

Communication from Public

Name: Carla Garcia

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:26 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to fund Dogs Play For Life at our city shelters 2026-2027. Dogs get to get out of their small kennels maybe once a week with this program but without it dogs could set in small kennels maybe once 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 DPFL contract.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Revy

Date Submitted: 04/30/2026 08:23 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: No new taxes of any kind, including the proposed new property tax to fund the parks. Cut the fraudulent spending first. Massive cuts to everything besides police and fire. No new taxes.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Cerra

Date Submitted: 05/01/2026 06:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to urge you to please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DFFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. As both a volunteer at my local shelter and a Mom/adpoter of a shelter dog, I can't say enough about the gravity of keeping DFFL program alive. DFFL 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 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. When dogs have exposure to fresh air and play, it greatly reduces their stress, which also greatly reduces stress on shelter staff. The DFFL 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 fully fund DFFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your attention.

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Name: David

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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. 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. The Department's own interim GM, Annette Ramirez, warned the Committee in writing on April 21 that cutting DPFL will negatively affect shelter dogs' physical and behavioral health, decrease adoptability, and increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget — a small fraction of what the city has paid in dog bite settlements over three years. Cutting it converts a small, predictable cost into unpredictable liability. Please vote to restore DPFL funding before the Committee report on May 15. Thank you, David Bensimon South Bay

Communication from Public

Name: ALEXA K AFTIAS-MERTZ

Date Submitted: 05/01/2026 07:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing as a constituent and an Angeleno who cares deeply about our city's shelter dogs to ask that you fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. DPFL playgroups are often the only time dogs get out of their kennels. Without them, many dogs are left sitting in concrete enclosures all day — no walks, no play, no real stimulation. These playgroups also provide critical insight into how each dog behaves around other dogs, which directly impacts adoptions, rescue placements, and overall outcomes. The cost of the DPFL contract is extremely small — less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget — but the impact is huge. Losing it would be a serious step backward. Please consider restoring DPFL funding before the Council finalizes the budget on June 6. It would be a shame to see such an important program end on July 1. Thank you for your time and consideration.