

Communication from Public

Name: Kendra Hernandez

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 03:54 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor's proposed budget for LASS is ridiculous and irresponsible. It does not include any money for food, which is a bare minimum requirement for any animal services. It also cuts medical supplies by an egregious amount and will leave Animal Services in a precarious position with regard to caring for animals that reside with them. These budget cuts seem intended to cause a disaster with regard to animals in Los Angeles and should be immediately addressed in order to meet the actual needs of the program.

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Name: Hollie Grisham

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget for LAAS is absolutely ridiculous and basically inhumane. \$0 allocated for FOOD, \$49k for medical supplies to help THOUSANDS of animals across 6 shelters...medical supplies that are needed to treat animals who many do not arrive sick but end up sick from living in the deplorable conditions in these shelters. \$0 to continue play groups because why would you want to enrich these dogs, get them socialized and make their chances at adoption significantly higher. I guess it's easier to leave them locked in a kennel for weeks on end and then put them on the euthanasia list because of "kennel stress". Yet \$26 MILLION for salaries!!?! Salaries for people to do what exactly?! The brunt of the work done at these shelters is done by VOLUNTEERS who are treated so poorly it's a miracle they are still willing to do it.

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Comments for Public Posting: As the City considers decisions about the future of its funding relationship with LAHSA, I ask that the LAHSA workforce not be left out of this conversation. LAHSA employees are the people who carry out this work every day and who have built the experience and institutional knowledge that help keep these programs running. We should not be punished because of our leadership's decisions. Many of us have dedicated years of our careers to this work because we believe in it. As decisions are made about the future of LAHSA, I ask that the City take the workforce into consideration and recognize the people who make this work possible.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen Yarbrough

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 02:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to inquire about the proposed budget for animal food and medical supplies at LAAS. I saw a post on Instagram today that showed only \$49,968 for medical supplies which had been reduced by \$339,623 from the previous budget and ZERO funding for food. The previous budget for food was \$200K. What do you expect these poor animals to eat? How are the medical staff expected to care for them with nearly no supplies? It's hard not to notice that of the \$28M proposed budget, over \$26M of that is for salaries but after these revisions, salaries were increased to \$27.8M and expenses for the animals reduced from \$2.477M to a paltry \$1.148M. You literally took food out of these animals mouths to pay salaries...and I'm not saying people shouldn't get paid, this is very worthy work but what's troubling is there is no breakout of these salaries...it just says "Salaries General". There are literally thousands of animals in the care of LAAS and this is the best we can offer them? Our Governor is so proud of saying CA is the 4th largest economy in the WORLD with a nominal \$4.1 TRILLION GDP and this is what we're offering these poor souls? Shame on all of you. They deserve better and we can do better. DO BETTER!

Communication from Public

Name: Jill L.

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 10:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: The mayor's proposed budget contains unacceptable cuts to animal food and medical supplies. She also decided not to fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract. In 2018-19, the animal food budget was \$520,000. This year's budget only allotted \$200,000 and when LAAS ran out just a few months into the new fiscal year, they had to start using donations from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF). Since 2020-21, the city has forced LAAS to use around \$900,000 in donations to buy food. The mayor's proposed budget contains unacceptable cuts to animal food and medical supplies. She also decided not to fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract. In 2018-19, the animal food budget was \$520,000. This year's budget only allotted \$200,000 and when LAAS ran out just a few months into the new fiscal year, they had to start using donations from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF). Since 2020-21, the city has forced LAAS to use around \$900,000 in donations to buy food. I and many others find this shameful. Heartless. How much is the mayor spending on the Olympics upgrades to our city? Surely some of that can be reallocated for this very necessary and worthy cause that Angelenos care more about... much more. The welfare of our animal shelters is already a D-, and needs additional funding, not less. The medical supplies budget has also been slashed. In 2018-19, the department had \$488,591 to buy medical supplies. In 2022-2023 the amount was cut to \$388,591 and in the proposed budget the mayor only allotted \$49,000. These cuts have forced LAAS to use over \$740,000 in donations from the AWTF to buy medical supplies since 2019-20. The AWTF will be further depleted if these cuts are allowed to remain in place. The contract for Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) was not funded. DPFL does more than playgroups: they help terrified dogs become confident, they help match dogs with adopters, help train staff and volunteers, and help the medical team with fractious dogs. They not only save lives, they make the shelter safer for everyone. To not fund this essential program is devastating for the dogs and the people who love them. The budget is not yet final and needs to be changed by the City Council. Budget Committee MUST that money be allocated for animal food and medical supplies, as well as Dogs Playing for Life. Very Sincerely, Mrs. Laufer

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 09:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is terrible! How are you as a Council representing the residents of Los Angeles. The economy is bad and as a result people are dumping their animals. MORE money needs to be allocated for Animal Services. Why not put money aside for FREE spay and neuter. This would solve the problem before it becomes a problem. The money on homeless is money being thrown away. Stop this homeless quest; what you're doing is not working. Reallocate money for Animal Services.

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Name: Nancy Eisman
Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 08:57 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Money must be allocated for animal food and medical supplies, as well as Dogs Playing for Life. It is shameful, inhumane and unacceptable that a city with so much wealth won't adequately provide for our most vulnerable companion animals. We must do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Plescia

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 12:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a CD3 constituent in Woodland Hills and I am outraged that the mayor's new budget specifically in regards to the animal shelters. The new budget is proposing allocating no money to food for animals in the LA shelters. Also, it's unconscionable that the already diminished medical supplies budget has been slashed further and the Dogs Playing for Life contract has been terminated. As a voter, I am insisting that the budget be restored to it's already diminished funds. Los Angeles is a city of animal lovers, and it would not be a good look for the city council to move forward with the budget as is. Please do the right thing and not endanger the lives of the most vulnerable animals in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Bevelaqua

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Comments for Public Posting: What the hell is wrong with you? So now you can kill anything that comes into the shelter? Stop cutting funds for animals and treating them like garbage. This is a real crisis. Euthanizing animals is cruel, disgusting and a huge waste of tax payer dollars. You need to make mandatory FREE spaying and neutering, ban backyard breeding, ban pit bull breeding, ban puppy mills, ban sales of dogs on craigslist, and allow real breeding with an expensive license ONLY and remove all unlicensed pets from homeless junkies that are breeding and poisoning them. I want my tax dollars to go towards caring for these animals not killing them. If you need funds, CUT THE HOMELESS AND JUNKIE FUNDS, because I am sick and tired of my money being wasted on this scam.

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Name: Christia Angela Sison

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to echo Jeffrey Mausner's comment regarding adequate funding for the Animal Services Department. I support the Animal Services Department requested operational budget of \$31,700,000, without any cuts. This is a life-or-death matter for the dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and other animals in our City animal shelters. I support the Budget Advocates recommended amounts of \$10,516,000 for the Animal Sterilization Fund and \$2,400,000 for the Citywide Cat Program. Budget cuts to animal food, medical supplies, and Dogs Playing for Life contract are INCOMPREHENSIBLE. We are the voices for the voiceless animals. Please do better.

Communication from Public

Name: The Workforce Equity Lab - Alexandra Torres Galancid

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 02:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Members of the City of Los Angeles Budget Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am here to speak on the urgent and ongoing need for intentional investment in gender-inclusive pre-apprenticeship job training for women, particularly women from low-income and historically excluded communities across Los Angeles. Too often, workforce funding discussions overlook the realities faced by women who are heads of household, caregivers, and breadwinners—women who are actively seeking family-sustaining careers, not short-term or low-wage employment. Construction, infrastructure, and skilled trades offer wages, benefits, and long-term stability, yet women remain dramatically underrepresented because pre-apprenticeship pathways are underfunded, inaccessible, or not designed with women in mind. The lack of targeted investment sends a clear message: that women’s economic security is secondary. This is especially concerning in Los Angeles, where the cost of living continues to rise and women—particularly women of color—are disproportionately impacted by economic instability. Gender inclusion does not happen by accident. It requires intentional budget allocations for outreach, training, supportive services, mentorship, and worksite culture preparation so women can not only enter these pathways, but succeed and remain in them. If the City is serious about equity, workforce development, and economic recovery, then women must be explicitly included in budget priorities for pre-apprenticeship and career training. Investing in women is not a special interest—it is a smart, necessary investment in the economic health of families and communities across Los Angeles. I urge this committee to allocate funding that reflects this reality and to ensure women are no longer an afterthought in workforce policy and budgeting decisions. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Gisely Ruiz

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026 06:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles Council Members, I am writing as a concerned constituent to urge you to restore critical funding to the Los Angeles Animal Shelter in the upcoming city budget. I have learned that the shelter has been unable to purchase animal food and medical supplies since 2019–20, and that the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF) will be further depleted if the current cuts remain in place. These are basic necessities — without them, animals in the city's care are suffering. Equally troubling is the elimination of funding for Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL). This program does far more than organize playgroups. DPFL helps terrified dogs build confidence, assists staff in matching dogs with the right adopters, trains volunteers, and supports the medical team in safely handling difficult animals. It saves lives and makes the shelter safer for everyone. Defunding it is a serious blow to shelter animals and the community members who care deeply about them. I urge you, as a member of the Budget Committee, to allocate funding for:

- Animal food and medical supplies
- The Dogs Playing for Life contract

The budget is not yet final, and there is still time to make this right. Please prioritize the welfare of vulnerable animals in our city. Thank you for your time and service. Sincerely, Gisely Ruiz

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, Please do not cut the budget for our animal shelters. Our city is already in a crisis of overcrowding and reducing resources will only lead to more suffering and unnecessary loss of life. We need more support for abandoned animals not less. Please stand with the community and protect the funding for these vital services. Have you noticed the animal abuse on skid row. Please be a Mayor to all humans and animals. ABUSE IS ABUSE no matter if you turn your head to it. Thank you, A registered voter.....