

Communication from Public

Name: Stacey Kaplow

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 08:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget committee members, Please allocate funds to Dogs Playing For Life. It would be catastrophic to cut this program. Please keep LA a humane city! Thank you

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Name: Sebastian Brock
Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 08:34 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Karen Bass and Mayoral Team, Our Transgender, Gender Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) community has waited far too long for meaningful investment. As TGI communities face escalating attacks on multiple fronts, words of support are no longer enough. What we need now is real action backed by resources. I am writing to urge you to fully fund TGI WE and ensure its position as a line item within the City of Los Angeles FY26/27 Budget. As an organization engaged in this vital work, we are standing in strong support of the local initiatives put forth by The TransLatin@ Coalition in Los Angeles. With TGI WE, community-based organizations serving TGI people in the City of Los Angeles would receive funding to provide life-saving programs and services for TGI people, while also strengthening internal organizational infrastructure through capacity-building training and program development. Right now, TGI organizations serve some of the most vulnerable communities, which often face barriers to accessing publicly funded programs. This historic investment is a necessary step to ensure TGI Angelenos can access culturally responsive services, secure meaningful employment, and thrive through programs designed and led by their own communities. In addition, this initiative would establish an infrastructure for the TGI community to continue to support its members amidst the challenges they have faced as the leading group in hate crimes and discrimination within Los Angeles County. Our community is facing countless harmful attacks and gender based violence alongside harm fueled rhetoric from our current federal government. We need to prevent the spread of harmful rhetoric and laws from invading California. We are scared. We are your constituents. We are your neighbors. Our voices and lives matter. Put our initiative on the budget. Somehow mayor bass put 3.2 million into the LAPD. They do not protect or even respect us as citizens. Why do you put money into the hands of the very people who have consistently oppressed us by silencing our voices crying out for help instead of placing those funds towards meaningful change and impact? The tough reality is if you truly wanted to support the TGI2 Community you would've put our initiative on the budget instead of funding corruption. You claim it's a bad budget year but you choose to negate most of our city's funds towards cops who are morally corrupt and greedy

while crime rates remain higher than normal. We respectfully request that TGI WE be fully funded. This would be a material investment in the community-based organizational infrastructure that directly supports the TGI community. Invest in TGI WE and invest in TGI lives! Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing your commitment reflected in the final budget. Sincerely,
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Name: Chelsea

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Comments for Public Posting: Your proposed budget regarding the animal shelters is a DISGRACE. Animals need food to eat and just eliminating the funding for it doesn't negate that fact. Animals need to be walked and cared for, and eliminating the funding for those programs doesn't make your proposal less cruel and disgusting. And finally, animals come into shelters every day needing medical care — cutting that funding drastically when in reality it should be expanded doesn't do anything other than make you all monsters who want to see animals suffer and die. Shame on you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharayah Johnson
Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 10:34 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urgently request your support in allocating funding within the newly proposed Los Angeles budget for the Dogs Playing for Life program. This program has a proven track record of reducing stress, improving behavior, and increasing adoption outcomes for shelter dogs. This results in not only a more humane standard of care for the dogs, but also the added enrichment, de-stresses the dogs- making them more adoptable. As we have still not changed staff contracts to require enrichment or walks for animals, before this life saving program, many dogs sat in their kennels for 60 days or more, deteriorating while waiting for a volunteer to walk them. Many never made it to their next walk and had to be euthanized due to their increased stress level becoming behavioral. Not only does this program provide humane care, increasing chances at adoption, it also creates a safer environment for volunteers and potential adopters at the shelter as well. When dogs are highly stressed they often self harm, and dogs that were once extremely adoptable find the only way they can release stress- through aggression. This puts anyone entering the shelter at an increased risk, while also increasing the chances of another liability lawsuit that we all end up paying for in the end. It is easier, and common sense to please keep the DPFL program to avoid this. In addition, I strongly urge you to increase the overall Animal Services budget to address the growing crisis facing our city's shelters. Without adequate funding, we are seeing alarming rates of euthanasia, which reflect not a lack of compassion, but a lack of resources. Expanding the budget would allow for more humane care, including proper staffing, enrichment programs, medical treatment, and improved living conditions for animals awaiting adoption. Equally important is the expansion of accessible spay and neuter services. Preventative care is one of the most effective ways to reduce shelter intake and long-term costs. At present, animals are leaving shelters unaltered, which contributes to the cycle of overpopulation. Ensuring that every pet is spayed or neutered prior to adoption must be a baseline standard, and it requires dedicated funding to achieve. This is a pivotal moment for Los Angeles to take meaningful action in addressing animal welfare. Investing in these solutions will not only save lives but also reflect our city's commitment to humane and responsible care. Thank you for your time and consideration. I

respectfully ask that you prioritize these urgent needs in the final budget. We need to maintain the Dogs Playing for Life program to give the dogs a fighting chance and to keep our volunteers and community safe

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Shameful budget cuts to LA Animal Services that cut food and life-saving programs like Playing for Life are going to cause more pain and suffering to an already strained system. No effort has been made to help alleviate the plight of homeless animals that are in our crowded shelters. It's inhumane.

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. PFL 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.