

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Sale

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:17 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Safe Parking Los Angeles and programs like it play a critical role in ensuring the homeless count in Los Angeles doesn't rise further and faster. They are an amazing example of upstream prevention, helping save people from falling further into homelessness before it becomes even more difficult and expensive to support them in getting out of it. I've seen first-hand the power of programs like Safe Parking in giving people - often women and children - a safe alternative to the shelter system. Getting rid of safe parking programs won't save the city money - it will cost it millions more as new people fall into homelessness who could've been more efficiently supported by a safe parking program. Every \$1 spent with a program like Safe Parking LA saves the city dozens more dollars in costs down the line - since people experiencing homelessness require more expensive healthcare and may often end up in jail or prison. It's not only the right decision to keep Safe Parking funding - it's the fiscally responsible one. Jordan Sale CD-10

Communication from Public

Name: Aubrey Lerner
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:17 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, 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 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. Thank you, Aubrey Lerner Marina del Rey

Communication from Public

Name: Erica St John

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a long time LA Animal Services volunteer, a constituent, and an Angeleno who cares deeply 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. How much time have you spent in one of the LA shelters? Most of the hundreds of sad and confused dogs imprisoned in our shelters sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with no walks, no play, no companionship, NO JOY. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. 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 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. Do the right thing here. Thank you, Erica St John Shadow Hills

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Ambrosetti

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:25 AM

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Name: James Roberts

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Communication from Public

Name: Lea Griffin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a taxpayer in Los Angeles, I expect city funds to be used on programs that are both humane and effective. Dogs Playing for Life directly improves adoption outcomes by providing socialization and behavioral insights, things that cannot be assessed in a kennel. Without it, dogs are harder to place and stay in the system longer. For such a minimal cost, eliminating this program would be a poor financial and ethical decision. Please fully fund DPFL and do not let this contract lapse.

Communication from Public

Name: Dayana

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This resource is the HUMANE thing to do. No animal deserves to be locked up in a cage 24/7. They must socialize and leave their cage. We need to be better humans.

Communication from Public

Name: Noel Hannon

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: DPFL playgroups are the only time most LA shelter dogs get out of their kennels, otherwise they are stuck on concrete all day with no walks, no play, nothing. They are also how LA Animal Services learns which dogs can be around others, which directly affects adoptions, rescues, and lifesaving decisions. The program costs a tiny fraction of the city's budget, so please restore funding before June 6 so it does not end July 1.

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Name:

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Name: Tara Avery
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Communication from Public

Name: Abby Kilani
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:52 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Brit Jasperson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing as a Southern California resident who cares deeply about the wellbeing of shelter dogs. Programs like Dogs Playing for Life are not optional luxuries. They are essential. For many dogs, these playgroups are the only time they get to leave their kennel, move their bodies, and experience anything close to a normal life. Without this kind of enrichment, dogs deteriorate mentally and emotionally, which directly impacts their health, behavior, and chances of adoption. Cutting this program doesn't just remove "extra" activity. It takes away their only relief from confinement. Dogs like Ruby, who have already spent months in the shelter, rely on these moments of freedom and connection. Taking that away is not humane, and it does not reflect the values our communities expect from our shelter systems. Please restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life and prioritize the quality of life for the animals in your care. They cannot advocate for themselves, so we must. Brittany Jasperson

Communication from Public

Name: Casey moran

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Safety has been and should continue to be a cornerstone for Los Angeles. This should include protection for the homeless from permanent housing to navigating the struggles of daily life while homeless. This is where “safe parking LA” has done an amazing job providing people with security and hope for their futures. I have personally known people that have worked multiple jobs while still having to sleep in their car just to reduce the anxiety of sleeping on the street. We need to continue to uplift the people that are contributing to our society and our economy, by providing adequate support. Safe parking LA does not just fund spots for their cars to sleep safely, but assists them in finding permanent housing and support through whatever may come up.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex exley

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep funding for the DPFL. Being a long time Volunteer specifically at North central Shelter I have walked dogs that have not left their concrete cell in over 30 days. This was before the dogs playing for life program. This program allows these dogs, these sentient beings to ability have a little reprieve from cells they live in 24 hours a day. There is no excuse for one of the wealthiest states to treat living being so inhumanely. Also, please instill a proper budget for food and medical care for these animals. I have never been so embarrassed to be from a city that is run by a mayor that cares so little about human life. You can change this!!!! There are far more destinies worse than death and taking away the small amount of joy given to them is no life.

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Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Kutcher
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Communication from Public

Name: Brett Hundley

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:10 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Megan Jewell

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing as someone outside Los Angeles who has still seen firsthand how critical Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) is to the wellbeing and survival of shelter dogs. Several of my foster dogs have come through LA Animal Services and participated in DPFL playgroups. I've seen the difference it makes in real dogs. One of those dogs was Dorian. He spent 680 days, nearly two years, at South LA Shelter. Dogs do not come out of that kind of confinement intact without intervention. DPFL gave him structure, socialization, and an outlet that helped him cope. It also gave the shelter valuable insight into his behavior with other dogs, which ultimately made it possible for him to be placed and leave the system alive. Today, he's thriving. Programs like DPFL are foundational. For many dogs, playgroups are the only time they leave their kennels. They directly impact mental health, behavior assessments, adoptability, and lifesaving outcomes. The cost of this program is negligible in the context of the city's overall budget, but the impact is huge. Removing it would have real consequences for the dogs and for the system tasked with caring for them. I strongly urge you to fully fund the DPFL contract in the 2026–27 budget and ensure there is no lapse in this program.



Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rebecca Ricci, and I serve as Chief Program Officer at Village for Vets, where we work daily with unhoused and at-risk veterans across Los Angeles County. I'm here today to strongly urge the City to preserve funding for Safe Parking LA. We partner closely with the Safe Parking LA site on the West LA VA campus, and for many of the veterans we serve, this program is the difference between sleeping safely and returning to the streets. Not all veterans are ready or able to enter shelter, and Safe Parking provides a low-barrier, dignified option that keeps them connected to services while we work to secure permanent housing. When this option exists, we can engage veterans, build trust, and move them toward housing. When it doesn't, we lose them to unsafe conditions, and it becomes significantly harder and more costly to bring them back into care. Cutting this program will not reduce homelessness. It will simply make it more dangerous and more difficult to solve. We respectfully ask that you maintain funding for Safe Parking LA as a critical part of our homelessness response system. Thank you for your time and your leadership.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing as someone with personal stakes in this. Members of my own family have benefited from safe parking services, and I've seen firsthand what these programs do for working people who are one paycheck, one medical bill, or one bad month away from losing everything. The people served by Safe Parking LA, HOPICS, North Valley Caring Services, Shower of Hope, Watts Labor Community Action Committee, and Volunteers of America Los Angeles are not who many imagine when they hear the word "homeless." They are working. They have kids. They are sleeping in their vehicles because rent in this city has outpaced what their jobs can cover, and they are trying to hold on long enough to find their way back into housing. Many of them are also people for whom traditional shelter is not an option. Some are ineligible because of family composition, pets, work schedules, or rules that would separate couples. Others have lived through trauma that makes congregate shelter settings genuinely unsafe for their mental health and recovery. For these veterans, women, individuals and families, their vehicle is not just where they sleep. It is the one place that still feels like theirs. Safe parking sites give them somewhere clean, secure, and supervised to spend the night, with case managers and housing navigators on site. Without these programs, those same vehicles do not disappear. They end up parked on residential streets, in front of homes and businesses, without bathrooms, without trash service, and without anyone helping the people inside them move forward. Defunding safe parking does not solve homelessness. It pushes it into driveways and neighborhoods, removes the bridge people need to get back into housing, and abandons hundreds of Angelenos who are already doing the hard work of keeping themselves afloat. I'm asking the Mayor and Council to restore funding for safe parking in the final budget.

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Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name: Gisela

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:16 AM

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Gisela

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Elmowitz
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Mid Wilshire

Communication from Public

Name: Tess Citron

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a volunteer at East Valley shelter 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. Before DPFL, dogs got time out of their kennel with a volunteer on average once every 7 - 10 days. This is not only inhumane, but it results in dogs exhibiting adverse behaviors due to stress, heightening liability and reducing adoptability. 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. Every single adoption or rescue I have been a part of has been dependent on notes made during playgroup. 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. Thank you, Tess Citron Van Nuys, CA

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OOB Maine

Communication from Public

Name: Meagan Kaser

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:18 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, If you've ever owned a dog- think about them suffering in their kennels all day long with no reprieve. This thought should absolutely sicken you. 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 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. Dogs are already suffering enough- if you have ever owned a dog- think of them suffering through a kennel all day long. Thank you, Meagan Kaser San Fernando valley

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Name: Kelsey Kobel

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Los Osos

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Communication from Public

Name: Malia Miyashiro-Harmon

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Dogs need their social play time so the volunteers can really get to see a dogs personality! I've spent time at the Chesterfield / South LA shelter as a person looking to foster and ultimately adopting...and I've watched firsthand what DPFL does. Dogs who arrive anxious and reactive become adoptable within weeks because of playgroups — because DPFL is the only structured out-of-kennel time they receive. Without it, those same dogs decompensate, and the city pays for that deterioration in bite settlements (more than \$31.85M since 2023). The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of LA's budget. Cutting it doesn't save money. It just shifts a small fixed cost into unpredictable liability — and it abandons the dogs we claim to care about. Please restore the funding before June 6. Thank you, Malia Miyashiro-Harmon
Tujunga

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa Murphy

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:31 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council member, My name is Alexa Murphy. For the past 8 years I've been a professional in the animal welfare world as a resident in our great city of Los Angeles. In the last year I became a Canine Enrichment Coordinator for Dogs Playing for Life, participating in the contract for enrichment in all 6 LAAS city shelters. I'm writing this email of my own accord to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Please take into serious consideration the insurmountable positive difference DPFL has made in the lives of hundreds of our city's most vulnerable population of canines. Our team is well trained & well versed in meeting the needs of these incredibly misunderstood animals. We do so with the utmost caution and safety guidelines in place. DPFL runs the most successful structured playgroup model for large dogs in the entire country, something that has taken Aimee Sadler, her family, & team literal decades to perfect. If any city desperately needs this continued behaviorally studied sort of enrichment, it's LA. 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 learn crucially important things about every dog, such as how they behave when being handled by people they've never met, and how they behave around other dogs. Within this program these dogs make positive progress faster than most would believe possible. It may seem like a small thing, but for hundreds of dogs, that information drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. 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. Thank you, Alexa Murphy North Hollywood, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Scallon
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:33 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a former LA Animal Services volunteer, I have seen firsthand how essential Dogs Playing for Life is at Harbor Shelter. And, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I help run two networking pages where we share photos and videos of Harbor Shelter dogs. DPFL notes have been invaluable to us. Prior to DPFL, when a potential foster or adopter contacted us to see if a dog was “dog friendly”, it could take days to weeks for staff to get us this information. Thanks to DPFL, there are now notes and videos that we are able to share. This has resulted not only in more dogs getting out of the shelter but also more dogs finding appropriate homes (making it less likely that a dog will be returned to the shelter). Additionally, 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. In conclusion, 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 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. Thank you, Jane Scallon
Former Harbor Shelter volunteer

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Avalos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:35 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Rainbow Services, Ltd. Urges Full Funding for CIFD Survivor Survivors and LAHSA CoC Planning Dear City of LA Budget and Finance Committee Members: My name is Linda Avalos, and I'm writing as a staff member of Rainbow Services, Ltd., an organization serving survivors of domestic violence for more than 40 years. Rainbow Services is headquartered in San Pedro, within City Council District 15. We are encouraged by the level funding proposed for CIFD's Survivor Supportive Services budget, totaling \$12.3M in General Funds— this amount is essential for maintaining vital beds and services. Level funding ensures that the historic 32% increase in DV shelter beds in the City of LA is maintained. These beds are critically important, given that 41% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. We urge the City Council to approve the full \$12.3 million in General Funds requested for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27. We are also greatly concerned about the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ability to perform critical functions for the broader Continuum of Care (CoC) under the current funding levels proposed. As it stands, the \$791.7M proposed for CoC Planning is inadequate to ensure LAHSA has the capacity to submit renewal requests to HUD, including DV Bonus funding, a crucial housing resource for survivors. The current proposal also does not fully fund the capacity needed to support work under the Domestic Violence Support Services Only Grant (DV-SSO); LAHSA DV staffing is instrumental in navigating the complexity of federal policy, as well as supporting DV Regional Coordinators in ensuring survivors access housing and shelter resources. Their collective expertise is essential. We are grateful for the City of LA's firm commitment to survivors, including expanding DV shelter beds and launching programs like Survivors First that offer rapid rehousing with flexible financial assistance and long-term support tailored to their needs. We urge the City to adopt the \$12.3M in General Funds proposed for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27 and adopt LAHSA's requested funding for Continuum of Care planning (\$1.5M) to ensure continuity of HUD funded homeless services for survivors. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services

as well as LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Linda Avalos

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:36 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Julie
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:36 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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. Please do the right thing for the dogs and future pet owners. 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 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Jacobson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:38 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, What is being proposed is barbaric- dogs in shelters are already suffering. 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 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. Thank you, Sean Jacobson Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Meagan Jacobson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:40 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Mihika Reddy
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:40 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Drew Kaser
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:42 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, If you've ever owned a dog- think about them suffering in their kennels all day long with no reprieve. This thought should absolutely sicken you. 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 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. Dogs are already suffering enough- if you have ever owned a dog- think of them suffering through a kennel all day long. Thank you, Drew Kaser
San Fernando valley

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Davis
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:43 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. LA shelter dogs deserve so much more, and this is the bare minimum you can do right now to support them. 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 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Katy Muirhead

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:43 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please restore funding to safe parking programs. I've seen firsthand the good work that programs like Safe Parking LA do for individuals and the community. Without these services, people experiencing vehicular homelessness are vulnerable to slipping further down, which will require larger lifts if we want to support them. Most Angelenos and I want to end homelessness, and one of the myriad of ways to accomplish this is by supporting people who are living in their cars to get back on their feet. It's logical that one of the best ways to reduce homelessness is to help people on the verge of homelessness get into stable housing, and it also happens to be one of the more cost-effective approaches. But beyond that, these are our neighbors and fellow Angelenos, and it is cruel to take away a support system crucial to protecting our most vulnerable members from slipping down through the cracks. Please protect safe parking and fund these important programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Houseman
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:48 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing on behalf of the dogs of the city of LA. Our animals are suffering. Adoptions are down. The population is exploding due to poor spay and neuter (another issue we can work on collectively). And dogs are being sold and testing positive for fentanyl on skid row. We need to do better. Dogs Playing for Life is the only lifeline our shelter dogs have left. It allows them time outside, to socialize and have their needs met, while allowing for shelter staff to assess their behavior, their temperament, and whether they'd be a good dinner guest at a housewarming party. They deserve this. And so do our housewarming parties. Man's best friend does not belong pacing alone on a concrete slab. I am sure many of you have pets. And many of you have even adopted or rescued those pets from our city (my own dog, Brinkley, is from the Rancho Cucamonga shelter). Can you imagine your pet alone in a cage for 120 days? It's unconscionable. We shouldn't treat future family like that. Please consider the importance of DPFL when you define your budgets. It's time to be dog's best friend and stand up for your four-legged constituents. This is a bi-pawtisan issue. Thanks for the time, Lauren

Communication from Public

Name: Marguerite Brokaw

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:48 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Angeleno who cares deeply about the well being of our city's shelter dogs, I'm asking you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026 to 2027 budget. For many dogs in Los Angeles shelters, these playgroups are the only time they get outside of their kennels. Without this program, dogs can spend weeks confined to concrete runs with no walks, no play, and no meaningful interaction. These playgroups also give LA Animal Services and their volunteers critical insight into each dog's behavior with other dogs. That information plays a major role in adoption decisions, rescue placements, and overall outcomes for these animals. The cost of this contract is extremely small compared to the city's overall budget, but the impact is enormous. Losing it would be a serious step backward for animal welfare in Los Angeles. PLEASE restore funding for this program before the Council finalizes the budget on June 6. It is important that this work continues without interruption on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: David Hawkins
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:48 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please restore DPFLFunding - 2026-27 Budget DPFL are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels for 24 hours a day - no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are how LAAS 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 DPFL contract is less than 1/100th of the 1% of LA's 14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6th budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Zalewski
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:49 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a landlord in the city of Los Angeles who recently housed someone who thankfully was in Safe Parking previous to moving in. She is a young woman who has a son, who at the time was twelve. All I knew when I showed her the apartment was that she was living in her car, and I was terrified. The things that can happen in this city to the vulnerable unhoused are unimaginable. We've all heard the stories, and every one of us sitting here today is lucky to not be in that living situation. When she told me she was safe due to Safe Parking LA, I looked up the program and sighed with relief. While still not ideal for a young mom and child, this program provided safety for them. It allowed her and her son to get a night's rest before he had to be at school the next morning. It allowed her to sleep with both eyes shut. If you take away this program, the amount of extra damage done to the unhoused will be on your shoulders.

Communication from Public

Name: Silvia Subuyuj

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:52 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi! I would like to ask the city to fully fund Dogs Play For Life, this is our money and we have the right to decide what we want our tax money to fund. We need to change our shelter system through shelter interventions and education. By funding this program we all able to assess dogs behavior and help better match them with potential adopters and most importantly animals need daily enrichment so they don't develop unwanted behaviors. Do the right thing we are all watching and keeping record.

Communication from Public

Name: Cat Edwards

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:54 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As bad as our Homelessness crisis still is, why on earth eliminate budget for Safe Parking???? This is essential intervention that we must keep to continue the work already started. LA resident 90230 Cat Edwards

Communication from Public

Name: Shanna Eddings-Shields

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:54 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Wendy

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 11:57 PM

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Los Angeles County

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Wynne

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:00 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass, I respectfully ask that you do not drastically cut the LA Animal Services budget, slashing funds allotted for food, medicine, & programs providing vital exercise & enrichment to shelter dogs. We want Los Angeles to serve as an example to how the rest of the country should treat animals. Cutting these vitally important services would negatively impact Angelenos and our local pets and animals, and would have negative effects on our city and communities. More than ever our animals are considered part of our community and we owe them humane treatment and the most basic services. Let's keep the animals vaccinated to keep disease under control and keep them fed and housed to keep as many off the street and in safe shelter, as possible. It is a mark of our humanity how we treat our animals. Thank you. Patrick, East Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Lucas
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:04 AM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:07 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a former employee of the non-profit organization Safe Parking LA, I know just how many thousands of people will be impacted in the years to come by the proposed city budget that has been put forward without safe parking funding allocated. While working for the organization, I witnessed and was devastated by just how many people fall through the cracks of the system, even with the organization's attempts to make eligibility requirements as low-barrier as possible. There are unhoused individuals who own pets which makes them ineligible for a shelter bed. If that person owns a vehicle then they know they will not be separated from their beloved companions. Families often live together in a vehicle and would prefer not to be separated. Many unhoused individuals opt to live in their vehicles because it is the only shelter they own "rent free" and gives them respite from the noise and external stimuli of their offered alternatives. Safe parking sites offer unhoused community members dignity, as they have access to bathroom facilities overnight, as well as a dedicated case manager who works with them to find suitable housing long-term. It would be an absolute disgrace to limit these services. The work that's being done within safe parking programs is undeniably a major asset to the city and its community members. Please reconsider and include funding towards these vital lifelines.

Communication from Public

Name: Marsella Allen

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:29 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask all government officials Council member and Mayor Bass to Restore funding for "Dogs Playing for life".at LAAS. Los Angeles Animal Shelters need more money and an overhaul in management and administration and accountability. Cutting funding for Animal Services for Animals who don't have a voice is discriminatory, anti inclusion and plain backwards and shows plain lack of basic humanity. All Animals are sentient beings and deserve to be treated fairly. No more animal killings under the word Euthanasia. Instead Mayor Bass and every government official and City Council member should manage the tax payer money better, with honesty and be accountable for where the money is going and what is actually accomplishing.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa M
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:34 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Su

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:41 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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. You people are heartless and insane for trying to cut essentially all services after we barely stopped you monsters from closing all the shelters a few months ago last year

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:51 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue funding that is immediately a desperately needed for so many LA County residents 400+ and counting who are displaced at no fault of their own. Safe Parking LA provides immediate relief and shelter for so many who need the resources of a safe place to temporarily park without fear of removal or violence, the chance to use a temporary shower or restroom facility and access outreach programs with case management to come up with a plan to rehouse these people in a proper affordable home. I myself am very much at risk to be homeless and would need a safe place to park and lay my head suffering from incurable illnesses. Anything can happen at anytime to anyone of us to become a victim to these unfortunate circumstances. Eldery, Disabled, Men, Women and Children all deserve a chance including the 80 percent of people who have income and can't afford housing. Safe Parking fills a gap for those pets, belongings or jobs with odd hours. Shelters are already at capacity every day with four legged loved ones this benefits animals and animal shelters as well. Other options are limited and more costly such as shelter/interim and motel based housing. Also allows people to hold on to vehicles which are desperately needed. Many will find immediate comfort in the upcoming months, days knowing that if they're immediately displaced from housing there's a safe place to park and lay their head and start process of getting immediate help. There are more important things to the county and city of Los Angeles then cleaning up public image for Olympics and possibly allocating funds and resources to benefit the event. The People of Los Angeles should always come first. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosa FioGraphic

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:54 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi :) I am not a LA resident but I am resident of instagram. I have watched “Friends of North Central LA animal shelter”, along with others, put countless amounts of effort into the daily lives, rehoming, and saving of these animals. I have also watched really, really smart, good, dogs be put down for reasons they shouldn’t have to account for. I have also watched the Herculean efforts of volunteers, rescues, and just good people help many of these animals into giving them a good and better life- while in shelters and into regular good homes. Recently it has been brought to my attention and the attention of others that a decision for funding has come up regarding funding for the shelters and different programs they offer for the animals. I am very sorry as I am not well versed in this, but I do know that consideration for some of the enrichment programs are up. Please consider renewing or ok-ing :) this as I have watched many, many good animals and dogs be extremely overwhelmed because they are so smart and aware. Being able to be taken out in a play yard or to interact with volunteers gives these animals a chance to make sense of the situation, is good for the overall well being, and generally is just the more humane thing to do. I truly believe it helps the animals move faster, as in moving faster into good homes and they are more apt to be seen as passer-bys can now notice them- whether it be walking to and from, or in better spirits and adjustment as opposed to hiding in the cubby of their kennels. Please consider renewing or ok- ing :) any of the funding to help these animals and great people. Thank you for taking the time to read this as I know you many, many things and items on your desk and plate. Below is an excerpt referencing the items Thank you An attachment is provided as well re: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life 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 how LAS 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. Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:30 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE contract in the 2026-2027 contract. Without this, dogs sit in their concrete kennels with no interaction or training. It causes kennel stress, anxiety, and more chance of dog bite. It is cruel and inhumane to kennel these dogs and not allow them to stretch their legs, run around, and have real human contact. Just further creates a more harmful environment and lowers their chance at adoption and their mental health suffers. Please vote to fund this and end the cruelty. LET THE DOGS PLAY.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabbie Metheny

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:32 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There is so much to say about the mayor's proposed budget and how it does not reflect the priorities of everyday Angelenos, but there are three specific things I want to call out. First is the unbelievable choice to cut the Safe Parking program, which provides irreplaceable services for Angelenos experiencing vehicular homelessness, relying instead on the mayor's flawed and controversial Inside Safe program. The second is the declaration that future Airbnb revenue counts towards the City's funds, revenue that would come from a staggering 31,000 new vacation rentals when what we actually need is more housing for our own residents. And finally, the third is the decision to add 500 more armed officers to the LAPD when what Angelenos have asked for time and again is more unarmed crisis responders - something, by the way, that the Mayor claims she supports even while providing no new funding for it. The City doesn't need more short-term rentals or failed solutions to homelessness and our other problems: it needs Safe Parking, it needs real housing for our residents, it needs enforcement against illegal short-term rentals, and it needs to fund UMCR so that we aren't pouring half of our discretionary budget into an LAPD that does not protect or serve us.