

Communication from Public

Name: Nanae kudo
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 12:26 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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West La

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Name: Sunny A.

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:00 AM

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Name: Sara Johnson

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I'm a certified Citywide Cat TNVR volunteer and writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type-for just one year-leaves behind TENS of THOUSANDS of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA already has an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program. Outdated reimbursement rates DO NOT reflect the REAL cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. YOU WILL BE QUADRUPLING THE CITY'S ECONOMIC LIABILITY. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated \$12k per day in animal care costs-more than \$4 million per year. Multiplied by six LAAS shelters and you'll be worsening LA's financial burden by OVER \$24 MILLION. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across al. voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Spend this on what the people of the city really want and need. It's foolish not to. Thank you, Sara PS: We vote.

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Name: michelle morrow

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 04:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE! ??????????????! Mayor Bass do not cut the LA Animal Services budget for food, medicine, & programs providing vital exercise & enrichment to shelter dogs. Thank you on behalf of the voiceless animals.

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Glendale 91207

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Money needs to go for spay/neuter programs and prioritizing getting animals out of the system, not bureaucratic administrative positions

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Name: Dylan Kendall
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose any budget that defunds basic care for animals in the custody of Los Angeles Animal Services. First, the City must **restore a real food budget for LA Animal Services.** It is unacceptable for a municipal shelter system, legally mandated to impound animals, to rely on unstable donations for something as basic as daily meals. Food is not an “extra”; it is a core obligation of government. Second, the City must **restore medical supplies funding to a level that does not depend on donations.** Relying on philanthropic gifts and one-time trust fund transfers to cover basic medication is explicitly “not a sustainable or reliable long-term solution,” and it places animals at risk while undermining public trust in City governance. Third, the City must **restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life and other enrichment programs that keep animals adoptable.** Playgroups and behavioral enrichment are not cosmetic line items. They directly affect stress levels, behavior, and therefore live outcomes. Cutting these programs will increase length of stay, worsen conditions in the shelters, and likely lead to more euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals. Private philanthropy, including recent large grants, should be additive and transformational—not a replacement for the City’s duty to provide food, medical care, and humane conditions for animals in its custody. I urge the Council to amend the budget to fully fund: 1) a stable food account, 2) adequate medical supplies, and 3) Dogs Playing for Life and similar enrichment. Los Angeles should not balance its budget on the backs of animals who have no voice in this process.

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Name: Paula Davidson
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:30 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: many subsidized housing tenants, especially seniors, need this urgently! thier pets need the help the funds aren't there. this would mean less stress on the pet parents.

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Name: Michael Lushing

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Comments for Public Posting: Animals matter and cutting costs on their care and folks that take care of them is just wrong. I will be changing my vote and all my close friends and family to another candidate and not the mayor unless she changes her funding.

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Name: Tara Price

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Communication from Public

Name: Alex Feigin

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 26-27 budget. It's such a small amount of the budget to maintain something wonderfully humane. So many of these dogs were discarded and treated terribly, and these structured play groups are the only way some of them ever get out of their kennels. It's important to treat them humanely and optimize their chances of getting adopted. Thank you.

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Name: Jo Ventresca

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Comments for Public Posting: Best Friends and ASPCA have committed \$14 MILLION dollars to help animals. This money is to SUPPLEMENT the animal services budget, NOT supplant it. Please, the situation with LA city's "shelters" has been dismal for far too long. Please do the right thing and use this money to make life better for shelter animals. Most importantly, this money should go to SPAY/NEUTER services which is the only thing that will stop this nightmare of killing so many innocent and defenseless animals. We need to move forward not go backward. Los Angeles kills more animals than any other city in the country!!! Is that something to be proud of?

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