

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Cole

Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 04:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Support Full Funding for Survivor Services in LA City Budget (Council File: 26-0600) Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Lauren Cole, and I am a board member of Haven Hills, a domestic violence organization serving survivors and families across Los Angeles. I am writing in support of full funding for survivor services in the City's FY 26-27 budget. I urge you to adopt the proposed \$12.3 million in General Funds for CIFD Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. These services are critical, especially as many individuals experiencing homelessness have a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, LAHSA will be unable to sustain key programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources. Additionally, I encourage the City to: * Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire * Maintain strong workforce development programs like LA: RISE Los Angeles has made meaningful progress in expanding services for survivors, and this is a critical moment to protect and build on that progress. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services and LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Lauren Cole

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Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 04:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: "I would like 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."

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 10:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I call on the LA City Council to fully fund all animal shelters in the city so volunteers can focus on properly caring for animals in the system. Failure to do so will only exacerbate the ongoing animal homelessness and euthanasia crises in LA.

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Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 11:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?chnumber=26-0600&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=11078ea0-082a-411c-bb77-33c3e36c5868> "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!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Fiedler

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 11:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The City must increase the proposed spay/neuter funding by at least \$1 million. This investment would support 10,000–13,000 additional surgeries annually and is one of the only real solutions to the shelter overcrowding crisis. Without expanded spay/neuter access: *Shelter overcrowding will worsen *Roaming and abandoned animal populations will continue to grow *Intake pressure on already overwhelmed shelters will increase At the same time, the City must RESTORE the slashed funding for: *Animal Food budget: Increase from the proposed \$0 to \$200,000 (minimum needed) *Medical Supplies funding: Increase from the proposed \$48,968 to \$388,591 (minimum needed) *Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) Restore \$1.53 Million (minimum needed) for the final year of the contract. The program is one of the only ways shelter dogs get enrichment and structured time out of kennels. Food, medicine, and humane care are NOT optional budget line items, they are the bare minimum required to meet the City's legal and statutory obligations to animals in its custody. **Denying shelter animals adequate food, medical treatment, and basic enrichment during an overcrowding crisis is inhumane and unacceptable. ***The priorities of our world have become deeply concerning. For example, as of today, the United States government has spent nearly \$30 Billion on a current war conflict, and close to \$200 Billion on other ongoing wars and military support efforts. Even a small fraction of these funds could create life-changing impacts for vulnerable animals in need. Local governments, including Los Angeles, have also faced criticism over budget priorities and spending decisions while animal welfare organizations and shelters remain underfunded. We have the ability to choose compassion. Please do the honorable thing and support strong investment and support in animal care, rescue, protection, and humane services. Innocent animals are depending on us. I respectfully ask the City of Los Angeles to make animal welfare a greater priority in future budget decisions. These innocent animals cannot speak for themselves — they are depending on us to act with compassion, responsibility, and humanity. Thank you kindly.

Communication from Public

Name: Janine Milne

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 11:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not understand the proposed cuts to many of the VITAL services at L.A. Animal Services. They must be reversed immediately. To not have food, medical and enrichment for dogs outside their kennels (DPL) is shameful. Leaving dogs inside a small cement kennel 24 hours a day is quite frankly animal abuse, as is not having adequate money for medical care and food. We have one of the richest cities in the country! Already LAAS neglects dogs medically in their care, as I have repeatedly personally encountered. In multiple instances small medical needs of dogs were not dealt with, causing infections that abscessed and suffering on the part of the poor dog. We have had to get dogs out and raise money for their care, LAAS felt that killing them was the right action, sadly. Often for medical issues they caused or exacerbated. Angelenos do not want a shelter system that has so little regard for one of the most vulnerable populations in our city. This will be noted as happening on your and Mayor Bass's watch if allowed, a disturbing legacy. Please act on the following:
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Food, medicine, and humane care are not optional budget line items, they are the bare minimum required to meet the City's legal and statutory obligations to animals in its custody. Denying shelter animals adequate food, medical treatment, and basic enrichment during an overcrowding crisis is inhumane and unacceptable. Much of this is happening because of the neglect of this city to implement known spay/neuter practices which are proven to reduce animal population. The continual degrading of monies to support LAAS, and the backward approach of the city has rendered the over crowding conditions currently being seen. Angelenos want a progressive approach to animal welfare- not the unnecessary killings we are seeing. Under your and the Mayors watch, animal killings went up almost 40 PERCENT in the beginning of 2026, despite intakes being down. This must stop.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Seeman

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 12:03 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Tamekia Strayhorn

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 12:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the founder of Here To Help Foundation that has 2 locations in District 8. We are a access center that provides homeless services. These services are essential to the community and save lives.

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Name: Donna Wells

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Name: Wendy Miranda
Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 01:12 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, My name is Wendy Miranda and I am with Esperanza Community Housing. I am writing to express my strong support for RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers. We urge you to fund RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. As an Angeleno deeply committed to ensuring the rights of immigrant communities in Los Angeles, I believe that continuing the work of RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers is critical. RepresentLA has made significant strides in its mission, serving over 21,000 people since 2022, including survivors of labor trafficking, asylum seekers, and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This legal aid program has been key in providing critical legal services to vulnerable and diverse immigrant communities who otherwise would not be represented. The City of Los Angeles has already defended thousands of Angeleno families against family separations through the LA Justice Fund and now RepresentLA since 2017, increased funding will only help further this commitment. Day Labor Centers play a vital role in developing the workforce and helping workers assert their rights—through education, outreach, wage recovery support, and legal referrals. Yet despite this essential work, they have increasingly been targeted by immigration enforcement, with more than 20 raids in the past year and over 100 people taken. Under the Trump Administration, federal immigration enforcement raids and activity have heightened fear in immigrant communities, showcasing that it is more critical than ever to expand and strengthen RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers' essential services. Given this climate, it is imperative that we continue, expand, and solidify RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers' essential services. As we approach the upcoming fiscal year's budget discussions, I urge you to include \$3 million for RepresentLA and \$3 million for Day Labor Centers in the City's proposed budget for 2026-2027. This is critical to prevent any interruption in the crucial services that RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers provide to our most vulnerable immigrant communities at this extremely difficult time for our communities. Your voice as the leader of the City of LA holds powerful influence and respect. I urge you to support funding for the RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Wendy Miranda