

Communication from Public

Name: Jean

Date Submitted: 05/02/2026 12:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 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 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 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/02/2026 06:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is [your name] and I'm a constituent in [your neighborhood / CD#]. I am calling as your constituent to urge you to fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. This isn't just about the animals — it's about who we are. Thank you.

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Name: Nicole
Date Submitted: 05/02/2026 07:01 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent 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 please please help these dogs stay healthy, happy and get outside. They are sentient beings and have been loyal domesticated pets for centuries. Please think about your own pets you've loved and how all deserve to be treated well and loved. We must care for animals and protect them as they were here first and they are so innocent and we need to care for them as what else is more important in this world than protecting those who cannot speak for themselves such as animals and kids... the environment always gives back when we prioritize it. I really believe the world would be a better place if we all helped in this way. Not for greed not for money, but for love and doing the right thing, because we care and are here for a short time so we must not do any damage. We all must leave it better than we found it and that is a legacy we can all be proud to leave behind. Please remember, 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 so much in advance for considering this heartfelt message. Thank you for empathizing and relating to these words. Thank you for doing your part to help. The more people that lead the way in doing right which in this case is by helping animals, then others will be inspired to follow. It's a ripple effect of good that we must be courageous enough to stand for. Or else what are we all doing here. We have the power to change the world for good whether in tiny or big ways, but if we all come together and do our part it will be remarkable to see how much better it is.