yard due to bad conditions and the neighbor leaving them alone for extensive hours. At least three times I, and some lovely people from the neighborhood, have had to spend HOURS and hours tending to these dogs, with absolutely no help from animal services. Each time we called, they said they had no one that could come help us, and that we were on our own. Aside from that, it seems like I'm catching dogs who have ran away or gotten lost every single week. I've had to chase dogs on the street so they don't get hit by cars. I've had to take dogs into my own house to keep them safe until I could locate their owner. And every time I find another dog on the street, I know that I'm going to have to figure things out on my own and that there will be no help whatsoever from the city. This is extremely discouraging and it makes me feel helpless in the fight to keep these poor animals safe. It is absolutely outrageous to want to cut funds when what we actually need are MORE FUNDS for these types of services. Please reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name: Ward

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:23 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You cannot cut the budget to animal services. The shelters are already crowded and lacking a proper budget to care for animals on-site. Please increase the budget to allow for humane care, and actually shift to work with educated groups in the space to improve spay/neuter laws, penalize illegal breeding, stop issuing new / decrease allotted number of breeding licenses, among taking other measures to stop the needless killing of healthy animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Cuevas

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:27 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: What is happening inside these shelters is not just heartbreaking — it's a humanitarian crisis unfolding on your watch. Right now, innocent animals are suffering in overcrowded, understaffed facilities. They are living — and dying — in conditions that no living being should ever have to endure. This is not a reflection of the compassionate, vibrant Los Angeles we claim to be. We are failing these animals. And in doing so, we are failing ourselves. Los Angeles needs urgent investment: more funding, more staff, better leadership, and a complete overhaul of the current system. The solution is not fewer shelters. It is better shelters. We have the resources. We have the community will. What we need now is your political courage. I urge you: Be the leadership that chooses compassion over convenience. Choose to invest in these lives rather than abandon them. The soul of our city is reflected in how we treat the voiceless. Right now, it's time to decide: What will Los Angeles stand for? Please — save our shelters. Save these lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Cambria L

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To those who have the power to bring positive change to our city, Los Angeles rescues have been in crisis mode for a long time and it's only gotten worse. They directly support our shelters taking on countless discarded animals, accidental litters, sky high medical bills and sick pets. They scrape by, emotionally and financially because of a man-made issue we haven't gotten under control. We need **strategic** funding because this is a growing problem. Not budget cuts and shelters being shut down. Improvements like: -Free spay and neuter clinics to prevent accidental litters -shutting down backyard breeders, in fact set a huge fine for it! -freeze breeding licenses -remove adoption/ pull fees when rescues are the ones taking an animal into their care to foster and find them homes -better staffing at shelters so they are equipped to actually give the kennels and animals the care they need. I'm sure those with a better understanding of the systems in place have long lists of ways things could make a shift for the best. Caring for our city well includes supporting our shelters. Cutting funding and shutting down struggling shelters will result in more animals on the street, illegally discarded, more accidental litters and ultimately... unnecessary deaths for these poor creatures. Please do right by our shelters and rescues, thank you.
-Cambria L

Communication from Public

Name: Serly Gaprielian

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:29 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.

Communication from Public

Name: MB

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I write to the City Council in vehement opposition to the Mayor's proposal to cut LACC staff by a devastating 1/3. Anyone who has ever been to a city shelter cannot help but be moved by the deplorable conditions, overcrowding, unhygienic environment, often unnecessary euthanasia of healthy animals, and widespread suffering of animals, staff, and volunteers. A cut of this nature that could result in the closing of shelters and even more strained capacity is unthinkable and inhumane. It is irresponsible to suggest decreasing capacity without addressing the root causes of why litters of animals are dumped at the shelter everyday. The endless supply of animals coming in daily speaks of an upstream problem that needs to be addressed finally—the total lack of legal accountability of backyard breeders and animal abusers, as well as accessible and mandatory spay and neuter programs. Taking away resources without stopping the overflow of animals is unacceptable. Leaders need to think more critically and see that the animal crisis speaks to a human problem—a lack of regard for animals, lack of education, and no accountability for bad actors. The hope is that we do not need as many shelters, but the need will persist until the human problem is addressed. Animals continue to suffer because of people. Please do not exacerbate an already horrific condition. I implore anyone to visit a shelter to see what so many advocates are talking about. One leaves shaken and forever changed. Respectfully, please do not allow the budget cuts to include the city shelters. We can do so much better as a community.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Luna

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to oppose the proposed monetary and staffing cuts to the Department of Animal Services in fiscal year 25-26. Cutting such a large amount-over \$4M in funding-and laying off over 62 staff would be extremely detrimental to the department's operations. Leaving open just three shelters in such a large city is insufficient to address the need. My family just last month adopted a dog from North Central and while the staff were great, it is clear that more are needed. We waited a long time for the adoption paperwork to get processed; laying off employees will exacerbate this. Even more critically, closing shelters will likely result in the euthanasia of many dogs and cats. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to rethink such a drastic cut to the critical services the department provides. Vanessa Luna 4008 Berenice Ave Los Angeles 90031

Communication from Public

Name: Sabine Roseman Maison Sûre Foundation

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:47 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services funding. Reducing support for our shelters will have devastating consequences: overcrowding, increased suffering, and the tragic, unnecessary euthanasia of innocent animals. Our shelters are already stretched thin. Cutting their resources will cripple the system, abandon vulnerable animals, and undo years of progress toward a more compassionate city. Animal welfare is not an optional service—it is a reflection of our humanity and our values as a community. Instead of turning our backs, we should be investing in lifesaving programs that protect and uplift both animals and the people who care for them. I urge you: do not turn Los Angeles into a place where neglect and cruelty are the outcome of budget decisions. Protect our shelters. Protect our animals. Please reject these harmful cuts. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Angel Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, My name is Angel Rodriguez, a resident of Council District 14. I submit this public comment in strong opposition to the proposed reductions in funding for Los Angeles Animal Services as outlined in Council File 25-0600. The proposed elimination of 62 filled positions, closure of multiple shelter facilities, and reduction in essential services will irreparably harm the city's ability to fulfill its responsibilities to the public and to the animals under its care. Such measures are inconsistent with the City's obligation to uphold humane standards, promote public safety, and maintain the integrity of municipal services. It is well-documented that overcrowding, understaffing, and the curtailment of intake and adoption programs directly correlate with higher rates of euthanasia, greater public health risks, and increased community strain. The negative externalities generated by the degradation of Animal Services would far outweigh any nominal fiscal savings achieved through these cuts. Accordingly, I respectfully urge the City Council to reject any reductions that would diminish the operational capacity of Los Angeles Animal Services. I further urge the Council to allocate sufficient resources to ensure that all existing shelters remain open, staffed, and properly resourced to serve the people and animals of Los Angeles effectively and humanely. The proposed cuts, if enacted, would represent a dereliction of the City's duty to both its residents and its most vulnerable populations. I implore you to act in the public interest by restoring full funding to Los Angeles Animal Services. Respectfully submitted, Angel Rodriguez Council District 14

Communication from Public

Name: Elena Grados

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:45 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts that would shut down three animal shelters and eliminate over 120 jobs. This will lead to mass euthanasia and devastate our community. Please use the \$5 million in available funds to save these shelters and protect these lives. We need more shelters, not fewer. Please don't close the animal shelters. They deserve to live and have a chance.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:53 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I rescued my cat from the west location after he was found in a gutter. It is unconscionable to cut the funding to our precious animals by closing three locations and cutting 62 staff members. These shelters are already at maximum capacity with minimal employee. You said you would make LA the standard for the shelter system. Do not go back on your word. The animal's lives depend on it.

Communication from Public

Name: Neesey Olin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close any shelters, the situation in LA is already dire and the animals are suffering. It is outrageous that this is being considered. Listen to the People

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:56 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts for Los Angeles City Animal Services and shelters. As a resident and voter in Los Angeles, I am deeply concerned about the welfare of homeless and abandoned animals in our community and the critical services our shelters provide. Los Angeles animal shelters are already operating at capacity with limited resources. Any reduction in funding would have devastating consequences: 1. Increased euthanasia rates: Budget cuts would likely force shelters to euthanize more animals due to space and resource constraints, reversing our city's progress toward becoming a no-kill community. 2. Public health and safety risks: Reduced animal control services could lead to more stray animals on our streets, increasing the risk of animal bites, disease transmission, and traffic accidents. 3. Staff shortages: Our shelter workers are already stretched thin. Further cuts would make it impossible to provide adequate care for the animals and maintain facility standards. 4. Economic impact: Underfunded shelters place a greater burden on private rescue organizations and foster networks, many of which rely on donations that have become less reliable in the current economic climate. 5. Community services reduction: Budget cuts would affect vital community programs like low-cost spay/neuter services, vaccine clinics, and humane education, which address the root causes of animal homelessness. Our treatment of vulnerable animals reflects our values as a city. Los Angeles has made commitments to humane animal care and welfare that must be upheld, even in challenging budget times. I urge you to: • Maintain current funding levels for LA Animal Services • Prioritize staffing needs at our six city shelters • Continue supporting spay/neuter programs that reduce animal overpopulation • Consider innovative partnership opportunities with private organizations that could enhance services without additional cost I understand the difficult decisions facing city leadership during budget deliberations. However, I firmly believe that cutting funding for animal welfare is shortsighted and will ultimately create greater costs—both financial and social—for our community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:58 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not close any animal shelters! They do so many amazing things and helps animals get adopted. We don't need a budget but, we need a budget increase! Let's save every animal we can.

Communication from Public

Name: nicole marte

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:03 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, It is unfair, careless and unnecessary to consider cutting funding to Day Laborer Centers, especially at this very dangerous moment. We would hope that during these times the City of Los Angeles would actually increase the help it provides to our communities. Day Labor Centers are more than employment centers, they are community centers leaders and workforce development hubs for migrant workers. This will put our day workers into more disparity and harm, and it is unwarranted and so harmful. Please do everything in your power to continue funding these centers! Thank you, Nicole Marte

Communication from Public

Name: Eitan Cramer

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:04 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council and Mayor Bass, I am urging you to save our shelter animals and veto the proposed budget cuts which would gravely harm animals in need. These shelters are severely underfunded as is, and closing the animal shelters will result in the deaths of thousands of animals, the blood of these sweet dogs, cats, and others will be on YOUR hands. My fiance and I adopted our dog from the West Valley Animal Shelter, and he has changed our life for the better. The joy and love animals (particularly shelter pets) bring is a huge contribution to the well-being of our city and county. You can tell a lot about about a person by how they view and treat animals. Mayor Bass is already failing that test, I hope you don't fail yours. Thanks, Eitan

Communication from Public

Name: Alexis Nestor

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply disappointed with ANY mention of budget cuts to animal welfare /layoffs/closing of shelters. I myself am a shelter volunteer AND I work heavily 7 days a week to help rescues transport dogs, pull dogs from the shelter, and network them to my 350,000+ followers on social media. I first handedly see the disgusting conditions of LA/Riverside county shelters. Animals CRUSTED in their own feces. No visible water in their kennels. Open wounds, bleeding out, some of which have been LIFE THREATENING. These innocent, loving animals are put through absolute misery! Never given a fair chance and they are set up to FAIL & DIE. Imagine YOU are stuck in a small bathroom maybe 5x7 feet (which is bigger than the kennels they have) and you're not allowed out. You have to sleep in your own FECES, and you're hardly given love. How sick would you get. How quickly would YOUR mental state deteriorate. These animals are listed as sick, aggressive, etc and then put to DEATH because of it. Any cuts to the funding of animal welfare will only continue to make matters worse. More innocent souls will SUFFER and DIE. It makes NO SENSE. So many of you claim to be animal lovers and even probably have 1 or more dogs of your own at home!! Imagine it was YOUR dog thrown into a cold dirty kennel. Confused and scared. I'd HOPE you'd do anything to help them. And my hope here is that we all stand TOGETHER to be the voices that these sweet animals need. We CANNOT close any shelters and we CANNOT cut ANY funding. In fact we need MORE resources and MORE money to ensure these dogs/cats, etc are getting the love and care they so deeply deserve. If I weren't a breast feeding mother to a beautiful 6 month old daughter I'd absolutely be up there at the meeting screaming all of this at the top of my lungs. Because I am SICK and TIRED of seeing what these poor innocent animals are going through at NO fault of their own.

Communication from Public

Name: Zizi Zarkadas

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a tax paying citizen of Los Angeles for over 25 years I have never seen such a disaster within our homeless pet population and the ONLY solution is FREE SPAY AND NEUTER and also to actually ENFORCE the mandatory spay and neuter ordinance that was passed YEARS ago! Killing healthy animals is not the solution, closing ANY of our shelters is NOT the solution, spay and neuter is and the incompetent mayor NEEDS TO RESIGN ALREADY!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:11 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Urging the Council and the Mayor to NOT CUT FUNDS TO LA ANIMAL SHELTERS. There are already budget/staff shortages leading to too many dogs being euthanized! Shelters are in crisis and need more resources not less - free spay/neuter clinics, more staff, and perhaps better management. This cut will lead to layoffs, and already rough conditions could become deplorable and in the end dogs suffer. Please reconsider this!!

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren D’Rosario

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, Cutting funding to LA animal services is an appalling consideration- especially acknowledging the staggering number of healthy, happy dogs euthanized daily due to lack of space, resources, and staff in shelters. California is in a crisis. Dogs are suffering at staggering rates at the hands of cruel humans. Animal services are already grossly underfunded, staffed, and supported. Hundreds of dogs are flooding into the shelters every day. “At capacity” is an understatement. Please, I implore you to think of any dog or animal you’ve ever loved. There are hundreds just like that animal suffering and being killed unnecessarily already. Please consider the innocent lives in jeopardy. Please consider operating from a place of compassion and strength for these lives. They need you now more than ever. Please do not join in the mistreatment and suffering of innocence. Thank you for your time. -Lauren D’Rosario

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Jordan

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:20 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget Committee - Mayor Bass' proposed budget has several critical errors. I personally do not ask a lot of my City government, but I do ask that you keep our City safe and clean with working infrastructure. These are the fundamental obligations of City government, and the City is failing on all three counts. First and foremost, safety - do not cut back on LAPD resources - those working for LAPD who are not sworn officers perform critical work in investigating crimes and identifying perpetrators. IF they are gone, our sworn officers will have even less time for patrol - both responding to crime, and stopping crime before it occurs. To keep our City clean, we need the sanitation department to be adequately funded. And to deal with infrastructure, we need Street Services to be able to be responsive. Finally, the animal shelters play a critical role in keeping our animal population safe, and the cuts there are too severe, and West LA cannot afford to lose its animal shelter. Conversely, we are spending too much with far too little results on homelessness, so big changes are needed. There needs to be a focus on how to be more efficient and practical in addressing the homelessness crisis. Simply throwing a lot of money around does not yield results, and it strains the ability to fund the vital services City government is supposed to provide to ALL its residents. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Morgan Sustayta

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 09:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal shelters are an essential public service that protect public health and safety. Without sufficient shelter space, stray animal populations will increase, leading to higher rates of bites, disease transmission, and public complaints. Closing shelters would also result in higher costs later, including animal control operations, emergency response, and public health interventions. Shelters also support adoption services, reducing stray populations humanely and cost-effectively. Staff layoffs would eliminate experienced personnel, making it harder to rebuild services later at greater expense. Maintaining current shelter operations is a responsible and cost-effective investment for the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Civil Servant

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:23 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep outrage and utter heartbreak at the proposed budget cuts that would result in the closure of three animal shelters in Los Angeles. This decision is not just fiscally short-sighted—it is morally indefensible, inhumane, and a direct sentence of death for countless innocent, voiceless animals who rely on these shelters for survival. Every day, thousands of stray, abandoned, and abused animals enter city shelters as their only refuge. By closing even one of these facilities, you are knowingly condemning many of them to overcrowded conditions, neglect, and ultimately, euthanasia. Let me be perfectly clear: this is state-sanctioned cruelty. These animals did not choose to be homeless. They are victims of human failure, and it is our responsibility—as a civilized society—to protect and care for them. The idea that we would balance our budget by cutting life-saving services for helpless animals is not only horrifying, it reveals a disturbing lack of compassion and responsibility. Furthermore, this plan is bad policy. Cutting shelter services will lead to more strays on the streets, increased public health risks, and higher costs for emergency animal services in the long run. It also places an unacceptable burden on the already stretched-thin rescue groups and volunteers who are trying to do the city's job without adequate support. This is not leadership. This is abandonment. I urge you in the strongest possible terms: Do NOT allow these shelters to be closed. Do NOT turn your backs on the animals who depend on us. Find another way to balance the budget—one that doesn't come at the cost of innocent lives. The people of Los Angeles are watching. We will remember who stood up for the voiceless—and who didn't.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Parsons

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:18 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT FUNDING TO THE LA ANIMAL SHELTERS! I VOLUNTEER AT AGOURA SHELTER AND WE NEED SPACE FOR THE INCOMING PETS! OUR ANIMALS DESERVE THE TIME AND SPACE NEEDED TO FIND THEIR FUTURE HOMES!!! OUR STAFF DESERVE TO KEEP THEIR JOBS!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Strong

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass defunding day labor centers makes workers' contributions to the economy of Los Angeles invisible. If the centers close, day laborers and domestic workers will be left more vulnerable and at risk of exploitation and discrimination. Day labor centers provide preventative services to workers who otherwise wouldn't be reached. For example, pop up health centers. Day laborers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters (covid & wildfires) but haven't been recognized as an important part of the city. A real sanctuary city supports all workers.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Bennett
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:25 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you with deep concern and urgency regarding the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles' animal shelters. As a proud Angeleno, I find it heartbreaking and unacceptable that our city would even consider turning its back on the most defenseless members of our community. Our shelters are already overwhelmed, struggling every day to provide basic care to thousands of animals who have nowhere else to go. Cutting funding would not just strain these facilities — it would condemn countless animals to suffering, neglect, and death. This is not the city we want to be. Los Angeles has made incredible strides toward becoming a leader in humane treatment of animals. We cannot abandon that progress now. Choosing to reduce support for shelters sends the wrong message: that compassion is expendable, that the lives of vulnerable beings don't matter when budgets get tight. There are many ways to balance a budget. But sacrificing the well-being of animals — and the hardworking, often underpaid staff who care for them — should never be one of them. I urge you in the strongest terms: please reject any cuts to our animal shelters. Instead, invest in them. Protect the lives they save every day. Show us that Los Angeles will always stand for kindness, responsibility, and compassion.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal shelters, spay and neuter clinics, and backyard breeding restrictions play crucial roles in addressing pet overpopulation and promoting animal welfare. Animal shelters provide a safe haven for stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals. These shelters offer essential services like food, shelter, medical care, and socialization, increasing adoptability. By adopting from shelters, people can give loving homes to animals in need, reducing the demand for pets from breeders and puppy mills. Spay and neuter clinics are vital in controlling population growth. Unspayed or unneutered animals can reproduce rapidly, contributing to overpopulation. Spaying or neutering prevents unwanted litters, reducing the number of animals that end up in shelters. This procedure also has health benefits for pets, such as reducing cancer risks and curbing undesirable behaviors like roaming or aggression. Backyard breeding restrictions are necessary to prevent irresponsible breeding practices. Unregulated breeding can lead to overpopulation, neglect, and abuse. By enforcing restrictions, authorities can ensure breeders prioritize animal welfare, follow best practices, and contribute positively to the community. Implementing these measures can significantly impact animal welfare. By supporting shelters, promoting spay/neuter services, and enforcing breeding regulations, communities can work together to reduce pet overpopulation and create a more compassionate society for animals. Shutting down animal shelters would likely exacerbate animal welfare issues. Shelters provide critical services, including: Providing a safe haven for stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals Offering medical care, food, and shelter to animals in need Increasing adoptability through socialization and behavioral support Reducing pet overpopulation by promoting spay/neuter services and adoption Supporting communities through reunification services for lost pets and their owners Closing shelters would put animals at risk of: Increased homelessness and euthanasia Reduced access to medical care and support Greater neglect and abuse Overpopulation and related issues Instead of shutting down shelters, efforts can focus on improving and supporting these organizations through: Increased funding and resources Community engagement and volunteer opportunities Promoting adoption and spay/neuter services Collaborating with local

governments and animal welfare organizations to address animal welfare concerns. By working together, communities can ensure shelters continue to provide essential services and support for animals in need.

Communication from Public

Name: John O'Looney

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to reducing the LA Animal Services budget for 2025-2026, this is absolutely crazy. Currently, in the 2024-2025 year, adoptable animals are being killed for space. Even with the department being assisted by a large number of volunteers, the current conditions and service are stretched and below what average tax payers would expect....it is not humane, and LA is a kill city. The amount that is being cut (\$6M) is very small in the context of the total LA budget, but is huge to this department. As lives are involved this cut should have been excluded from the budget....it is morally wrong. Signed LA Animal Services volunteer. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Lara

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't displace or cut funding for these animal shelters. Thousands of innocent animals will be euthanized for no reason other than the county failing our community and being money hungry. It's unfair and unnecessary. It won't diminish the issue with stray animals, it will make it worse

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our shelters are already over-crowded and under-resourced. Closing half of these shelters would come at an unimaginable cost to the animals in need in Los Angeles. Surely there are other areas of the budget that could be trimmed to avoid paying off 60+ employees making so little money and doing such important work.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Maria Acevedo, I work at The Sam Simon Foundation. I would like to share a story with you. Our clinic recently got an application from an older couple who had rescued a Shepherd from a homeless person after they witnessed him abusing her. Not having much experience with dogs, he didn't realize she was pregnant until she gave birth 2 months later to 11 puppies. When they were old enough, he placed 6 puppies in to what he thought were going to be loving homes, and was hopeful he would find another 5 homes for the remaining puppies. However, as many rescues invariably discover, things aren't always that easy. Despite the adopters knowing how big the mother was, 4 of the puppies were return less than 3 weeks later because they were "getting too big". So this couple went from having no dogs, to having 10 large breed dogs in a matter of months. The litter is several months old now, and the couple spends their days working to keep the male and females separated within their small home. They are extremely low income, living off SSI and can barely afford to feed these dogs. Their vision of enjoying a peaceful retirement has now been turned upside-down, as they both work full time trying to support and care for 10 large dogs. Now, what would have happened if that kind couple wouldn't have taken in the pregnant dog? We would have 11 large unfixed, unloved, feral dogs roaming the streets, injured, suffering, and posing a threat to the people in our community. And this is one of hundreds of stories we hear each week. Thanks to foundations and organizations like ours that provide spay and neutering services at low or no cost, we can now prevent this from happening again by spaying and neutering these puppies. So I admonish you to all please reconsider taking funds away from our animals. Think about this story, and of the thousands of similar stories in LA. Do not take away what few resources we have. Doing so will cause permanent and irreparable damage to everyone. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: JJ Osbun

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please maintain the funding for animal shelters. The idea to cut this funding is political and financial malpractice. We have money in the police budget that could be easily redirected here without creating a problem, whereas losing this funding would be catastrophic to LA's animal systems.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut finding or resources to the public shelters. Our taxes we pay go to these service. Stop backyard breeding to reduce numbers in the shelter. Educate the public more on adopt not shop. Please don't cut the funding these poor animals neglected deserve a chance.

Communication from Public

Name: Marla Levine

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA Animal Services has been tragically underfunded and understaffed for years, if not decades. Karen Bass herself recognized as much both during her campaign for mayor and since being elected and has repeatedly promised to remedy the situation. It's bad enough that she never followed through with that, but she's now proposing drastic, incomprehensible cuts to an already-stretched-beyond-limits agency. It's not just dumbfounding, it's CRUEL beyond comprehension. I understand the dire situation the LA city budget is in, and the "rationale" that the pain of addressing it is going to have to be borne by nearly city agency. But you know what would be "fair" for LA Animal Services to have to bear? Foregoing the additional funding it so desperately needs and has been promised and continuing to live in the current underfunded and understaffed state it's already suffering under. The horrible status quo is more than enough sacrifice for the agency to have to make. What would make even more sense, of course, is for the agency to actually be funded and staffed enough to do the job they're intended to do -- including increasing adoptions, enforcing licensing and breeding laws and the like -- all of which would essentially pay for itself by way of the collection of increased license fees and fines and penalties. But I have no reasonable expectation of the city doing something that makes sense. So we're left with -- at the bare minimum -- doing what's RIGHT, which is to not literally sacrifice the lives of countless innocent animals who will unquestionably suffer, get sick, be neglected, and DIE as a direct result of any cuts to LA Animal Services. It may sound overly dramatic but it doesn't make it any less true: The blood of all of those animals will be on the hands of Mayor Bass and every single city council person who supports ANY* cuts to LA Animal Services. *I have a hunch that Mayor Bass' current proposal was intended as an extreme "starting point" intended to leave room for a compromise somewhere in the middle -- e.g., closing "only" two instead of three shelters, reducing staff by "only" one-quarter rather than one-third, etc., etc. I hope no one falls for it. LA Animal Services is already in dire straits AS-IS. There can be no compromise when it comes to the innocent lives that are directly at stake.

Communication from Public

Name: Robyn Heller

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: At a time when immigrants are more vulnerable, cutting funds to the day labor program will make day laborers and domestic workers even more at risk. We should be increasing support for them, showing compassion and solidarity. That is how we as a city demonstrate our values.

Communication from Public

Name: J

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:57 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have done rescue in Los Angeles County for 25 years. Myself and any other rescue that's been doing rescue here this long can say that our shelters and the dog overpopulation situation is worse now than it's ever been. We equate it to being in a Third World country here in Los Angeles. You cannot cut jobs or funding for a service that is so poorly managed and run and expect people to standby and say that's OK. It's not OK. Do better Mayor Bass. Do your job that is paid for with our tax dollars. Show you care and take a pay cut and have the animals receive the money they need and deserve. The majority of the rescues do not get paid for their work. We do this because our city and county shelters are not capable of handling the animal overpopulation problem that this city has. We don't want to do this work. It's heart wrenching, mentally and financially debilitating. This situation can be fixed if it was run correctly by people that cared and knew what they were doing. I can guarantee cutting jobs and funds for services that are already understaffed and funded is absolutely not the answer that anyone needs. Do better or get out.

Communication from Public

Name: Prin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I'm writing to urge you to oppose any proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles' animal shelters. As a resident who cares deeply about the well-being of our city's animals and communities, I am heartbroken by the thought of reducing support for the very shelters that protect our most vulnerable animals. L.A.'s shelters are already overwhelmed, underfunded, and stretched thin. Cutting their budget would not only result in more suffering for abandoned and mistreated animals—it would also make our neighborhoods less safe. These shelters provide critical services: reuniting lost pets with families, rescuing abused animals, supporting adoptions, and keeping stray populations under control. This is not just about animals—it's about what kind of city we want to be. A city that turns its back on voiceless beings in need? Or one that leads with compassion, responsibility, and care? I respectfully ask you to stand up for L.A.'s animals and the people who fight every day to protect them. Please do not allow these essential shelters to face further hardship. Los Angeles can and must do better. Thank you for your time and leadership. Sincerely, Prin Anongchanya

Communication from Public

Name: Susana Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal shelters are crucial for animal welfare and community well-being. They provide a safe haven for lost, abandoned, or neglected animals, offering care, medical attention, and opportunities for adoption. Shelters also contribute to public safety by managing stray animals and educating the public about responsible pet ownership. I have adopted two pit bulls they helped me tremendously, they all deserve a second chance.

Communication from Public

Name: Pegge Brunk

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:09 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: Kenneth Tan

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I'm writing to strongly oppose any budget cuts to Los Angeles animal shelters. These facilities are already overwhelmed and under-resourced, yet they provide essential services—protecting animals, supporting public safety, and helping our communities. Cutting their funding would lead to more suffering for animals and strain our city's resources even further. We need to support these shelters, not abandon them. Please stand with L.A. residents who value compassion and humane care. Keep funding in place for our city's animal shelters. Sincerely, Kenneth Tan

Communication from Public

Name: Kerstin Tula

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Restore unappropriated funds to Los Angeles Animal Services
Los Angeles Animal Services is not currently properly staffed to operate the six centers. There are 40+ vacant positions waiting to be filled. With the number of positions proposed to be eliminated, the Department would need to close three shelter facilities. The need for services in the areas of closed facilities would not cease. Animal intake in these communities would still continue. Residents of those communities would need to visit a facility not close to them, which could cause hardships for those who do not have transportation or other financial hardships. Animals may be left on the streets to fend for themselves, causing many safety issues for the animals and community members. The three remaining shelters will quickly run out of space for animals. This would require the Department to return to antiquated euthanasia processes, and many animals will be killed. The number of animal killings will increase dramatically, including young, healthy animals. As a current volunteer at the East Valley Animal Shelter, I witnessed firsthand the filth, lack of water, and inhumane treatment the animals suffer when the shelter is over capacity and understaffed. The closures will also result in longer animal control officer (ACO) response times. High traffic times in Los Angeles will cause delayed responses to all animals in need, including urgent and emergency situations. Calls for assistance from the LAPD can be delayed up to three hours. Closing the West LA shelter facility will propel the need for termination of the agreement the Department has with the city of Beverly Hills to provide animal control, enforcement, enforcement and care services. With the elimination of the Public Relations team, the Department's website function and maintenance will be impacted. Citizens will not be able to search for a lost pet. Animals will not be able to be posted for adoption. Services such as spay/neuter will not be able to be promoted. The elimination of clerical support throughout the Department will cause significant delays for most city services: adoption/foster transactions, tag/license renewals, payroll processing, answering phone calls from the public and rescue groups. Please do not reduce the Los Angeles Animal Services budget. Please show compassion to LA city's most vulnerable, innocent citizens — who cannot speak for themselves: the animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:04 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Removing aid and resources to shelters, firing and displacing vets and vet techs, and increasing the lack of animal resource help to the community is a big mistake. This is only going to cause strain and lack of quality for other shelters and vets who will have the influx. NO TO 25-0600

Communication from Public

Name: Yvonne Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 12:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am pleading with you to NOT CUT FUNDING to these vital animal shelters!!! There are so many people who want to adopt dogs and cats... give them a chance at a happy life !!!

Communication from Public

Name: Theadora

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fully fund the Department on Disability!! Trim the fat from the exorbitant LAPD budget to continue finding vital services that actually support the community!

Communication from Public

Name: Anita Boras

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to strongly oppose the plan to cut funding for Los Angeles Animal Services and close shelters. Our shelters are already overwhelmed and underfunded. Taking away more resources will cause even more animals to suffer, and it will hurt the people who are trying to help them. This crisis didn't happen on its own. The city has not enforced strict enough laws on backyard breeders, animal abuse, or overpopulation. Now innocent animals are paying the price! Running loose, starving, and scared - while everyday people are spending their own money to try to save them. The city needs to take responsibility and protect these innocent lives, not turn its back on them. Before cutting from Animal Services, fix the serious issues with how homelessness funds were managed. Don't punish the animals - they deserve better.

Communication from Public

Name: Allen Natian

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to speak in opposition to the mayor's proposed budget. The proposed budget will allocate almost half (47%) of the city's money to the police when it can be used for better things like Civil rights and equity, animal services, Neighborhood empowerment, and, the department that has been hit the most: Transpiration and Street services. The proposed budget will include 1,647 layoffs. Each and everyone of those layoffs affect lives; real people. What's worse is that these layoffs are preventable. Focusing on preventative means instead of punitive means (police) to serve the people will, among other things, cost more in the long run vs. the short term. Divesting from street services, the budget will make it harder, if not delay, street improvements designed to make our streets safer and the environment cleaner (these improvements include the voter mandated Measure HLA that passed). In addition, LA needs to get ready for 2028, when the entire world will have eyes on LA. We do not want to be the laughing stock of the world if athletes and spectators are caught up in traffic when they need to go to their events. Please, Council members, vote for your constituents and the world: Reject the current proposal. We can do way better.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is unacceptable with Karen pass is trying to do for the animal shelter. I strongly do not approve of what she is trying to do. Animals are very important and they are the happiness in the world and they should always be taken care of and provided I would like to make a comment to please help all animals in all shelters to provide a great environment, such as temporary homes, Food , toys and also walking them please keep providing for them. They are very important to all of us

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to speak in opposition to the mayor's proposed budget. The proposed budget will allocate almost half (47%) of the city's money to the police when it can be used for better things like Civil rights and equity, animal services, Neighborhood empowerment, and, the department that has been hit the most: Transpiration and Street services. The proposed budget will include 1,647 layoffs. Each and everyone of those layoffs affect lives; real people. What's worse is that these layoffs are preventable. Focusing on preventative means instead of punitive means (police) to serve the people will, among other things, cost more in the long run vs. the short term. Divesting from street services, the budget will make it harder, if not delay, street improvements designed to make our streets safer and the environment cleaner (these improvements include the voter mandated Measure HLA that passed). In addition, LA needs to get ready for 2028, when the entire world will have eyes on LA. We do not want to be the laughing stock of the world if athletes and spectators are caught up in traffic when they need to go to their events. Please, Council members, vote for your constituents and the world: Reject the current proposal. We can do way better.

Communication from Public

Name: Rod

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There is no way the city can justify closing three shelters. We are already in a crisis situation. Closing those shelters would mean millions of innocent lives lost and there will be a public outcry. You MUST not allow this to happen. In fact, you need to do more to fix the current untenable shelter situation NOT make things unquestionably worse by closing three. Moreover you should all help change laws so that people cannot breed any animal in LA county without proper permitting, vetting and accountability. It will raise money for the city, set a standard for other cities and significantly deter unnecessary and for profit breeding that continues to cost the city millions and kills millions of innocent adoptable animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding to an already under-resourced department will have devastating consequences and will lead to a kind of future we do not want for Los Angeles. It is the City's duty to not let this happen. We must prioritize responsibility and compassion, even during difficult budget times. I urge you to fully fund LA Animal Services and explore other solutions that do not compromise the lives and welfare of LA's most vulnerable residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut the budget for our animal shelters. They need the opposite. They need money and support. They need more staff and resources to help the animals and manage the intake and adoption. Not euthanizing animals. But making sure we are provide the funds and support for our shelters to help animals be healthy, sprayed and neutered and find homes. Cutting the budget and slashing jobs puts more stress on a very stressed out system.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA Animal Services is highly underfunded yet continues to work to solve the animal overpopulation crisis despite lacking critical resources. Cutting their budget will only worsen this issue and will not solve the overbreeding crisis in our city. Access to spay and neuter programs and more funding for shelters to provide an adequate standard of care and resources to pet owners will keep more animals alive and adopted out, and will help caretakers keep their pets in their homes and off the streets. Please consider the LAAS staff and animals that depend on them. The last thing they need is more of their funding slashed.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Morgan

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Laying off 62 workers and closing 3 animal shelters is cruel and unnecessary. This will cause overcrowding and additional animal deaths. Please reconsider and protect Los Angeles shelters and animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:37 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funding to animals shelters is quite shortsighted. The director has already stated this will close half the shelters. Doing so will just shift burdens to other agencies because the needs will still be there. What happens if the capacity issue gets worse? Mass euthanasia or mass nuisance animals on the streets will just result in a costlier remedy. While I appreciate your effort to reduce government spending, the Olympics are not a reason to close shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Noelle Valdivia

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is a huge mistake to not provide funding for day laborer centers in Los Angeles. It is widely acknowledged throughout Los Angeles that migrant workers, documented and otherwise, make up a large part of our economy. For Karen Bass to abandon this community while they are already under federal attack is cowardly. This is a population that works hard to support their families, to support their children, and now under the shadow of deportation. I voted for Mayor Bass. I had a sign outside my house. I know she is under attack from the right, but if she capitulates to them, she's going to lose all of her supporters on the left, including me. I truly thought she was made of more than this.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: What a terrible idea. This decision will shift the problem to another local area and will end up costing more money. Please don't make a shortsighted decision.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Hill

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Lake Balboa and have two perfect rescue dogs. I highly disapprove of cutting funding that will affect our city's animal shelters. The elimination of staff and the closing of shelters means that perfectly healthy animals will die. This is unacceptable in a city that is supposed to stand for greatness. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." M. Gandhi. I would suggest focusing on free and low-cost spay and neuter solutions and enforcing current spay and neuter laws.

Communication from Public

Name: Maryalice postel

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As concerned residents and advocates for animal welfare in Los Angeles, we strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to the city's dog shelters. These cuts threaten the well-being of thousands of animals and undermine the progress we've made in addressing overcrowding and improving shelter conditions. Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) is already operating under severe strain. In 2024, shelters were operating at 155% capacity, with over 1,100 dogs in facilities designed for fewer than 740. This overcrowding has led to reports of inadequate care, including dogs going weeks without walks and kennels not being cleaned regularly. Despite these challenges, the proposed budget includes a reduction of \$1.4 million to LAAS's funding, bringing it to just \$30.3 million—only 0.5% of the city's \$5.9 billion operating budget. This is far below the department's request and insufficient to address the current crisis. Furthermore, the proposed budget does not fully fund essential programs. For example, the canine enrichment program, which provides daily play and mental stimulation for dogs, is funded for less than half the year, despite its proven effectiveness in improving adoptability and reducing stress-related behaviors. We urge Mayor Bass and the City Council to reconsider these cuts and prioritize the health and safety of our community's animals. Investing in our shelters is not just a moral obligation but a reflection of the values we hold as Angelenos. We call on our elected officials to:

- Fully fund LAAS's budget to meet the department's needs.
- Ensure that essential programs, like canine enrichment, are adequately supported throughout the year.
- Invest in long-term solutions to reduce shelter overcrowding, such as expanded spay and neuter programs and increased public education on responsible pet ownership.

The lives of thousands of animals depend on the decisions made today. We implore our leaders to act with compassion and foresight to ensure a better future for both our pets and community.

Communication from Public

Name: Namita Sharan

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposed budget cuts that Karen Bass is making for LA County animal shelters. Shelters are already overcrowded and in desperate need for resources. This proposal is also in contradiction to Ms Bass' initial promise to help fund LA county shelters and increase their resources. We believed her when she ran on this platform and we demand she keep her promise.

Communication from Public

Name: samantha baraf

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:01 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: i am extremely concerned about Karen Bass's proposal to cut funding that will affect animals in los angeles county. this is not what i voted for and i hope everything is done to make sure she does not do this.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Hoey

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is crucial that Mayor Bass and the Los Angeles City Council use the available \$5 million in funds to stop these layoffs and prevent mass euthanasia and shelter closures. To not do so will be a deeply inhumane act and only serve to further irreparably damage already desperately hurting shelters across our city, negatively impacting both innocent animals and citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Hiedi Willemsen

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Karen Bass and Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, I am writing in response to the recent budget that Mayor Bass has proposed because it is absolutely deplorable that you would consider reducing the funding for LAAS after refusing to fully fund them in the last budget cycle. Animals cannot continue to suffer because you can't successfully manage the city's budget and choose to continue funding a gross amount of liability instead of cleaning up the bad actors. There is a very large community of animal advocates living within the city of Los Angeles who will be joining forces to vote both of you out of office if you continue to ignore our requests that LAAS be fully funded. LAAS is in a state of crisis, and we cannot keep making it worse. Best Friends Animal Society was willing to provide millions of dollars worth of assistance free of charge to LAAS, and Mayor Bass, YOU refused their help. It is now time to provide an answer to your constituents as to why you continue to intentionally harm the animals of our city. Councilmember Yaroslavsky, as a constituent in your district, I am urging you to please refuse to vote for a budget that does not give the millions in unappropriated funds available this budget cycle to LAAS, in order to help curb the shortfall that they suffered last budget cycle when Mayor Bass refused to fully fund them. Those in your district are counting on you and will be watching to see how you protect the most vulnerable amongst us who cannot speak for themselves. Sincerely, Hiedi Willemsen

Communication from Public

Name: Sophie Snell

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass' proposed budget cuts to Animal Services will be detrimental to the well being of already struggling animals. Our city shelters are already extremely understaffed, the animals are living in actual squalor, and dogs are being euthanized at exponential rates across our city for no other reason other than space. We, as humans, have created a catastrophic crisis, and the animals are paying for it. As a city in a state that is known for paving the way and being a leader, not only in our country but across the world, WE ARE FAILING. We as Angelinos deeply care about this problem, we do not support these cuts, we refuse to back down and we will keep fighting to protect the animals. We demand a humane LA. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jess Salazar

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: These budget cuts are insane. Innocent animals will be slaughtered, they are already overfilled, this cannot happen. Please do not let this happen.

Communication from Public

Name: DT Tran

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services is unacceptable. I understand the budget shortfall this year, but to slash so much from this department, for a return that barely makes a difference to the overall amount is not the solution. Thank you for your attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong concern regarding the potential cuts to funding for animal welfare programs in California. As a resident of this great state, I deeply believe that our commitment to the humane treatment of animals reflects our values as a compassionate society. Animal welfare organizations play a crucial role in protecting vulnerable animals, providing shelter, care, and rehabilitation to those in need. These organizations not only save countless lives but also contribute to our communities by reducing stray populations, promoting responsible pet ownership, and offering educational resources. Cutting funding to these vital services will hinder their ability to operate effectively, ultimately leading to increased suffering for animals and a strain on public resources. Moreover, supporting animal welfare is not just a moral obligation; it is also an economic one. The work of these organizations often leads to decreased animal control costs, increased adoptions, and healthier communities. Our best practices in animal welfare serve as a model for other states and demonstrate that investing in our animals is an investment in the future of our communities. I urge you and your colleagues to reconsider any proposed funding cuts to animal welfare services and to explore ways to increase support for these essential programs. Together, we can ensure a better, brighter future for all living beings in California. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. I appreciate your efforts to advocate for our furry friends and hope to see positive actions taken to protect animal welfare in our state.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa W

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Shutting animal shelters will only exacerbate problems. What the wisest and most ethical decision would be, is to actually open MORE shelters. The fact I have to take my time to explain something that should be logical is frustrating. Please, do the right thing: create more jobs, create more shelters = stimulating the economy and cleaning the streets. Closing animal shelters would be an incredibly stupid decision, you'll/ we will end up losing money in the long run because you haven't actually created a solution to anything, you will actually only cause more problems. Please , make the best decision that will actually benefit the community. Open more shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Almquist

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who rescued a dog I am deeply disturbed at mayor Bass' new budget proposal. She clearly has no care for the lives of helpless animals who are terrified in the already overcrowded and understaffed shelters. Mayor Bass vowed to make L.A. "a national model for animal welfare," yet euthanasia rates have skyrocketed under her leadership due to poor management of the city's shelters. If anything she should be increasing the budget to support a promise she made to citizens that she is disappointingly failing at keeping. I hope and pray that these innocent animals are not let down by Mayor Bass.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, Your poor decision making continues. How do you find it in your heart , or lack thereof, to believe that by closing 3 animal shelters this will help the budget? You have failed our City of Los Angeles in numerous ways, it is as if you are taking pages out of the occupant in the White House's playbook. You are not an effective leader and it is impacting the citizens and animals of Los Angeles. Clearly, the words of Ghandi mean nothing to you, "The greatness if a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated... I hold that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man". Let me break that down for you because you seem limited in compassion and comprehension. Society's moral progress and overall strength are reflected in how it cares for and respects its animal inhabitants. The fact that you and Staycee Dains who Bass appointed and was given \$272,730 for just breathing, have done NOTHING to protect animals that have been abused on Skid Row and in County Shelters under their "service " is disturbing and shows how inhumane the Mayor and her appointees are. Shelter means protection, and that does not exist for the most vulnerable without a voice in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Chase Rieger

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA council people and Mayor Bass should be ashamed for what they're letting happen to the Animal Services dept in this latest round of the budget. They love to pound their chest and talk about how proud they are that California has become the 4th biggest economy in the world but they so often struggle to take care of their own issues at home. When push comes to shove, they act as cowardly as you'd expect and these poor animals suffer at their hands. They don't want to help their community, they want to grab headlines. If this passes, let it be known Angelinos won't forget & will make that known at the polls. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 07:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY OPPOSE staff and budget cuts to L.A Animal Services. This is unacceptable. Animals should NOT be at the bottom of the chain. They suffer enough due to human wrongdoing. Our taxes need to go to HELPING those who cannot speak! DO BETTER, Mayor Bass!

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon Leigh

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts towards animal shelters are a disgrace, and to have a leader that says one thing and does quite the opposite is unfit for a position of power. We need leaders who stand behind their community. And as a result, your community will have to work harder to combat your missteps.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop Mayor Karen Bass from closing animal shelters in her proposed budget cuts. Los Angeles Animal Services needs to be protected as we already have an influx of animals in our shelters. If Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts affect the Animal Serviced departments at least three of the six shelters would close increasing euthanasia dramatically. As a born and raised Angeleno who has a rescue animal, I beg this city to protect its animals and animal services at all costs.

Communication from Public

Name: Koda Davalos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not do this. These animals have no voices of their own, they depend on us. With overcrowding of the shelters as it is and limited staff the animals here suffer at the hands of YOU. They sit in shelters all day, no enrichment, no joy, and for that they are deemed as unadoptable, anxious, and aggressive; all because YOU would rather cut jobs. The jobs that give these babies a chance to show their true colors. Each employee provides enrichment for each animal. Whether that be interacting with them, walking them, or even just acknowledging them. These pets need us, there are plenty of things to defund. The shelters are not one of them. You will have blood on your hands.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Kieffer

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:20 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers and Budget Committee, I am writing to you today with great sadness and concern regarding the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Los Angeles shelters, as well as the rest of California, are in crisis mode. The shelter system in this state is so deeply broken-critically understaffed, underfunded, and unbelievably overwhelmed, and thousands of animals are already euthanized each year simply because of the lack of space and control. The proposed budget cuts to LAAS would have devastating consequences for both the animals and the citizens of this state who are trying to help them. In the long run, slashing the LAAS budget would increase public health risks, legal liabilities, and community safety concerns, as well as a devastating impact on the animals of this city. I respectfully urge you to protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services-the animals and citizens involved are counting on you.

Communication from Public

Name: Edward Wirtz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to bring more notice to a major concern of mine and thousands of other Los Angeles voters. The closure due to budget cuts of our animal shelters, especially Harbor Shelter will be devastating!! These animals are innocent and this needs to be addressed. Harbor has an amazing group of people doing their best to find homes for these animals. I urge you to find other cuts to be made, but if you do cut, Harbor should be remain as the volunteer s have to be having more impact then other shelters like Carson etc. we feel strongly that LA has so much other water expense that needs to be solved and addressed before cutting the nations 2nd largest city down to just 3 shelters. Please reconsider and find other places to cut if need be. Thank you for listening.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jennifer and I am writing to you all today on behalf of the thousands of animals who have no voice. I am deeply disappointed by the proposal to cut funding for our city's animal shelters. These shelters are not a luxury — they are a lifeline. Slashing funds will directly result in more overcrowding, more suffering, and more unnecessary deaths. The dedicated staff and volunteers are already stretched thin. Instead of cutting resources, we should be investing more into saving lives, expanding spay and neuter programs, and ensuring humane conditions. Los Angeles has long prided itself on being a progressive and compassionate city. Cutting shelter funding would betray those values and abandon the most vulnerable members of our community. I urge the Council to reject any proposal that reduces shelter funding. Protect the animals. Protect compassion. Protect Los Angeles' heart."

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Hanks

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a proud volunteer at Harbor Animal Care Shelter, I implore Mayor Bass to reconsider the devastating budget cuts to LAAS. Every shift at Harbor feels like a biblical parable where, against all odds, the staff and volunteers make a feast out of a few loaves and fish. We have done so much good work, gotten so many animals good homes, and I am heartbroken to think it could all go away. This shelter provides critical safety, food, and medical care to our voiceless. Please believe in our work, fund it properly, and watch what happens when our community comes together for good.

Communication from Public

Name: Della Wirtz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who has adopted 2 dogs from Harbor Shelter, I implore you not to close any shelters or make cuts to animal services. The shelters are already understaffed with dogs not getting out of their cages for days and cuts to their care would be abusive. Please do not make these innocent animals suffer any more than they already are.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:38 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is one of the richest cities and yet we can't take care of our people or animals. It is absolutely disgusting and inhumane how the mayor wants to make budget cuts, and close shelters down. The shelters are at an all high capacity this is not a time to make budget cuts. This is a time to make reform. We need more afford and/or free spay and neuter clinics. We need laws to provide against backyard breeding, and most of all we need to give these animals a chance.

Communication from Public

Name: Rose

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I Rose strongly oppose staff and budget cuts to L.A. Animal Services in public shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Paulina Kucharska
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:45 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today with urgency and heartfelt concern regarding the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. If adopted, these cuts will have devastating consequences, leading not only to the suffering and deaths of countless innocent domesticated animals but also to a humanitarian and moral crisis that will stain our city's reputation. Our shelters are already stretched thin. Staff and volunteers work tirelessly to provide basic care, medical attention, and a fighting chance for animals who have no one else to rely on. Slashing their resources will abandon these voiceless lives to neglect, overcrowding, disease, and death. It is CRUEL. It is avoidable. It is unworthy of the city of Los Angeles, a place that claims compassion, innovation, and progressiveness as part of its identity. I cannot help but point out that even with the Mayor's proposed reduction of Neighborhood Council budgets from \$32,000 to \$25,000 per council, this funding remains significantly inflated, especially in a time of deep financial crisis. With 99 Neighborhood Councils across L.A., this represents millions of dollars that could be far better prioritized. As a former elected Neighborhood Council representative myself, I know firsthand the value these councils provide, but I also know that in extraordinary times, extraordinary sacrifices must be made. Neighborhood Councils are meant to serve and reflect the needs of their communities, and right now saving the lives of helpless animals and preventing a collapse of humane services must be a higher priority. These funds can and should be reassessed until we regain control of the budget deficit. You are not just voting on a budget. You are deciding whether we, as a city, choose mercy over indifference. Whether we uphold our values or betray them. Whether the most vulnerable members of our community, those who cannot lobby or vote, are treated with dignity or discarded like trash. Please, I beg you to reject these cuts and protect LA Animal Services. Find savings elsewhere, starting with bloated and less essential expenditures. Be the leaders that our animals and our community desperately need right now. We are watching, hoping you do the right thing. Respectfully, Paulina Kucharska

Communication from Public

Name: Jeraine Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 08:46 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE MAYOR BASS' PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES. 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: Jack Popielarski
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:50 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: How can the mayor say she loves animals and turn around and close half the city shelters. Can we recall her!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Protect LA shelter animals. Invest in spay and neutering initiatives! Do not close any shelters! Less money for policing and more money for the community

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Powell

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a tax-paying, small business owner and a constituent of L.A. City. I am writing to strongly oppose staff and budget cuts to Animal Services. The public and hard-working animal rescues, as well as volunteers and employees have been begging Mayor Bass for years for MORE funding and resources to be invested into a system that is already under-performing and under enormous strain due to the endlessly growing number of relinquished and abandoned animals. We have been posting tirelessly on social media, protesting, writing letters, featuring serious animal welfare deficits on the news and bravely standing in front of the council at city hall. It all falls on deaf ears. Meanwhile, unethical, unlicensed back yard breeding is rife, dogs are dying on skid row of fentanyl poisoning, abuse and neglect, our streets are full of strays, our spay/neuter laws are not being enforced, dogs are squeezed 4/5 to a shelter kennel slipping around in their own feces and sitting for months in crates that line the hallways without proper enrichment, exercise or basic hygiene needs being met. Many healthy, behaviorally sound dogs are being turned into unsafe and difficult to handle due to such high levels of stress and confinement and PUPPIES of only 3 and 4 months of age are being euthanized more than ever before. These are deplorable standards of care and an unacceptable level of support for our communities. There have been at least two serious cases of shelter caregivers being attacked by a dog in as many years, with one girl almost having her arm ripped off due to negligence in communication and not enough staff on the kennel floor to help her as she dragged the dog, while attached to her, arm down the aisles, with the city then spending millions on liability claims. Instead of this horrific incident resulting in money being put into safety protocols and prevention, staff training and more hands-on-deck, you are essentially preparing to make working conditions for your employees MORE unsafe and continue to disregard the suffering of the animals AND the physical and emotional fatigue of staff. In addition, I am upset to have to accept that calling animal control for any kind of help will be fruitless, even when the squatters next door are housing 12 intact dogs and inbred puppies that are being left for hours outside in the sun and barking into the early hours, even when my neighbors and I have to spend hours chasing loose dogs down the street to prevent them being lost or hit by a car, and

even when a dog has to sit in the rain, with the pain of a gunshot wound to the face for HOURS with the LAPD, with NO ONE from animal services showing up to do their job. The city is disregarding the desperate need for public education, relinquishment intervention, clean up of skid row and task forces designed to relieve this community of the disgusting situation that animals continue to be forced into, as well as, the stress that the people who are paying YOUR salaries are under because of it. I am urging you to take the help that non-profits, reward-based trainers and other professionals are offering you to find ways to improve the dire crisis we are in rather than making it significantly worse!

Communication from Public

Name: Biljana Milasin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:55 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerk, It is absolutely necessary to keep all Los Angeles animals shelters open! I deeply oppose the closure of any animal shelters. \$5 Million is a very small pertence of the entire budget of Los Angeles. We the people against the closure of any animals shelters. I request more funds put aside to extend Los Angeles preservation efforts to safe not only domestic but also wild animals and natural habitats. More funds for animal shelters and preservation of natural habitats within the city. Kind regards, Biljana

Communication from Public

Name: flo chapgier

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Considering the recent fire events, it appears essential to increase the understaffed LAFD with new members, and the understaffed LAPD whose help was much needed during the evacuation period. Both hiring are necessary to the protection of our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:46 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The health of our streets and sidewalks is DIRECTLY tied to the health of the populace. Cutting funding for street safety is going to directly lead to MORE DEATHS down the line, and that blood will be on the mayor's hands if there is no course correction. We need to be investing in transportation and infrastructure for our own people and to ensure the World Cup and Olympics go smoothly. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Chao

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Crystal

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers and Budget Committee, I am writing as a concerned resident who deeply cares about the welfare of animals in Los Angeles shelters. LA Animal Services is already critically underfunded, understaffed, and overwhelmed. Dedicated staff and volunteers are stretched thin, struggling to provide even basic care in overcrowded, often unsanitary conditions. The results are heartbreaking—delays in medical treatment, increased illness and euthanasia, and growing public concern. Further budget cuts would be devastating. Cutting funds won't solve existing problems—it will make them worse. More animals will suffer, and community trust in our shelter system will deteriorate further. While rescue groups and volunteers do their best to fill the gaps, they cannot replace a fully supported public shelter system. The City must uphold its responsibility to these vulnerable lives. Reducing the LAAS budget isn't saving money—it's shifting costs to public health, safety, and legal liabilities. Instead, the City should invest in lasting solutions: more staff, better conditions, expanded spay/neuter and outreach programs, and support for rescue partnerships. These animals are not numbers. They are living beings who deserve compassion and care. Please protect and fully fund LA Animal Services. The animals—and our community—are counting on you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Daisy Recinos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:46 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Clare Summers

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the proposed cuts to the animal shelters. These facilities are already extremely overwhelmed and understaffed. It is extremely concerning as a citizen of Los Angeles to see the lack of resources being designated for animal welfare. A city this big requires much more attention to animal services, and definitely not less.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Proposing to close more animal shelters and lay off shelter workers is such an inhumane / terrible thing to do! Instead - focus your efforts in getting dogs adopted and making sure people spay / neuter their pets! It is not fair that we are euthanizing animals left and right. The animals are innocent.

Communication from Public

Name: Niki Agrawal

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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Name: Suzanne Jacobs Suzanne Jacobs

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Further cuts to animal control and city shelters are abhorrent and will only result in more euthanasia and more suffering. Do not make budget cuts!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Chao

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:28 PM

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Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:38 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts that would shut down 3 animal shelters and eliminate over 120 jobs. This will lead to mass euthanasia and lead to mass devastation in our community. Please use the \$5 million in available funds to save these shelters and protect these lives. We need more shelters, not less.

Communication from Public

Name: Katayoon Tayebi

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:44 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Muj Syed

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Communication from Public

Name: barbara poland

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funding for animal control now with so many animals in harms way from a variety of causes is cruel and unforgivable. Animal control needs an adequate budget and funding for staff and care of animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Kellie Lynn

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I implore you to not cut the animal care services budget in Los Angeles County! Please do not cut their budget! Animal care for homeless dogs, cats and other animals in LA County have already been in crisis and without proper space for all the abandoned and homeless animals. If you cut the animal care services budget, it will devastate the communities already experiencing a crisis! The communities need more animal care services, not less! Please, please reconsider your budget cuts to the animal care services! The innocent animals in our communities need our help and should not be discarded and disregarded like trash. Animals provide such valuable, unconditional love to humans and are priceless. Thank you kindly for your time and consideration of this important request, from me as well as so many others in the LA communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Rob Zeilon

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:50 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To Los Angeles City Council. I live in the San Fernando Valley area, and our community has been experiencing a deeply troubling rise in violent crimes—murders, assaults, home invasions, arson, drug dealing, and looting. The situation has become chaotic. People are afraid to leave their homes—and just as afraid to stay inside. You’ve allowed criminal activity to thrive in our neighborhoods. Homeless encampments have become hubs for open drug use and sales. Each year, approximately 2,000 people die in these camps from overdoses, and violence. Your policies have brought an estimated 75,000 homeless individuals—many of whom are struggling with addiction or mental illness—onto our streets. Instead of creating solutions, you left them to live in inhumane conditions, creating a hellscape for the law-abiding taxpayers who live here. Councilmember Raman told me there are laws in place to prohibit encampments, but she couldn’t explain why they’re not enforced. Councilmember Blumenfield claimed encampments can’t be removed due to a court ruling—that was false. The Supreme Court ruled the communities can remove homeless encampment. Many other Cities has a ban on encampments. The most fundamental responsibility of city leadership is to ensure public safety. Yet you seem unaware of the laws, unwilling to act, and as a result, you’ve failed—miserably. Your agenda appears to prioritize creating sanctuaries for criminals and arsonists, defunding essential services like our fire department, and redirecting Medicaid funds, LAFD funds to non-citizens. This approach is fiscally reckless and morally indefensible. It is creating a man-made disaster that’s bankrupting our city and our state. The City budget is negative \$1 billion, you plan asking the State for funds. The State is \$9 billion + negative, they will ask you for more funds. You created a fiscal clownshow with no resolution or hope while passing billions to illegal aliens and to failed homeless programs. You have failed us. The Mayor and the City Council members should resign. Sincerely, A Safer Community Safercommunity@myyahoo.com



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WE ARE NOT SAFE

Urban firestorms in Los Angeles set by arsonists and homeless camps. L.A. spend 4 billion dollar in homeless programs resulting in more homelessness. Build camps in the desert, NOT in the residential areas. L.A. stopped water flow to city and increased water rates.

TO MAKE A SAFER COMMUNITY WE MUST BAN AND MAKE ILLEGAL

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California is Suffering from Man Made Disasters.

- The City council voted to make LA a sanctuary for criminals, preventing Police from investigating crime.
- 14,000 arson fires in Los Angeles in 2023, most set by homeless.
- 400 fires in the Sepulveda Basin in 2024, all set by homeless.
- All urban firestorms in Los Angeles in January assumed set by arsonists and homeless.
- City water storage drained out by the City during fire season in February 2024.
- FBI warned about terrorists using arson to destroy our communities.
- The City reduced the flow of water to Los Angeles and raised the water rates.
- Los Angeles spend \$4 Billion/year on homeless programs, resulting in more homeless in our streets.
- The state spent \$24 Billion on homeless programs. Most funds were directed to "non-profits" without any audits or accounting, the funds are missing.

- LA has 75000 homeless, 36000 suffer from serious mental illness.
- The Mayor and City Council decided to build many high rise luxury apartments for homeless.
- The Mayor hired friends (?) incompetents with no experience to the LAFD Fire Commission.
- LA DWP has NO PLAN to fill or repair the large water storage facility in the Pacific Palisades.

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members and Budget Committee, With a heavy heart that I am writing to you as a concerned member of the LA community who cares deeply about the welfare of the animals in our city's shelters. LA Animal Services is already critically underfunded, understaffed, and overwhelmed. Staff and volunteers are stretched to their absolute limits, working tirelessly to provide even basic care to thousands of animals. The consequences are heartbreaking: overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, delays in medical treatment, lack of behavioral support, and rising rates of illness, injury and euthanasia. The proposed budget cuts to LAAS would have irreversible consequences for both the animals and the people who are trying to help them. Cutting the budget would NOT solve the problems, it would make them worse. Many community members and rescue organizations already step up daily to bridge the gaps, but they are also full, lack community donations, and overwhelmed. You can't leave it up to the people to pick up the pieces if the glass is shattering beyond belief. We need YOUR help in order to continue our mission to help the voiceless. Slashing the LAAS budget is NOT a cost-saving measure. In the long run, it will increase public health risks, legal liabilities, and community safety concerns--all of which are far more costly to taxpayers. Instead the city should invest in meaningful solutions such as hiring and retaining more staff, improving shelter conditions, expanding spay/neuter and community outreach programs, and support partnerships with rescues. The animals in our shelters are not just numbers on a budget sheet. They are **living beings** who experience fear, pain, joy, love. Please do not balance the city's budget at the expense of the most vulnerable. I respectfully urge you to protect and fully fund the LAAS. Our cities values demand it, and the animals are counting on you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriella Pacheco

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LA county budget cut plan for Animal Shelters is inhumane! It is Mayor Karen Bass' responsibility to provide adequate funding to these shelters to provide food, shelter and other resources. To cut the budget and cruelly euthanize dogs and other animals "due to lack of space and funding" is a disgrace and shows poor leadership and cruel behavior from Mayor Bass. We as a society failed this innocent animals and it's our responsibility to fix this issue not cut funding and let these animals suffer!! Do better LA county and Mayor Bass

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Smith

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in response to the budget cuts Karen Bass has proposed for LA Animals services, these cuts are NOT what she promised when she was running for Mayor. She touted herself as an Animal Advocate, these cuts say otherwise. To cut these jobs and close 3 shelters is beyond cruel. It will have a devastating effect on the lives of thousands of innocent lives. It will create a firestorm of euthanasia due to overcrowding, it will fill the shelters to beyond capacity that any of the workers can handle, causing disease, foul living conditions, and abuse. It will cause the system to crumble underneath itself. There are so many other places to pull money from, **DO NOT TAKE FUNDING AWAY FROM THE ALREADY UNDERFUNDED LA ANIMAL SERVICES.** I voted for Karen Bass because she said she cared about what happened to animals in Los Angeles and would improve the conditions at the shelters, this is a promise that she must hold by retracting these budget cuts. Whoever backs this and puts this into play will be the cause of pain suffering and death of many many animals. That vote spills the blood of innocent lives, and their death is on whoever does not retract this horrendous budget plan. You can know you did this, you murdered these animals without giving them a chance, that they otherwise would have had. **DO NOT ENACT THESE BUDGET CUTS OR CLOSE ANY OF THE SHELTERS. KAREN BASS PROMISED TO IMPROVE THE SHELTER SYSTEM NOT DESECRATE IT.**

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Frances

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Budget and Finance Committee, I am writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed LAAS budget cuts and shelter closures. LAAS is currently understaffed and underfunded. The animals in LAAS' care are not getting the care that they need, and cutting the budget and closing shelters won't solve this problem. It will only perpetuate it on a smaller scale. What does LAAS need? 1) A qualified GM with vision 2) A new shelter management model 3) Additional staff 4) An onsite vet 5) Additional vet techs 6) Upgrades and repairs to each site 7) A spay and neuter outreach program 8) A Skid Row outreach program 10) Money to pay for all of the above Mayor Bass suggested a fundraiser for the homeless. Why wasn't one created for LAAS? How many rescues offered to help with spay and neuter clinics only to be told it's not LAAS' responsibility? Best Friends took out a one page ad in the LA Times detailing how many millions they offered to LAAS. The shelter crisis and pet overpopulation problem continues because Mayor Bass failed to address the problems. Slashing the budget, closing shelters, and euthanizing animals is overkill. Literally. Her proposal is a cowardly quick fix not a solution. If the greatness of a city is based on how it treats its animals, then Mayor Bass has failed miserably and underestimated LA's love for its animals. Please help us save more lives. Do not give up on the voiceless in your care who depend on you for their protection. Sincerely, Jane Frances Shelter volunteer I often hear people say don't blame Mayor Bass she inherited the problem. But, Mayor Bass is charge. She promised that LAAS would be a "model for humane and successful animal care." Under Mayor Bass, the treatment that LAAS animals received would be a chargeable offense if an individual treated animals in such a manner. Volunteers and rescues begged for help. Local news stations and papers ran stories. Yet, nothing changed. Mayor Bass posted on social media each day. She could have posted about LAAS' foster program. Could have toured the shelters. Instead, pleas for help were met with radio silence. LAAS has a publicity budget. Why isn't there any advertising? A billboard or the 110? An ad in the paper? More posts on LAAS social media?

Communication from Public

Name: Emely torres

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Why are we taking more than we are giving. Mayor bass claims there needs to be more departmental changes but she also advocated to help those pups in need .And I quote after Mayor Karen Bass took office in December 2022, she vowed to save animals' lives and make L.A. "a national model for animal welfare." And then the following year of 2024 she trimmed the budget slightly. And now here we are again in 2025 expect she has more blood on her hands now. This is more than 1,000 dogs being euthanized for cutting over 13.9 billion worth of funding. These animals are living in gut wrenching kennels, on concrete floors with rats running through the kennels mold in there water bowls Or there not being enough food as some dogs are literally emancipated. Please I beg and plead help these babies as they got no one else to lean too. We shouldn't be here today fighting for their lifes we should be here fighting for backyard breeders to get shut down and bigger consequences as they are the reason lots of poor stays are on the streets with no choice but to fend for themselves out of trashcans. We must get stricter on back yard breeders. It's not fair to the pups that have to suffer the consequences of people who don't care about where they end up. So please I ask you think abt the factors this budget cut will do and how they need more help. Thank you for listening

Communication from Public

Name: Kim
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:40 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut funding to animal control

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Taylor,

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Actors and Others for Animals has been working in the City of Los Angeles for 54 years providing financial assistance for pet guardians to get their pets spayed or neutered, among other services. For the past few years, there have been no shortage of news reports on the crisis facing the Department, so ignorance is not bliss. Los Angeles shelters are underfunded, understaffed, typically ignored by civic leaders and required to work under a microscope of critics. Today there are not enough kennels to house the animals, yet you want to close three of the operating shelters. There are not enough employees to safely care for the animals, yet you want to lay off 62 employees and not fill open positions. The City had to pay out a substantial settlement to an Animal Services employee last year for being mauled while doing her job. While Mayor Bass has many departments and issues to deal with, she has never given serious attention to Animal Services or taken the time to understand its importance to the City, its needs, or the inherent danger employees can face. It is after all a Public Safety department. Please re-consider these budget cuts. What is going to happen is that animals will be dumped on the streets procreating and increasing the number of homeless dogs. Not something you want to happen leading up to the Olympics. Dog bites and maulings will increase. The number of cats on the streets will increase. Life on the streets is full of dangers. Euthanasia will also greatly increase. And services to the constituents of Los Angeles will suffer. And what do you think this will do to the morale of remaining employees? Although they don't vote, our animal residents deserve better. Susan Taylor, Executive Director Actors and Others for Animals 11523 North Hollywood, CA 91601

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 02:44 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Why are we cutting funding for animal shelters? And where are my taxes really going towards? How come there seems to be little to no real changes to anything I ever want fixed or improved such as IMPROVEMENT in making sure people and animals are NOT KILLED and given opportunities to thrive? I want to know where my taxes are going towards cause I damn well know nothing is being put towards anything useful since funding keeps getting cut for anything and more and more taxes are being paid. Make this make sense. I can't wait till elections again in hopes that you get replaced Karen Bass because so far NOTHING YOU HAVE DONE has impressed me.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Malone

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose any funding cuts to LA Animal Shelters. These shelters are already stretched thin, and reducing their budgets would directly threaten the lives and well-being of countless vulnerable animals. Our city has a responsibility to protect these lives, not turn our backs on them. Please preserve — or better yet, increase — shelter funding to ensure every animal receives the care, safety, and chance they deserve.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Your constituents support animal rights. Cutting funding for LA Animal Services will displace even more animals, and will force the remaining shelters to increase euthanizing animals due to increased space restrictions. It's indecent and inhumane.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:18 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider cutting funding to public animal shelters. they need more staffing and funding to help the shelters function properly and safely. in expensive spay and neuter services are so important to help control the number of unplanned litters each year.

Communication from Public

Name: Melinda Jagger

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do not close our city animal shelters! These dogs and cats need our support and resources. Healthy, adoptable animals will be euthanized simply due to SPACE. This is NOT ok. We are all watching this vote and decision very carefully. Mayor Bass and colleagues, you can forget my vote and my husband's vote if this awful idea passes. Help our animals!!

Communication from Public

Name: C

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 10:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is insane that the proposed budget cuts funding for the animal shelters. We are already in a crisis with so many animals being euthanized for space (with other excuses for the reasons why) and understaffing. Cutting 62 more jobs and closing THREE shelters is unacceptable. I was a big proponent for Mayor Bass during the election, but unless this gets reversed, my mayoral and council votes would change.

Communication from Public

Name: Gracie Matsuda
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:34 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please save innocent animals

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Chistyakov

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The city budget will be devastating for homeless animals at animal shelters. Shelters are already overcrowded and healthy animals are being euthanized daily. Closing three shelters would be catastrophic and euthanasia rates will skyrocket. This is not why I voted for Karen Bass, who promised to save animals and make Los Angeles the model for animal welfare. This is disgusting and disturbing and needs to be stopped. Do not close three animal shelters. There is money in the budget to keep them open. LA has one of the largest economies in the country, yet we are proposing to shut down these shelters, fire more people, and murder thousands of animals? What are my taxes going to? These defenseless creatures deserve better than what Karen Bass is proposing and if this budget goes through and these shelters are shut down then i don't see how she won't be facing a recall. Do the right thing and refuse this budget that will kill so many animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Reyna Recinos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, It is beyond crucial and devastating to shut down 3 facilities that hold HOPE for orphan animals. Not only devastating to the animals, but to the economy as well. The city has seen all funds go towards homelessness but have seen no improvement,... animals aren't drug addicts. Animals don't gamble. Animals don't require CLEAN NEEDLES. They require FOOD, LOVE & COMPASSION. IMAGINE yourselves hanging on for dear life behind a cold cage only to know you will never see the outside again? Please keep the funding incoming to the shelters... this is going to be a tragic outcome. Biggest mistake to you and the city. Pleading with urgency for the animals who have no voice, A tax paying citizen,: Reyna Michelle Recinos.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:50 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned about the City layoffs of personnel. I get the feeling that some of these are being handled with broad, indiscriminate cuts out of context, much like the federal cuts happening now. I am aware that the Zoo Department is doing that with some of their positions, merely designating those hired full time after a certain cutoff date be demoted or laid off. Unfortunately, some of those positions cannot be demoted as the lower classification has been eliminated. Although the position I'm thinking of is the only one in this particular unit, it will mean this single position will lose the only person who, for many years, has acquired historical knowledge of this job and how it relates to the rest of this very essential unit that provides for the care of the animals. Any replacement will have to be trained in the scope of the job and the details therein. It doesn't seem very efficient or time-saving to have to do so. I feel each position designated to be eliminated should be evaluated regarding other elements beyond date of hire before arbitrarily being vacated. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Morgan Chadwick

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

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Animal welfare and protections is beyond necessary in a country of our size and especially a city the size of Los Angeles. Tens of thousands of innocent animals lose their lives every year for no other reason than they exist. You need a larger budget and more efficiency! Do not embarrass your city and state by cutting funding to help these innocent animal bc their lives literally depend on you.

Communication from Public

Name: Staci Reilly

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I am writing to express my deep concern and heartbreak over the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Our city's shelters are already overwhelmed, underfunded, and struggling to provide basic care for the countless animals who rely on them for survival. Cutting staff and resources will only worsen the overcrowding crisis, leading to more suffering, neglect, and unnecessary euthanasia. These animals — many of whom have been abandoned through no fault of their own — deserve compassion and protection, not to be forgotten in a budget decision. As a proud resident of Los Angeles, I urge you to reconsider this devastating move. Our shelters are a reflection of our city's values, and we must invest in solutions that prioritize humane care, adoption efforts, and public safety. There are countless Angelenos who care deeply about animal welfare, and we stand ready to work with you to find better alternatives. Please do not turn your back on the most vulnerable members of our community. The lives of thousands of innocent animals depend on it. Best, Staci Reilly

Communication from Public

Name: NiK Kacy

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, Mayor, and Budget & Finance Committee Members, My name is NiK Kacy (he/they) — I am a trans, nonbinary, queer immigrant of color, a small business owner, and an advocate for underrepresented communities in Los Angeles. I write today to urge you to reject the proposed defunding of the LGBTQIA+ Community Liaison role within the LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department — a position held with distinction by Carla Ibarra. The elimination of this role threatens to betray the very commitments Los Angeles has made to being a true Sanctuary City. It sends a chilling message that Queer, Trans, Intersex, Nonbinary, and Gender-Expansive Angelenos are expendable when the ledger grows tight. We are not expendable. We are not optional. Representation is not charity. Equity is not a luxury. Justice is not negotiable simply because budgets get tight. This role was created because history demanded it. Because for too long, LGBTQIA+ Angelenos were left outside City Hall's doors. And now, just as anti-LGBTQ+ hatred surges across the country, Los Angeles is considering dismantling one of the few structures built to say, "You belong here." This would be a historic mistake — and it would leave a wound not easily healed. Under Carla's leadership, the Liaison role became more than a title. It became a bridge — building trust, creating initiatives with minimal resources, and opening real pathways for LGBTQIA+ communities that had been overlooked for generations. This role has proven that when you invest in our communities, we lead, we build, and we make Los Angeles stronger for everyone. At a time when federal protections are shrinking and diversity programs are being dismantled across the nation, a true Sanctuary City would not back away. It would lean in even harder to protect its most vulnerable. We did not fight for visibility and inclusion just to be erased by a budget cut. I urge you to: • Protect this role. • Protect the community it serves. • Protect the future leaders who deserve to follow in Carla's footsteps. Because a city that cannot honor all its people is a city that will ultimately FAIL all its people. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, NiK Kacy (he/they) Founder, Advocate, Community Leader Los Angeles Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Rhonda Waller

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed \$5 million budget cut to Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) in the 2025-26 fiscal year budget. These devastating cuts would eliminate nearly one-third of the department's staff positions, forcing the closure of at least three of our city's six animal shelters. This decision will harm our community in multiple critical ways:

Employment Impact: The proposed cuts would result in 62 dedicated LAAS employees losing their jobs at a time when our city's unemployment rate remains a concern. These are skilled workers who provide essential services to both animals and residents. Their expertise cannot be easily replaced once budget conditions improve.

Animal Welfare Crisis: As documented in the city memo from LAAS Interim General Manager Annette Ramirez, the remaining three facilities "will quickly run out of space to maintain animals," requiring the department to "revert back to old procedures for euthanizing animals" where "the number of euthanasia will increase dramatically." Our shelters are already dangerously overcrowded, with employees reporting that between five and ten dogs are currently being euthanized weekly simply due to lack of space.

Public Health Concerns: The proposed cuts pose serious public health risks to our communities. With fewer animal control officers responding to calls, dangerous stray animals may remain on our streets longer, increasing the risk of bites and disease transmission, including rabies. The reduction in services will likely lead to more abandoned and neglected animals throughout Los Angeles, creating unsanitary conditions in our neighborhoods.

Wildlife Impact: Reduced animal services will also negatively impact our local wildlife. With fewer animal control resources available, there will be less capacity to respond to wildlife conflicts, injured wildlife, or potential disease outbreaks that can spread between domestic and wild animals. This creates an ecological imbalance as the department's role in managing the interface between urban development and wildlife habitats diminishes. The department's ability to monitor and address wildlife issues - from coyote interactions to managing potentially rabid bats - will be compromised, putting both wildlife and residents at risk. As a city with approximately 1.75 million residents in the Valley alone (45% of LA's population), reducing

animal services undermines public safety by increasing response times to animal emergencies. Additionally, shelter closures would eliminate crucial services like lost pet recovery, stray animal intake, and emergency animal response in affected areas, including those recently impacted by the fires. I respectfully urge you to reconsider this budget cut and prioritize the welfare of both our city's animals and the employees who care for them. The long-term costs to public health, safety, animal welfare, and our local ecosystem far outweigh any short-term budget savings.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Slashing the already inadequate budget for Los Angeles animal shelters is not just a funding decision — it is a death sentence for countless innocent animals. Shelters are barely surviving under current conditions, and further cuts will mean even less food, less medical care, and fewer lifesaving interventions. Animals will suffer and die needlessly, and the streets of our city will face an even greater crisis of abandoned, sick, and injured pets. This is not who we are as a community. The people of Los Angeles deserve better, and the animals who depend on us deserve better. Cutting these funds will cause irreversible harm and heartbreak that no budget savings can justify. We urge you to protect these shelters — and the lives within them.

Communication from Public

Name: David eaton

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:14 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Terrible that you are hacking away at important cultural agencies such as the department of cultural affairs! Save our civic engagement!!

Communication from Public

Name: Krissi

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I am writing to express my deep concern and heartbreak over the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Our city's shelters are already overwhelmed, underfunded, and struggling to provide basic care for the countless animals who rely on them for survival. Cutting staff and resources will only worsen the overcrowding crisis, leading to more suffering, neglect, and unnecessary euthanasia. These animals — many of whom have been abandoned through no fault of their own — deserve compassion and protection, not to be forgotten in a budget decision. As a proud resident of Los Angeles, I urge you to reconsider this devastating move. Our shelters are a reflection of our city's values, and we must invest in solutions that prioritize humane care, adoption efforts, and public safety. There are countless Angelenos who care deeply about animal welfare, and we stand ready to work with you to find better alternatives. Please do not turn your back on the most vulnerable members of our community. The lives of thousands of innocent animals depend on it. Best, Krissi

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Baker

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do not reduce the funding for the animal shelters! Many shelters are already struggling and far too many animals are being euthanized. We need more funding and help for the innocent animals. California is the 4th largest economy in the world! How can you fail these animals??

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut animal shelter funding, this is outrageous! The public is aware that higher level staff is profiting while the animals suffer. This is disgusting and not what the city residents want.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Zaldivar

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please increase the budget for animal shelters! I have heard mayor Karen bass wants to cut their budget by 5 million and I think this is beyond absurd and unacceptable. A good society takes care of their most vulnerable. I have 2 rescued cats and 1 rescued dog at home. Trust and believe that there are millions of people who won't let this down should the budget cuts take place. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

Communication from Public

Name: Stefania Andreetta
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:36 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't close the shelters

Communication from Public

Name: Vee

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Management Analyst in LADOT, EAA due paying union member, and a single mother with two sons. I receive no alimony or child care, and I have no relatives who contribute to caring for my kids. If I lose my City job it would be absolutely devastating to my family. My City job has allowed me to give my kids a decent life, one in which we have affordable health care, ample sick time to care for sick kids and myself, a roof over our heads, reliable transportation and food to eat. We will be in immediate danger of losing our home if I lose this job. Do you really want to add the City's civil service to the ranks of the homeless in Los Angeles County? I ask that you consider the personal costs layoffs would bring to City employees and the people who depend on them for support, including their families. At a time when Federal workers are being laid off and the federal government is cutting services across the board, it's unconscionable to throw the City rank and file workers out on the street to compete for the same jobs and possibly needs services that will no longer be available. Our national government is treating the federal civil service as expendable enemies of the state; can't our City's leadership strive to do better than the regime in Washington DC? We had all hoped for better from the government of the City of Los Angeles, which is meant to be a beacon of liberal idealism in the country. It is in the City's best interest, and the interest of its residents, to keep the Civil service running. My department, LADOT, is somehow, inexplicably, a short time before the Olympics, bearing the brunt of the proposed layoffs in the City. But there is an easy solution to balance this budget that doesn't involve civil service layoffs-reform police overtime and hold them accountable for the tens of millions of \$\$ their malfeasance has cost the City in recent years. LAPD's excessive use of overtime and spiraling liability costs are bankrupting the City. Instead of cutting essential City services and kneecapping the transportation department, which needs to urgently prepare for the Olympics and World Cup, the City should be looking for savings in the department that costs the most money. Why do the Civil service employees have to bear the burden for LAPD mismanagement, when we, who do the daily work to provide services to City taxpayers, did nothing to cause this budget deficit? If LAPD continues to have no accountability for their officers' actions like excessive use of force and blowing

up fireworks in a residential neighborhood (!), the City's liability costs relative to LAPD will never diminish. LAPD has no incentive - carrot or stick - to change their ways. In our group within LADOT alone, Management Analysts invoice for and collect millions \$\$ in grant funds which might otherwise go uncollected; track data to report for federal funding compliance; write and route for approval contracts; manage procurement and projects for all transit programs including DASH, Commuter Express, LA Now and Cityride para transit; and prepare quarterly reports in compliance for Metro funded projects. Without the MAs to do this important work, contracts could expire and not be renewed and tens of millions of federal and state \$\$ could go unclaimed, which will cost the City more in the long run and impact services for our most vulnerable residents. Our group also manages transit electrification projects from start to finish to allow the City to continue electrifying our bus fleets and installing charging infrastructure to support them. This climate- beneficial work should be a critical priority for a City in recovery from a devastating climate change-fueled fire. I am asking you to do the right thing and not approve any layoffs to the Civil Service. Find the savings in LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Chriss

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I live animals. This bill cannot pass, California is the 4th richest economy, shelters are already ivercrowded. I rebuke this decision in the name of Jesus, and pray that all corruption be exposed and eradicated. I poorly that mayor BASS BE IVED AND ALL HER CORRUPTION HE EXPOSED.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Bird

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in opposition to the budget cuts to the Street Department of 20%/\$39 million dollars in the Mayor's proposed budget. Whether it is lighting being rendered inoperable by criminals stealing copper wire to the condition of our local streets, Los Angeles is failing every resident by leaving us with dark and dangerous streets. I implore the mayor and staff to find a way to increase this budget, rather than cutting it and the employees who do this work. I live in Silver Lake where our local streets have been left in disrepair while others are repaved often. And now most of the lights are inoperable due to copper wire theft. It is not safe for us to walk at night due to the conditions. Simple things like this make the city unlivable. Also, as the city prepares for the Olympics in 2028, leaving streets and lights in the current condition will not show Los Angeles in its best light. Please reconsider these cuts to services that impact EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. Jennifer Bird

Communication from Public

Name: Grace R.

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In a state whose governor just FOUR days ago boasted that its economy is now the fourth largest in the WORLD, I find it absolutely untenable that there should be a budget cut suggested, let alone introduced, to our largest city's valuable and indisputably necessary animal services program. In a few short years, Los Angeles will play host to the Olympics, with hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world coming to see how we handle our city day to day. Is the closing of vital animal shelters, the firing of dedicated staff, the slashing of resources for animals who have no way to defend themselves, truly the image we want to display to the world? These shelters are already stretched thin with what little pennies have been thrown their way, and they **still** work tirelessly day in and day out to connect Angelinos to pets that completely change their lives. I adopted my cat, Forest, in 2019 from the West Valley Animal Shelter. I was window shopping that day, but the incredible staff, already struggling with overcrowding and underfunding, informed me of their Free Cat Day special in an effort to free up space. Every single day I am grateful for the woman who paired me with that cat. He immediately became my entire world, and in the four short years I got to spend with him before he passed of old age, I marveled often at the thought that hundreds of cats just like him, sweeter than life itself but already considered a senior by the time I met him — and **thrice** returned to West Valley before I adopted him — would never have the chance that my cat had. That even in a city as massive, as globally recognizable, and as financially successful as Los Angeles, our publicly elected representatives consistently refuse to allocate necessary funding to these programs in a meaningful and structured way, often leaving shelters with no choice but to euthanize animals who may have otherwise lived for years to come. I know my cat was a week away from the same fate. It is absolutely abhorrent and unacceptable. I voted for Karen Bass proudly in 2022, but that pride has quickly turned to shame in these three years. She has grossly misrepresented her own constituents, particularly the most marginalized and vulnerable in our unhoused population, and now sets her sights on further marginalized populations in these animals in desperate need of care and love, and the employees and volunteers at these shelters that are now under threat of closure. It

cannot be allowed to happen. These representatives — you, Karen Bass — work for us. And we are saying NO. I understand that no one individual is responsible for the maintenance of a city, especially one as large as Los Angeles, but our size and our reliance on city programs is all the more reason that our elected officials MUST listen to their constituents. The progression of these budget cuts into fruition would be a tragedy wrapped up in a catastrophe, with wide-reaching consequences. Backyard breeding and lack of affordable spay & neuter clinics are where our focus should lie, not in the eradication and minimization of our vital and valuable animal shelters and services. Please refer to comments by citizen Tom Keische during the April 25, 2025 Los Angeles budget meeting for further and more precise solutions. Please review the April 4, 2025 Communication from the Department of Animal Services thoroughly before making a final decision. These animals' lives, and the potential betterment of your constituents who want to care for them, lie in your hands. Find another way. Do not defund our shelters. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Save LA animal shelters

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 04:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm absolutely appalled that we have a major in our office who would consider dismantling our animals shelters. These animals need our help. We do not get to abandoned them. Karen Bass should be ashamed for even proposing cuts to our shelters. I'm ashamed and embarrassed to have such a major who doesn't think the people of LA County or the animals that live here with us. How dare she go after those who have no voice to protect themselves. It's disgusting.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Gunther

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing half of the city's animal shelters is criminal behavior. Like many citizens I am outraged, disgusted and seeking answers. What will the funds go to instead? This is villain level choice making, Karen Bass should be ashamed of herself.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Tobin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm very concerned about the severe cuts to the Department of Disability in the 2025-26 budget. The department handles such a wide swath of vulnerable populations in the City and needs support to continue this work. Are there opioid settlement funds that could be used to fund this department? Could cuts be made to the LAPD Helicopter budget, which mainly generates environmental pollution and noise burdens for Los Angeles residents?

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Garciaros

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am posting as a lifetime animal rescue person. I'm 62 years old and have been working and volunteering in animal services in Los Angeles county for the past 20 years very closely. I am at the LA County shelter in South LA at least twice a week either helping a lost animal or turning in a wounded feline that has been found unresponsive and needs humane attention immediately. I get vouchers to fix feral cat colonies so that the stray cat population numbers don't keep exploding. I work with non profits such as Wings of Rescue, an organization that helps take shelter animals out of over crowded and under staffed shelters here in Los Angeles and across the nation. I say all this because I really do know how stretched and understaffed these facilities already are. People can't surrender animals at many shelters because there is no room. Employees are overloaded with unhoused animals and they are stretched to their absolute maximum use as human beings. The job takes a toll on many because it is already so stressful and who and what suffers the most? The helpless animals that are there by no fault of their own. Cutting services to animal shelters in Los Angeles basically is saying that Los Angeles doesn't care about animals. It's saying that the most vulnerable and the most deserving animals don't matter to Los Angeles. It's shameful and wrong. I'm very disappointed in Mayor Bass and wondering why I voted for her if this is what she thinks is effecient cost cutting in the budget. Look elsewhere Karen Bass, the animals and animal shelter workers have suffered enough already! Go find the money you need to cut in something that doesn't mean matters even worse for our shelters in Los Angeles CA. Sincerely, Laura Garciaros
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Communication from Public

Name: Jesus

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'd like to give a general public comment on agenda Item #1 My name is Jesus and I am a youth leader of Council District 1 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. I am advocating for the Youth Development Department to stay as its own Department because Los Angeles was the only major city that did not have a dedicated youth development department for its residents before its inception, in 2021. It is a shame how for the past 3 years the YDD has not been prioritized, and now you all want to defund it and consolidate it under another department. As a member of the Youth Council, YDD has been guiding the Youth through its creation of the Youth Summit where various youth organizations get together and talk to government officials on issues such as transportation, housing, and mental health and how we can make LA a better place. This experience showed me that YDD deserves to be its own STAND ALONE DEPARTMENT. Youth ages 10-25 deserve their own department because they are always forgotten. We need you to keep the values of what the Invest in Youth Coalition advocated for which is youth decisions making power, youth investment, & creating holistic approaches to youth development. We understand the budget deficit but that doesn't mean you need to get rid of the department entirely and put the youth as an afterthought under another department. If you all move forward with consolidation that just goes to show the city's priorities and is extremely disappointing. Youth are the future, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop. In August of 2021 with support from some of you on council today we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Don't back down now, keep your word and promises and support in keeping the YDD! All we want is for the Department to stay as its own department and protect the SMALL budget that it already has. If you want to prove to your constituents that you listen to them, do not support the Mayor's proposal! Getting rid of YDD will be a big loss of resources especially when many of the youths and community organizations use the YDD Youth Expo to recruit youth for jobs or extracurricular activities and educate them on subjects such as making a resume. It is unfair that New York City Youth Department gets a 1.36 billion dollar budget for its Youth Department and LA City wants to defund the YDD's minuscule

2.5 million budget. As one of the largest cities in the Nation, this is extremely embarrassing. I URGE YOU TO INVEST IN US, INVEST IN THE FUTURE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT LA ACTUALLY DOES CARE ABOUT ITS YOUTH WILL INVEST IN THEM.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Wojinski

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD13 and neighborhood animal welfare advocate and community volunteer , I strongly urge you to continue funding for 2025 - 2026 fiscal year and make adjustments to the following : 1. increase (adjust) the amount of the spay/neuter voucher to reflect increases in cost to the general public as well as to providers. Increasing the value of the voucher will also attract more providers and make it so that individuals wanting to spay or neuter their pets are not met with unaffordable up charges or a lack of providers. 2. adjust the income level required to receive a free voucher (not a discount voucher) so that it reflects current HUD low income limits OR make an adjustment from 29K to 75k per year for eligibility. 3. continue to fund the Citywide Cat Plan, so that the community members who have been SUCCESSFULLY using this program for free roaming cats in the city of Los Angeles , continue to have access to funding to fix the cities cats, using city funding and not their own paychecks. We have a moral obligation to reduce the number of animals both entering shelters, and being euthanized AND to help those being left to suffer and procreate endlessly in the streets. The only thing proven to reduce either of these populations is a free and/or subsidized spay/neuter for every animal in need, owned or unowned. The more subsidized spay/neuter, the fewer animals entering shelters, the more cost effective it will be. Taking these simple steps to make sure the domesticated animals in the City of Los Angeles have access to spay and neuter is the least we can do for them. We have a responsibility to our pets and to our free roaming animals, be they cat, dog, friendly or feral and we must make sure spay/neuter funding is a continuing and logical priority.

Communication from Public

Name: Ariela Kozin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 03:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am disgusted that Karen Bass' solution to her own negligence and financial mismanagement is to take away funding from shelters that are already insufficient to humanely treat animals. Just last week, I have heard of at least one healthy puppy being euthanized after only a couple days in the shelter.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funding for Los Angeles Animal Services is complete INSANITY!! This would be a devastating decision that would lead to countless lives lost. There is a clear issue here but rather than enforcing regulations on backyard breeders, we are closing shelters? Please make this make sense. There are so many dogs and cats on the streets. Not only are many of them losing their lives out there, but they also pose a risk to humans. Many of these animals are sick and carry zoonotic diseases. So, instead of working on a solution to get these animals into safe conditions where they do not pose a threat to anyone or anything, we are closing shelters. This will only lead to MORE animals on the streets. There is absolutely no positive result that would come from this decision. Animals deserve to be warm at night, to be fed, to play, and to be safe. They do NOT experience this when they are on the STREETS. For many animals, the shelters are the safest place they can be at. The East Valley Animal Shelter ALONE currently has 127 dogs. 20 of those are in foster care. That is 107 dogs in ONE shelter. The city of Los Angeles needs to do BETTER and support our animals and the people who care for them every day!!

Communication from Public

Name: Dalia Alvarez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Why is it that we always have money for the LAPD but never enough money for the most vulnerable populations in our city? Mayor Karen Bass you are running this city to the ground. These animals deserve dignity and a safe place to live. We need more spay & neuter clinics throughout our city and we need to crack down on illegal breeding practices.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts that would shut down 3 animal shelters and eliminate over 120 jobs. This will lead to mass euthanasia and devastate our community. Please use the \$5 million in available funds to save these shelters and protect these lives. We need more shelters, not less.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget for the animal shelters!!! The animals deserve better, please support them!!

Communication from Public

Name: Kat Greenbaum

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:32 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, I am writing to express my deep concern and heartbreak over the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Our city's shelters are already overwhelmed, underfunded, and struggling to provide basic care for the countless animals who rely on them for survival. Cutting staff and resources will only worsen the overcrowding crisis, leading to more suffering, neglect, and unnecessary euthanasia. These animals — many of whom have been abandoned through no fault of their own — deserve compassion and protection, not to be forgotten in a budget decision. As a proud resident of Los Angeles, I urge you to reconsider this devastating move. Our shelters are a reflection of our city's values, and we must invest in solutions that prioritize humane care, adoption efforts, and public safety. There are countless Angelenos who care deeply about animal welfare, and we stand ready to work with you to find better alternatives. Please do not turn your back on the most vulnerable members of our community. The lives of thousands of innocent animals depend on it. Best, Kathryn Greenbaum

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: After reading that half of LA Animal shelters would need to be closed due to the new proposed budget, I am very disappointed. LA animal shelters are already facing overcrowding due to underfunding. Rather than cut back on the budget, we need to implement more money into expanding these facilities and we need to implement further laws enforcing pet owners to neuter their pets. It is unfair that these animals will lose their life when they don't have a voice. Too many animals are facing abuse and being abandoned. This brings me back to enforcing stricter laws that protects these innocent animals. We need to continue to fund these shelters to give animals the best chance at finding a home. The employees and volunteers at these facilities work hard to keep these animals safe and it is outrageous that we would take away all the hard work that has been put into these shelters. We will continue to fight for the rights of these voiceless animals because it is truly unfair that they cannot defend themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Barco

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council Members, I'm writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed budget cuts to our local animal shelters. Shutting down two shelters would have devastating consequences for our community, increasing stray populations, public health risks, and animal suffering. Instead of closing these vital shelters, we should be investing in proactive solutions like free spay and neuter clinics to address the root of the problem. These clinics are a humane, cost-effective way to reduce overpopulation and prevent future strain on our shelter system. Cutting funding now would only create larger and more expensive issues down the road. Please prioritize compassion and responsible planning by preserving our shelters and supporting preventative programs. Our community—and our animals—deserve better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: SAVE THE ANIMAL SHELTERS!!! We don't need to waist money on the olympics we need better funds for LA dogs!!! Better animal laws!!!! Karen bass keep your promises!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Graff-Weisner

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Steinmann

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members and Budget Committee, I am writing as a deeply concerned member of the Los Angeles community who cares profoundly about the welfare of the animals in our city's shelters. From firsthand experience, I have seen that LA Animal Services is already critically underfunded, understaffed, and overwhelmed. Staff and volunteers are stretched to their absolute limits, working tirelessly to provide even the most basic care for thousands of animals. The heartbreaking consequences are impossible to ignore: overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, significant delays in behavioral assessments that keep pets from being adopted, and prolonged shelter stays that increase rates of illness, injury, and euthanasia. The proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services would have devastating and irreversible consequences — not just for the animals, but also for the community members who care for them. Far from saving money, these cuts will lead to increased public health risks, higher legal liabilities, and greater threats to community safety. It is frankly embarrassing that in a city as prominent and wealthy as Los Angeles, our shelters are in worse condition than those in many other countries. With the upcoming Olympics putting the world's eyes on LA, allowing our shelters to deteriorate further would not only be a humanitarian failure, but a public relations disaster for our city. Instead of cutting funding, the city should take a smarter, long-term approach by investing in spay and neuter programs, community outreach, public education initiatives and cracking down on breeders. These programs would directly address the root causes of animal overpopulation by reducing owner surrenders and preventing animals from ever entering the shelter system. Once intake numbers decline, shelters could responsibly downsize — achieving real, sustainable cost savings without inflicting harm along the way. These animals are innocent beings who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in shelters. Often, it is a lack of owner education and resources that leads to their surrender. They have no voice to advocate for themselves — they experience fear, pain, joy, and love, just as we do. The very least we can do is offer them our protection when they need it most. I respectfully urge you to fully fund LA Animal Services during this critical time and explore cost-saving measures in other areas of the city's budget. Investing in humane, preventive solutions will save lives,

protect public health, and ultimately serve the best interests of Los Angeles and its residents — both two- and four-legged. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree with Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts. The animals in the city of Los Angeles are already underserved. The fact that there are only 6 government funded animal shelters in this city is insane enough. To close 3 of the 6 shelters is a death sentence for many animals. Karen Bass, you can't say that you want the city of Los Angeles to be a leading example for other cities on how to properly care for animals and do something like this.

Communication from Public

Name: Mindy Cruz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 05:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close any shelters. I work in the field assisting the LA wildfires. There were pets survived but their owners did not. Many of these animals suffered traumas. There is an increased need for these animals to have forever homes. Do they not get a voice? Are we about closing the only place they have. I implore you to not do this and find ways to get more funds not taking them away.