

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Cornish
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:30 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LAs \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Joanne cornish 90066

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Name: Michele F Locker

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing as an Angeleno—and frankly, I'm outraged—that the City is even considering cutting funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. This is not a “nice to have.” DPFL provides the only structured out-of-kennel time most dogs in LA’s six city shelters will ever get. Without it, dogs deteriorate—mentally and behaviorally—becoming less adoptable and more dangerous. We already know how that story ends: Los Angeles has paid more than \$31.85 million in dog-bite settlements since 2023. Cutting DPFL doesn't save money. It's fiscally irresponsible. You're trading a minimal, predictable cost—less than 1/100 of 1% of the city budget—for massive, unpredictable liability. That's not budgeting. That's negligence. Beyond the numbers, it's a failure of basic stewardship. These animals are in the City's care. Removing the one program that gives them stimulation, socialization, and a pathway to adoption is indefensible. Do better. Restore full funding for DPFL before the budget is finalized on June 6. Sincerely, Michele Locker Studio City