

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ace Anaya  
**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2026 04:27 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** File attached



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.

Gender Justice LA is 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. Gender Justice LA is a grassroots organization that is building the power of the transgender and gender non-conforming community here in LA, located in CD1- Lincoln Heights. We use community organizing and leadership development to make concrete changes in the lives of all TGNC people, especially low-income trans people of color. 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.

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,

*Ace Anaya*  
*Campaign Coordinator*  
Gender Justice LA

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2026 10:43 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Not funding LA animal services properly is an atrocity. 0\$ for feeding the shelter dogs? 50k for medical for the dogs for the whole year? No funding for Dogs Playing for Life? This is just wrong and has to be reversed. We're in a shelter overpopulation crisis. The shelters have to be properly funded. Stop saving on the wrong end.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** You need to fully fund valid and complete animal care for LA County. Reducing food and behavioral helps ruins the lives of vulnerable animals, starves them, and places more of a burden on private taxpayers to fund rescue organizations. Our taxes are to help animals in this area find loving homes and be additive to their future families and communities. They can't become this when they are starved and not trained. It's egregious you would give to big business and keep from small mouthes. Take a long hard look at your hard heart and rethink your priorities. You WILL be voted out of office if you won't look after "the least of these" who also happen to be more moral and caring than you. Any one of these dogs you would starve would save you from an attack. Do that for them. They are in danger every single day.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** NiK Kacy  
**Date Submitted:** 04/21/2026 02:45 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning Councilmembers and Mayor Bass, My name is NiK Kacy, a registered voter in District 10, founder of NiK Kacy Footwear and Equality Fashion Week, a former West Hollywood City Commissioner and Trans Advisory Board member, and a current board member of LA Pride and APAIT. I am also Trans nonbinary. With the Mayor's proposed budget now released, I am writing to be clear that the absence of the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative is a missed opportunity — and one that can still be corrected. The proposed budget allocates approximately \$3.6 billion to LAPD, while making no investment in the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative. At the same time, City data shows Los Angeles has spent over \$525 million on liability claims across the past two fiscal years, significantly exceeding projections. These are real costs borne by taxpayers. This raises a fundamental question about whether current spending is delivering the outcomes this city intends. In Los Angeles, over half of TGI people are unemployed and more than a third are living on less than \$15,000 a year. That is not only inequity — it is economic potential being left unrealized. TGI communities are part of the fabric of this city — we live here, work here, and contribute to the tax base — yet remain largely excluded from targeted investment. This is not about scarcity — it is about priorities. If this city can invest at that scale and continue to absorb the costs of reactive systems, it can also choose to invest in a community that is ready to build businesses, create jobs, and strengthen and sustain this great city. TGI-led organizations are already doing the work. What's missing is the investment and the decision to move it forward. The question now is not whether this initiative has value, but whether it will be treated as a priority in this budget. Budgets are where priorities become real. I urge you to use your role in this process to advocate for its inclusion, support it, and ensure the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative is brought forward before the budget is finalized. Thank you for your time and consideration.  
NiK Kacy