

Communication from Public

Name: Randye Saunders

Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 11:41 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member, I am a tax payer and resident of Los Angeles. I am extremely concerned and strongly opposed to the proposal to cut food and medical spending and the funding for Dogs Playing For Life contract at our animal shelters. Please restore the FOOD AND MEDICAL budget and fully fund the DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL 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 1st.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacey McRae

Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 03:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: ? Fully fund LA Animal Services at \$31.8 million ? Restore funding for dog and cat food and medical supplies ? Fully fund the spay/neuter voucher program ? Restore the Dogs Playing For Life program ? Approve the historic Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership

Communication from Public

Name: Hope Danvers

Date Submitted: 05/13/2026 05:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the Los Angeles City Council to fully fund the LA Animal Services Department at its requested level of \$31.8 million for 2026 - 27. I ask you to restore funding for dog and cat food, medical supplies, spay/neuter vouchers, and the Dogs Playing For Life program, and to approve the historic Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. These investments protect animals and our communities. Please do the right thing animal lives are important and matter

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 07:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funding for community cats spay/neuter.

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Name: Cassandra Cook
Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 11:57 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: To the Los Angeles City Budget Committee, I am writing as a Los Angeles resident to strongly support increased funding for spay and neuter programs in the City budget. Preventive programs like these are one of the most effective and humane ways to reduce animal overpopulation, overcrowded shelters, stray populations, and unnecessary euthanasia. Many residents and rescue organizations are already overwhelmed trying to care for abandoned and stray animals. Expanding access to affordable or free spay/neuter services would help reduce the burden on shelters, improve public health and safety, and save taxpayer money long term by decreasing intake and emergency animal care costs. These animals deserve better, and they depend on us to help protect and care for them. We have a responsibility to support humane solutions that prevent suffering before it happens. Please prioritize and increase funding for citywide spay and neuter initiatives so that more residents can access these services before the problem grows further. Humane prevention is far more effective than reacting after shelters are already beyond capacity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Rangel

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 01:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is abominable that the city is considering cutting funding for the animals which enter our City shelters. The City is not even tackling the pet overpopulation crisis, and now they are considering turning their backs on the very animals who come into their shelters. We as a City have a responsibility to care for every part of it. It is unfathomable to consider cutting food and medication for our animals while we spend extravagantly for the upcoming Olympics. DO NOT CUT the budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Periel Stanfield

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 01:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Karen Bass doesn't care about animals. (But L.A. voters do and we are watching) It's obvious. If her incompetency and inaction didn't prove it, her proposed budget does. Mayor Bass' budget allocates ZERO dollars for animal food. ZERO. What?? This is the most outrageous proposal I have seen in my life. ZERO money for the most basic requirement of a shelter. The mayor wants shelters to rely on donations to feed the animals? This is absolutely unacceptable. Her proposed budget cuts medical care by nearly 90 percent!! She doesn't care if sick and injured animals suffer and go untreated and gives an excuse to kill them. This horrible budget eliminates a critical enrichment program, Playing for Life that gives shelter dogs a chance to get out of the prison or their kennels and help them be more adoptable. These are not extras. This is basic care. When you remove food, medical treatment, and enrichment, you are not saving money—you are increasing suffering and euthanasia. Relying on donations to feed shelter animals is not a plan. It's an abdication of responsibility. Please do not approve a budget that leaves animals hungry, untreated, and deteriorating in city shelters. These cuts will not save money in the long term. They will create worse outcomes, higher operational strain, and more animals dying unnecessarily. Los Angeles used to be an example for the rest of the country, now people from other states see our shelter system in shambles and the mayor not making the situation better but much worse! It's a disgrace! Los Angeles has the opportunity to lead with compassion and evidence-based policy. This proposal does the opposite. I urge you to: * Restore funding for animal food as a guaranteed budgeted necessity * Reinstate adequate medical supply funding * Preserve Playing for Life and any enrichment programs that improve adoption outcomes and reduce euthanasia * Reject any budget that shifts the burden of basic care onto donations The measure of a city is reflected in how it treats the most vulnerable. These animals have no voice in this process. Please do not approve a budget that leaves them hungry, untreated, and deteriorating in our care. Sincerely- Periel Stanfield

Communication from Public

Name: Pauline

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 02:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The stray and feral cat population in LA is out of control. It can't be managed by shelters or fosters or community feeders. It can only be helped with increased funding for spay and neuter services. Increased funding now will save money down the road as the populations decrease. Please don't miss this opportunity to make a big impact.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Vogel

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 05:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funding for spay and neuter. This is so obvious! And if done, it will drastically reduce not only the costs needed for shelters, but also a lot of suffering.

Communication from Public

Name: Joei

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 06:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is beyond past due for the City to restore this critical unit. The proposed budget already includes more than 500 new LAPD positions, and we are urging Los Angeles to dedicate positions to reestablishing a dedicated Animal Cruelty Task Force. Protecting animals from torture and abuse must once again be treated as a serious public safety priority. Los Angeles cannot claim to value public safety while allowing animal cruelty crimes to go unchecked.”

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Name: Tom Beyer
Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 06:14 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: please increase spay/neuter funding

Communication from Public

Name: Tami Chikami
Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 06:37 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funding for spay and neutering as well as animal shelters. Too many animals are dying unnecessarily.