

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie R.

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:44 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is [Name], and I'm an LA resident. I'm here today to urge you to support this proposal because it is both a fiscally responsible investment and a direct investment in services our community relies on. It brings \$14 million in outside funding to strengthen LA Animal Services without relying on taxpayer dollars today. By investing in staffing, efficiency, and proven programs, we reduce costly outcomes like overcrowding and crisis response. This is about using resources wisely to improve services for both animals and our community. Please approve this investment. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hilary Nash

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:57 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Shelter dogs need time outside! It's cruel not too allow this. All dogs need a chance. You don't want this haunting you on your deathbed. Please support animal shelters and the staff that work there to make it safe, comfortable and supportive place for the animals and the staff.

Communication from Public

Name: Cara Johnson

Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 07:11 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully restore DPFL funding and allow shelter dogs a small amount of respite from the stress of shelter life!

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Ramirez
Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 08:25 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting this comment in strong support of continued and increased funding for Safe Parking programs in Los Angeles. I am currently a parent experiencing homelessness and living in my car with my children. Programs like Safe Parking are not just helpful—they are necessary for safety, stability, and survival. Without safe places to park, families like mine are left vulnerable to harassment, unsafe conditions, and constant fear. Safe Parking programs provide a secure environment where we can rest at night, access basic services, and begin working toward stable housing. They also help us stay connected to caseworkers and resources that are critical for getting back on our feet. As a parent, my priority is protecting my children. Having a safe and legal place to park would reduce stress, improve our well-being, and allow my children to have some sense of normalcy during a very difficult time. I urge the City of Los Angeles to invest in and expand Safe Parking programs so more families like mine have access to safety and support. These programs are a vital part of addressing homelessness in a humane and effective way. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Bowen
Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 05:47 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not end the Support for Dogs Playing for Life. It is integral to the health of the animals before adoption and helps reduce their anxiety making them better candidates for adoption.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:47 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Name: Tania
Date Submitted: 04/29/2026 12:29 AM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 05:27 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: “Hi, My name is Taylor from the NoHo neighborhood in LA. I am calling on the council to support the Charter Reform Commission’s recommendation to DOUBLE RAP's allocation. Our parks are in dire need of funding, and I am asking the council to vote yes to move this to the November ballot. Fund our parks now. Double Recreation and Parks Allocation. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Wharton

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:24 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE fully fund the Dogs Play For Life (DPFL) contract 2026-2027. This program is absolutely CRITICAL for the well-being of staff, volunteers, the public, and dogs. Our shelters are busting at the seams with too many animals dying and never enough cleaning or volunteers to take them all out safely. DPFL is the most cost-effective strategy for the safety of staff, volunteers, the public, and dogs. There is no way to downplay the crisis that we are in, and making this cut would negatively impact our communities. Dogs get to get out of their small kennels maybe once a week with this program, but without it, dogs could sit in small kennels for months. We are a civilized nation, and that is unacceptable. I want my tax dollars to support the mental well-being of shelter dogs by renewing the DPFL contract. DPFL is an organization that has proven to be professional, knowledgeable, and most importantly, has demonstrated the importance of playgroups for dogs. Please do not take away this highlight in such an overwhelmingly sad situation. I implore you to renew the Dogs Play For Life (DPFL) contract 2026-2027. Please don't let it lapse for the good of our communities and for the dogs.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:37 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As an Angeleno and long time shelter volunteer who cares about our city's shelter animals, I'm writing to urge you to please protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services in the FY 2026-27 budget. Shelter medicine, medical supplies, food, and enrichment through Dogs Playing for Life are not optional. LAAS has already faced chronic underfunding, and donations should not be used to backfill basic medical and food costs year after year. I am especially asking the City to protect funding for veterinary and medical care, food, and Dogs Playing for Life, while also strengthening prevention through spay/neuter funding and the Citywide Cat Program. 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 and rescue pulls. I have been volunteering since before DPFL when dogs were only getting out of their kennels once every 1 to 2 months for enrichment. There just aren't enough dog walking volunteers to provide regular enrichment for the number of dogs. It cannot go back to that! A new general manager and outside partnership do not replace the City's responsibility to fund humane sheltering. Please do not balance this budget on the backs of sheltered animals. Fund the basics. Protect prevention. Give LAAS the resources it needs to care for animals humanely and safely. Thank you, Kristina South Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:43 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Marisa Stewart

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is a horrible thing. Please don't take away the few minutes these great dogs have outside of their cold, hard cement kennels. The thought to take this away from them makes me sick. Please please don't torture these dogs! Let them have a little time to be happy and just be a dog. Don't take this time away from them!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Bryson
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:33 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: James Spane

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:24 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. I am a professional engineer and I spend my free time volunteering at the LA animal shelters working with the dogs. They already lack a lot of care and attention due to strained resources and lack of staff to support the number of dogs in the shelter. DPFL gives them a much needed break that volunteers can't provide alone. It also increases their adoption potential as they are able to improve their social behavior and have fun. Even the videos and photos from the play group are used for adoption purposes.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Figge

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:39 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please support the offer of help by Best Friends and ASPCA for L.A. animal services. Our city is failing in its duty to help animals find homes. This is a great opportunity and needs to be embraced.

Communication from Public

Name: TRACEY maestro
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:54 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the play for life contract 2026-27

Communication from Public

Name: Tatia
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:49 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut funds for animal services!

Communication from Public

Name: Celeste Lopez

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 02:37 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Nancy

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:37 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT THE FUNDS!!! To the Animal Services Budget!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Santos-Stoudnor

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 04:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding 26-600 I am beseeching the City Council and Mayor Bass NOT to approve the budget cuts to LA Animal Services as proposed by Mayor Karen Bass that would significantly cut the funds that are vital for food, medicine, and enrichment programs like exercise and behavior socialization that are necessary for the health and wellness of the animals. In addition to appropriate safe housing, good nutrition, and veterinary care when necessary, exercise, socialization, enrichment programs are mandatory in order to assist the animals in getting adopted. Community education and outreach are also imperative and work hand in hand in preventing problems of pet over population, pet abandonment and animal abuse. With LA opening itself up to the world eyes and bring put in the world stage with the World Cup and and the upcoming 2028 Olympics, we need to show the world that at we are a community who knows how to treat and care for all it's inhabitants great and small. And that humane treatment is extended to all. Los Angeles can be the progressive shining example how we approach everything from the exploding population, the unhoused and the most vulnerable amongst us.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren M Lynley
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:56 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a long time resident of Los Angeles and I'm absolutely appalled at the utter lack of wisdom and compassion displayed by the office of Mayor Bass and the City Council with regard to the slashing of an already depleted, seriously under-funded budget for animal services. Los Angeles is a world class city; tourists flock here by the millions every year. The world is greatly influenced, for better or worse, by the entertainment industry located primarily in Los Angeles. Our media and politicians are very good at talking the talk but it less so walking the walk. It is imperative to restore and increase funds for animal protective services in the city of Los Angeles. This will absolutely be a primary issue for me when I vote this year, and I am not alone in this. I will not be voting for anyone who advocated slashing the animal protection services budget. The animals of this city and the people who love them deserve better than what we've been getting. The taxes and cost of living is sky high here so I have to ask: where is all the money going? City officials are elected to carry out the will of the people and to act in our best interests. We expect you to do your jobs effectively and with decency, honour, and compassion. I have seen very little of these qualities expressed in so many of the actions of this current administration. Do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracey
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:25 AM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:10 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reallocate future budget to animal services where we are as LA residents wish it to be. Listen to our voice please!! Animals are treated badly in shelter condition. Also shelter capacity are limited to serve these vulnerable livings. We want humanity. We want those animal safe.

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Name: Preston McGarvey
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:34 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: haley mostofi

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing because losing the Dogs Playing for Life program is genuinely upsetting. Without it, shelter dogs aren't just "waiting". They're stuck in concrete kennels all day with no walks, no play, no relief. It's not humane. These playgroups are also how shelters understand a dog's behavior and give them a real shot at adoption. Without that, more dogs get overlooked or mislabeled. This program costs almost nothing compared to the city budget, but losing it has huge consequences. If we say we care about animals, this is where it actually matters. Please don't let this program disappear.
Sincerely, Haley Mostofi

Communication from Public

Name: Dustin Purdy

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:48 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Kacy

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I can't believe this is happening but we've lost the thread on Genesis where we're tasked with caring for all things. 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. Doing so will not stand Thank you, Kacy
Boccumini Miracle Mile

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Stull
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:12 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to fund

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Gray
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:45 PM
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Thank you, Mary Gray

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:50 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Daniel Chavez and I work for ACE. I am asking that you protect and increase funding for GRYD and community violence intervention. Protecting and increasing GRYD's budget matters to me because I've seen what happens when those resources are not there. Protecting and increasing GRYD's budget means more opportunities for used to be guided instead of loss, more support for families, and more boots on the ground, preventing violence before it starts. This work is not theory to me. It is real life. GRYD isn't just a program. It is a lifeline.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Herzer
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:29 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please vote the Dogs Playing for Life into the 2026-2027 budget
!! This is crucial for shelter dogs !!