

Communication from Public

Name: Karen L Blanchard

Date Submitted: 05/11/2026 12:55 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Name: tom moore

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Name: Greta Abbe-Good
Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 12:02 AM
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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. Given the scale of the crisis facing animals in Los Angeles, this funding should be viewed as the bare minimum necessary to meet the city’s ethical and public responsibilities. I respectfully ask the Council 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 partnership with Best Friends Animal Society and the ASPCA. These programs are essential investments in animal welfare, public health, community safety, and humane governance. Animals are sentient beings capable of fear, stress, attachment, pain, and suffering. The way a city treats its most vulnerable living beings reflects its values. Los Angeles has the opportunity to show real leadership by choosing compassion, responsibility, and evidence-based care over neglect and short-term cost cutting. At a time when shelters across the country are overwhelmed, reducing support would deepen suffering for both animals and the people trying to care for them. Fully funding these services would help prevent overcrowding, reduce euthanasia, support families in keeping their pets, and create safer, healthier communities for everyone. I also want to emphasize that care for animals is not a fringe issue, nor is it confined to any one political ideology. Compassion toward animals is one of the few values that genuinely unites people across political, cultural, and socioeconomic lines. Countless times now, I’ve seen folks who otherwise strongly support this city’s leadership become deeply disillusioned by the ongoing failures surrounding animal welfare and shelter conditions. This is an opportunity for the Council to show that Los Angeles is capable of governing with both competence and compassion. Protecting vulnerable animals should never become a partisan issue, and meaningful action here would restore faith for many residents who want to believe this city can still lead with humanity. Please do the right thing and fully fund LA Animal Services.

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Name: Sam Butler

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026 12:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to increase funding for Los Angeles animal shelters. We urgently need solutions to overcrowding in our shelters. This requires an increase to spay/neuter funding by at least \$1 million to support 10,000–13,000 additional surgeries annually. Cuts to funding will only lead to bigger and more expensive problems down the road, with free roaming and abandoned animal populations growing in size. I am also calling for the restoration of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Animal Cruelty Task Force. Los Angeles should to dedicate some the newly created police positions to reestablishing a dedicated Animal Cruelty Task Force. Protecting animals from torture and abuse should be treated as a serious public safety priority. Thank you.

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Name: Melissa

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Comments for Public Posting: 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 shelter overcrowding crisis is not a mystery, it is a policy failure. Year after year, City leaders allow conditions to worsen by underfunding LA Animal Services and neglecting proven solutions like spay and neuter," said Dr. Gary Michelson, founder and co-chair of Michelson Philanthropies & Michelson Center for Public policy