

Communication from Public

Name: Marina Martinez
Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 06:01 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, The mayor's proposed budget contains unacceptable cuts to animal food and supplies. She also decided not to fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract. In 2018-19, the animal food budget was \$520,000. This year's budget only allotted \$200,000 and when LAAS ran out just a few months into the new fiscal year, they had to start using donations from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF). Since 2020-21, the city has forced LAAS to use around \$900,000 in donations to buy food. I and many others find this shameful and heartless. How much is the mayor spending on the Olympics upgrades to our city? Surely some of that can be reallocated for this very necessary and worthy cause that Angelenos care more about...much more. The welfare of our animal shelters is already a D-, and needs additional funding, not less. The medical supplies budget has also been slashed. In 2018-19, the department had \$488,591 to buy medical supplies. In 2022-23 the amount was cut to \$388,591 and in the proposed budget the mayor only allotted \$49,000. These cuts have forced LAAS to use over \$740,000 in donations from the AWTF to buy medical supplies since 2019-20. The AWTF will be further depleted if these cuts are allowed to remain in place. The contract for Dogs Playing for Life (DPLF) was not funded. DPLF does more than playgroups, they help terrified dogs become confident, they help match dogs with adopters and help the medical team with fractious dogs. They not only save lives, but they also make the shelter safer for everyone. To not fund this essential program is devastating for the dogs and the people who love them. The budget is not yet final and needs to be changed by the City Council. Budget Committee MUST allocate fair funding for animal food and medical supplies, as well as Dogs Playing for Life. Angelenos WANT THIS. Very Sincerely, Marina Martinez

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Strmsek

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 10:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe there has to be funding remaining for stray animals and to spay and neuter animals/pets. We are so crowded with pets being euthanized that it's not fair to the animals that humans are not responsible for making a life-long commitment to their pets. Budget funding needs to remain static at this time. If you need to partner with not-for-profits maybe the City up a plan to do so. Thank you.

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Name: Allison

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 12:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly and urgently beg you to allocate money for animal food, medical supplies, as well as Dogs Playing for Life. DPFL does more than playgroups - they help terrified dogs become confident, they help match dogs with adopters, help train staff and volunteers, and help the medical team with fractious dogs. They not only save lives, they make the shelter safer for everyone. To not fund this essential program is devastating for the dogs and the people who love them. as the budget is not yet final you have the power to make a change to not only better the lives of shelter dogs but set them up for success to make them more adoptable to the public. Please help now.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Hofmann

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 06:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: City of Los Angeles needs to allocate MORE funding to animal services to significantly reduce the number of euthanized animals and better support rehabilitation and adoptions. The proposed budget shows decreased spending for food and medical supplies, this is NOT acceptable. Refuse this proposal and reallocate budget for medical and food, and programs to care for the animals that come in, focus on adoptions and fostering, not euthanizing. As a hard working citizen of Los Angeles, I want more of my tax money to go to animal services and doing a better job in all of our city run shelters to rehabilitate animals (be it medical or behavioral), improve marketing and education campaigns for the community, spay, neuter and microchipping, community outreach, and increase time and space for animals to find a home.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 07:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Increase the budget for our animal shelters! Stop cutting funding where your constituents want funds allocated.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Kendall

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 08:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, As a LA City resident, I am urging you to support LA Forward's three current budget requests: (1) Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of \$18.3 million to \$30.7 million to expand UMCR's reach from 9 to 15 police divisions, with a plan to finally fund and operate UMCR citywide in all 21 divisions by 2028. (2) Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of \$1 million to \$3 million to support RepresentLA's provision of life-saving legal services for immigrant Angelenos and their families – via a dedicated, permanent line item. (3) Ensure CF# 24-0600-S37 (exploring options for liability insurance) comes back to Council for implementation by the 2027-78 budget. We believe these budget requests are in line with the Mayor's vision to keep Angelenos safe and bolster crisis response. These investments amount to less than 0.5% of the City's unrestricted budget funds. With this funding, UMCR can continue expanding towards citywide coverage, immigrant Angelenos can access life-saving legal services, and the City can work to reduce police liability costs. At LA Forward, we understand that the City's annual budget is the ultimate statement of what it values. With an erratic federal government flooding our streets with masked agents, multiple mega-events approaching rapidly, and a continuing budget deficit, it is time for our City government to invest in community safety programs that protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you, Jamie Kendall