

ARTS, PARKS, AND CITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to sterilization vouchers issued in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 through the Department of Animal Services (DAS) Spay and Neuter Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the DAS report dated June 25, 2026, attached to the Council file, inasmuch as the report is for informational purposes only.
2. INSTRUCT the DAS to report on resources needed to ensure spay and neuter vouchers are going to those that need the subsidized voucher, along with the projected number of procedures that will be completed during FY 2026-27, compared to the last five years and how an increase of funding can assist those who qualify for a voucher. Also, report if there are any limitations by providers in administering the vouchers.
3. INSTRUCT the DAS to report back on possible programs to address the need for spay and neuter in areas of high need, like Skid Row, including organizations that they may need to contract with.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on October 21, 2026, your Arts, Parks, and City Facilities Committee considered the DAS report, dated June 25, 2026, relative to an overview of the DAS Spay and Neuter Program and the sterilization vouchers issued and redeemed during FY 2025-26, including statistics related to the number of vouchers per approved veterinarians, vouchers approved by zip code, and the average number of days that the vouchers were made available to City residents. Councilmember Rodriguez introduced an amendment, which was seconded by Councilmember Nazarian, to include recommendations instructing the DAS to report back on matters relative to resources needed for the spay and neuter programs and possible programs to address the need for spay and neuter services in high need areas such as Skid Row. After discussion with DAS representatives and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the DAS report and approve the recommendations introduced by Councilmember Rodriguez, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, AND CITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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