

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John  
**Date Submitted:** 04/25/2026 06:23 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't cut the funds to LA Animal Services budget

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cindy

**Date Submitted:** 04/25/2026 06:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Across the country...from New York to Los Angeles....the implementation of “no-kill” policies that focus primarily on lowering euthanasia numbers has failed. Many communities are now facing serious strain, with growing impacts on both animal welfare and public safety. Bringing this same approach to Los Angeles is deeply concerning. Focusing on outcomes without addressing root causes does not solve the problem....it shifts it. We must focus on prevention first: high-volume spay/neuter, community education, and responsible ownership. That is how we reduce suffering at its source. If we get prevention right, a more humane world for animals and people will follow. It does not work the other way around. SAY NO TO BEST FRIENDS TWISTED AGENDA! It's failing our animals. Our animals don't deserve to suffer on our streets. Humane euthanasia is better than death on the streets.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WP1P01GYhyQ> Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Name:** Marcella Unate

**Date Submitted:** 04/25/2026 10:01 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please, don't cut the funding. It's crucial for the shelter dogs to get the care and medicine they need. The exercise and enrichment programs that get these dogs out is so important. Otherwise they spend a huge chunk of their life stuck in a small cage, some may unfortunately die there. Please let us help the animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sophia Sula

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2026 01:44 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember, As a college student pursuing a career in veterinary medicine and as someone who genuinely believes in second chances, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget for the city's shelter dogs. 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. Shelter dogs need mental stimulation, exercise and interaction. Their humans already gave them up, left them, these people are helping them to find a new family that will be their forever home. Imagine staying in a confined space with no windows, not much moving room, no fresh air— it just doesn't sound good right? 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. This might be an easy thing to overlook or something someone would just brush off but this is real. This helps the dogs find families they fit in. Wouldn't it be better if there are less dogs in the shelter in general? It's not the shelter animals' fault that they're in there. Their humans, their families failed to give them a home. Though I can't help directly, I want to help them by supporting them through emailing you and contacting you about this matter. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$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. Those shelter dogs deserve another chance and you know you can help them too. Thank you, Sophia Sula From Bakersfield CA

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**Name:** Stefanie

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2026 07:07 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please save Dog Play for Life. This is the only time the dogs get out of their concrete kennel for enrichment and it's a vital program to help maintain their mental health in order to get adopted. If you eliminate it you are sentencing them to a life of torture and abandonment. Would you do this to humans??

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**Name:** Laura Claus

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**Name:** Jill Puffer

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not take outdoor playtime from the dogs in shelters. These dogs spend their lives alone in a concrete cell. Please don't sentence them to lives without a tiny bit of freedom. It's such a minimal part of your budget ... please have a heart and care.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alejandra Medrano

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2026 08:43 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** People experiencing vehicular homelessness deserve to keep their resources to be able to get back on their feet and eventually have a place they can call home. Safe Parking LA has not only provided safe lots for hard working individuals to sleep in, it has also provided meals, blankets, clothing for work interviews, lot host nights to keep our community safe and together. The participation of the volunteers have made our lots feel like home for many. While SPLA provides the financial support with vehicle registration and road side assistance, many of the participants are able to continue to go to work and keep their peace knowing their home which is their vehicle. Removing program like Safe Parking LA not only removes all the safety provided but connection to others and normalcy.