Communication from Public

Name:	Katherine Cote
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:55 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse

Communication from Public

Name:	Spencer Holloway
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:55 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don’t cut animals in need from the budget. This is a lifeline for these animals and they need this kind of help that they can’t speak up for. Please reconsider this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name:	Brian
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:58 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Brian Gandarilla South LA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:59 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. How heartless do you people need to be? Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Lorrie M West Toluca Lake

Communication from Public

Name:	C Green
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:00 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do NOT cut the funding for LA Animal Services. These are innocent, sentient beings who can’t help themselves and depend on US! LA Animal Services does a great job with what they have! Don’t undercut them more and make the animals suffer any more than they already do. The dogs already only get fed one time a day. Due to budget, I’m sure. (Horrible as it is.) Please don’t!

Communication from Public

Name:	Debbie Peters
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. Los Angeles has struggled to meet the needs of its shelter animals. As of early 2026, city shelters are experiencing a severe overcrowding crisis, with dog euthanasia rates rising by 72% in late 2024 and 2025 compared to previous years. This increase is due to high intake numbers and limited space. Programs like Dogs Playing for Life are essential to improving dogs' chances of being adopted. Play groups administered by this program help LA Animal Services (LAAS) learn the most important information about each dog—specifically, how they interact with other dogs. These behavioral insights are crucial for driving adoptions, facilitating rescue placements, and informing every lifesaving decision. The Dogs Playing for Life contract costs less than one one-hundredth of one percent of Los Angeles's $14.858 billion budget. Cutting this funding undermines the city's claim to being a humane Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:	Nga Tran (pronounced Na)
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. Our shelters are already overcrowded, and this helps give them some exercise and human interaction while they are confined to concrete kennels all day. Removing the playgroups would be inhumane. Please keep this very critical resource for the animals who are voiceless and cannot advocate for themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Janet Crenshaw
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:10 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting on the recent proposed 26/27 budget for LA Animal Services and it's really sad that we seem to have to do this every year. First - the fact that there is ZERO funding for food? How is that possible. How can you expect to rely on donations? Same with the major decrease in medical supplies. How does any of this make sense? Second - Dogs Playing for Life contract needs to be fully funded. I am a Harbor Shelter volunteer and I have seen firsthand how important this program is to our dogs. With this program, most of our dogs are guaranteed to get out 5 days a week. Before this program came along, some dogs were lucky to get out once a week and that is when Harbor had a full volunteer team which we no longer have. Being stuck in a kennel 24/7 brings more stress to already overly stressed dogs and leads to behavior issues. This then leads to safety concerns for staff and volunteers, less adoptions and more euthanasia and euthanasia for very good dogs. DPFL playgroups also provide valuable information about a dog's behavior with other dogs - this is so important for potential adopters/fosters/rescues that we otherwise would not have. Not to mention just the pure joy of watching these dogs get to play. Potential adopters/fosters/rescues also enjoy seeing this live play and have chosen to adopt or foster dogs based on seeing a dog "in action". This program is truly vital to our shelter dogs and to a Humane LA. PLEASE don't take this away from our innocent LA dogs. Fully fund this contract, don't let it lapse at July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Maria Vedechkina
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 ever 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. The world is watching the LA shelter crisis unfold and it is in our power to act now. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6th budget. DOn't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa Zaroff
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structred out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels for 24 hours a day - no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are how LAAS leafns the most improtant thing about every dog; how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every life saving 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st.

Communication from Public

Name:	Alexandra Goeman
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:21 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don’t take this opportunity away from the dogs. This is not saving money is deferring the costs. These innocent beings deserve better.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:24 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut funding for our animal shelters! Subject: Restore Proposed Cuts to LA Animal Services Food, Medical Supplies, and DPFL Dear Councilmember, I am writing with serious concern about the proposed 2026–27 Los Angeles Animal Services budget. The budget appears to eliminate the dedicated Animal Food/Feed and Grain line item, reducing it from $200,000 in 2025–26 to zero in the proposed 2026–27 budget. It also appears to reduce Medical Supplies from $388,591 to $48,968. These are essential care items, not optional expenses. Animals in City custody depend on Los Angeles for adequate food, medical treatment, and humane care. A budget that removes dedicated food funding and sharply reduces medical supply funding places unacceptable strain on shelter operations and increases reliance on donations for basic necessities. I am also deeply concerned that the Dogs Playing for Life program was not funded. This program supports behavior, safety, adoptability, and humane handling for shelter dogs and provides real operational value to staff and volunteers. I urge you to restore: dedicated funding for animal food, adequate medical supplies funding, and funding for Dogs Playing for Life. Please stand up for the animals in the City's care and revise this budget accordingly. Sincerely, Matthew Cole

Communication from Public

Name: Jaden Theodore Robinson
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:32 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles—not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type—for just one year—leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs—more than $4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane—it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Sincerely, Jaden Robinson

Communication from Public

Name:	Brian Weng
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:33 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, [Your name] [Your neighborhood]

Communication from Public

Name:	Emma
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:34 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please FULLY fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the upcoming 2026-27 budget. This funding is essential to support the wellbeing of shelter dogs who spend 24 hours in concrete kennels. What takes up less than .001% of the LA budget is what allows these animals to spend outside of these kennels, allows them to interact with each other, and allows them to enjoy life for part of their day. Fully fund DPFL. Do not let these animals suffer more than they already are.

Communication from Public

Name: Erika Armin
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:35 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control. Thanks for helping to build a kinder world! For all animals, Erika Armin

Communication from Public

Name:	Lynn Brandt
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:42 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 Lynn Brandt, 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 strongly 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 so that they may become self-sufficient. 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, Lynn Brandt

Communication from Public

Name:	Kilian Clark
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:46 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please Restore Funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LA Animal Services Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service. Kilian Clark

Communication from Public

Name: Mali Griffen
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:46 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control. Thanks for helping to build a kinder world!

Communication from Public

Name: Kai serrano
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:48 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: With verified stats expressing a decrease of people in our communities having less children and an increase in mental health issues and still a troubling lack of resources, we must take these trends and needs into account when it comes to budget. More people of our communities are turning to adopting and nuturing pets. This provides people with a sense of accomplishment in caring for another being, along with a feeling of fulfillment and being needed. These emotions from owning and caring for a pet, have a tremendously positive impact on both the mental and emotional wellbeing of a person. Part of the journey of adopting a pet, specifically one from a shelter, begins with the meeting and interaction between the person and the pets. The health of the animal is just as vital in the process. A locked up animal, who lacks social interaction as well as outside time for its physical health, becomes susceptible to depression, aggression, anxiety etc. among other physical ailments. There is a NEED for this to be funded, ultimately for the care and health of our people. These animals depend on us to care for them as we depend on them to care for us when we adopt them. Please please fund the help and resources for a vital part of our community, we cannot ignore yet another voiceless and vulnerable group of beings that, if properly taken care of, would one hundred percent be an asset to our communities. Lead with care and kindness, please continue to fund these DPFL playgroups in this upcoming june 6th budget, as they can and will continue to help and care for our people in return.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:50 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget for shelter's stuff members and do not cut funds for food and medicine for the animals in the shelter . Their condition is already dire and need help not cuts.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:50 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: "Restore DPFL Funding - 2026-27 Budget" 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Serrano
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:52 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Haley Bartels
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget!! My dogs are both LA shelter dogs so this is a subject near and dear to my heart. PFLplaygroups 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. If we can spend so so much money on LAPD, surely we can spare this tiny amount to be kind to the shelter dogs in LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Please, I am begging you not to let it lapse July 1. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:	Erin
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:56 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Play for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. Do not let it lapse, or the shelter animal system WILL suffer even more than they already have. Losing this program will lead to shelter animals being kept in cement kennels, 24 hours a day, with no time to play, destress, or demonstrate their behavior - which helps staff understand the animal and have more info to provide potential adopters, rescue organizations for pulls, and early life saving decisions. Please fully fund DPFL contract in the June 6th budget. Cutting it will cost the City, by showcasing how truly inhumane our officials are when it comes to animal welfare.

Communication from Public

Name:	Concerned Resident from Council District 14
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 05:59 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a resident from Council District 14 and am here to urge the Council to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. Currently, our city shelters are in a state of crisis due to overcrowding. DPFL playgroups are not a 'luxury'—they are an essential diagnostic tool. Without them, we lose the only reliable data we have on a dog's sociability, which is the single most important factor for successful adoptions and rescues. Cutting this program, which costs less than 1/100th of 1% of our $14.85 billion budget, is a fiscal 'saving' that will actually cost the city more in the long run through increased lengths of stay and higher euthanasia rates. Please prioritize this tiny investment to ensure our shelter animals remain adoptable and humane conditions are maintained.

Communication from Public

Name:	Dale A. Stieber
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:03 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut the budget for Animal Services and Shelters, the care of animals lost or abandoned is equal to the care and consideration of the unhoused and uncared for humans of Los Angeles. The facilities are overcrowded and a cruel environment for these vulnerable animals. The City should budget for care and improved shelter facilities and training to create compassionate staff and care. There needs to be increased services for spaying, neutering and as well as education programs for owners and potential owners. I understand the ASPCA has offered funds to support staff and services. The City must coordinate with non-profit animal welfare organizations as well as health & human services to become a model for animal care.

Communication from Public

Name:	Eileen
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:03 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Eileen B. South LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Sieann Chesney
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Peter Courtney
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Deborah
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Mayor Bass's proposed budget does not reflect the severity of LA's homeless animal crisis. Shelters are over capacity, surrender numbers are rising, and reports of cruelty and delayed emergency response are increasing. Staff are already stretched thin, and facilities are under extreme strain. Cutting funding or staffing now would further harm vulnerable animals and worsen conditions. If the city wants to reduce costs, it must focus on prevention—enforcing spay/neuter laws and cracking down on illegal breeding, while expanding access to low-cost services. Without this, the crisis will only grow.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:18 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I am writing to express the great need of homeless animals of Los Angeles. It is a crisis and the lack of resources available to help them is truly devastating. We need to do better to put a system in place to care for every animal that does not have a home and work to prevent the problem from continuing to grow. There need to be more systems in place to help animals in need, particularly stray cats. It does not make sense to just leave the cats outside as is often advised. There should be more funding for spay and neuter organizations along with animal rescues. It is also so upsetting to know that shelters euthanize so many animals. It truly puts those of us who want to help in a position that feels helpless. We need to do better and provide more resources and funding to help animals in need. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Best, Meredith

Communication from Public

Name:	S Dean
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Baron
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:23 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Subject Line: Rainbow Services, Ltd. Urges Full Funding for CIFD Survivor Survivors and LAHSA CoC Planning Dear City of LA Budget and Finance Committee Members: My name is Pamela Baron, and I'm writing as a board member of Rainbow Services, Ltd., an organization serving survivors of domestic violence for more than 40 years. Rainbow Services is headquartered in San Pedro, within City Council District 15. We are encouraged by the level funding proposed for CIFD's Survivor Supportive Services budget, totaling $12.3M in General Funds— this amount is essential for maintaining vital beds and services. Level funding ensures that the historic 32% increase in DV shelter beds in the City of LA is maintained. These beds are critically important, given that 41% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. We urge the City Council to approve the full $12.3 million in General Funds requested for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27. We are also greatly concerned about the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ability to perform critical functions for the broader Continuum of Care (CoC) under the current funding levels proposed. As it stands, the $791.7M proposed for CoC Planning is inadequate to ensure LAHSA has the capacity to submit renewal requests to HUD, including DV Bonus funding, a crucial housing resource for survivors. The current proposal also does not fully fund the capacity needed to support work under the Domestic Violence Support Services Only Grant (DV-SSO); LAHSA DV staffing is instrumental in navigating the complexity of federal policy, as well as supporting DV Regional Coordinators in ensuring survivors access housing and shelter resources. Their collective expertise is essential. We are grateful for the City of LA's firm commitment to survivors, including expanding DV shelter beds and launching programs like Survivors First that offer rapid rehousing with flexible financial assistance and long-term support tailored to their needs. We urge the City to adopt the $12.3M in General Funds proposed for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27 and adopt LAHSA's requested funding for Continuum of Care planning ($1.5M) to ensure continuity of HUD funded homeless services for survivors. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence. Please stand with survivors and ensure full

funding for CIFD Survivor Services as well as LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Pamela Baron

Communication from Public

Name: C. Franklin
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:24 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am profoundly disturbed to learn that Mayor Bass is slashing funds to animal services in the proposed budget. Los Angeles is in a crisis with over crowded shelters precisely because of the irresponsibility of humans, and defenseless animals pay with their lives because of human neglect and irresponsibility. The City has not rised to the essential tools needed to control overcrowded shelters like mandatory spay and neutering, providing education to communities for the need for spay and neutering (never see that in a newsletter) providing low cost spay and neutering and informing people how to access low cost spay and neutering, and seriously cracking down on backyard breeding. But now Mayor Bass and the City want to cut the funds of an already poor system, where animals through no fault of their own, are killed and discarded like rubbish for lack of space. That is the reality. Mayor Bass and the City have a choice, and they can choose to protect those most vulnerable, those without a voice, and decide to do all in their power, and commit with a passion to ensure adequate funding that will help to provide the necessary tools to end the over population of animals by humans, and for all animals entering the shelter system having the opportunity to be cared for and adopted. This is an ethical choice. Absolutely ! Government should be about protecting those most defenseless and vulnerable. Let's see who you all really are. Thank you for your serious consideration!

Communication from Public

Name: Madison Morris
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:29 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control. Thanks for helping to build a kinder world! For all animals!

Communication from Public

Name:	Rachel Lane
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:31 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Cutting funding for animal services right now is both irresponsible and cruel. Los Angeles shelters are already overwhelmed, with rising numbers of abandoned and surrendered animals and staff struggling to keep up. Reducing resources under these conditions will only deepen the crisis and lead to more suffering for animals across the city. Instead of cuts, Los Angeles should be investing in animal services—strengthening shelter capacity, enforcing spay and neuter laws, and expanding access to low-cost programs—so we can reduce the number of unwanted animals and prevent an already dire situation from getting worse.

Communication from Public

Name:	Dr. MaryAnn J. Kaczmarski
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:38 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Mayor Bass, Cutting services for homeless animals in the middle of this crisis is absolutely unacceptable. With respect, I ask you to reconsider. If anything, the budget for animal services needs to be increased. Sincerely, Dr. MaryAnn J. Kaczmarski

Communication from Public

Name:	Meghan Blalock
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Our government's budget cuts in the realm of animal welfare are so saddening and upsetting. There's an old saying that you can tell a lot about a community's character by how they treat their most vulnerable populations: their elderly, their sick, their disabled, their poor, and their animals. LA's community of animal shelters and rescues are operated by the kindest, most dedicated, and hardest working people I've ever met. These very special people deserve as much support and help as they can get from our city to help them fight for some of LA's most vulnerable creatures. Please do the right thing. Send as much financial support as possible to the people and animals who need it most.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Borje
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:41 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:49 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Animals are a crucial part of humanity and should be well taken care of it is not only unethical but heartless to decrease funding necessary for essential supplies

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Brown
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:52 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control.

Communication from Public

Name:	Claudia DiRomualdo
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse

Communication from Public

Name:	Callista Nurimba
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:58 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	"Humane LA" is a marketing line if shelter dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. That phrase is on LAAS's website, in press releases, and in the Mayor's talking points. It cannot mean anything without DPFL. Playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most shelter dogs get. Without DPFL, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. No walks. No play. No contact outside the steel door. It doesn't cost much. It is not wasteful. It is only humane. It is not a difficult decision.

Communication from Public

Name:	Maja Vrvilo
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 07:03 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026/27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. Maja Vrvilo LA Council District 5

Communication from Public

Name: Davin Givhan
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:05 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Davin Givhan. Please don't cut funding for L.A. Animal Services! Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control. Thank you. Sincerely, Davin Givhan

Communication from Public

Name: Ely
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:05 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control.

Communication from Public

Name: Racey Cohn
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Megan Knecht
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 07:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please Restore Funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LA Animal Services Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service. Megan Knecht District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Lull
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:17 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Rainbow Services, Ltd. Urges Full Funding for CIFD Survivor Survivors and LAHSA CoC Planning Dear City of LA Budget and Finance Committee Members: My name is Laura Lull, and I'm writing as the Chief Executive Officer of Rainbow Services, Ltd., an organization serving survivors of domestic violence for more than 40 years. Rainbow Services is headquartered in San Pedro, within City Council District 15. We are encouraged by the level funding proposed for CIFD's Survivor Supportive Services budget, totaling $12.3M in General Funds— this amount is essential for maintaining vital beds and services. Level funding ensures that the historic 32% increase in DV shelter beds in the City of LA is maintained. These beds are critically important, given that 41% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. We urge the City Council to approve the full $12.3 million in General Funds requested for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27. We are also greatly concerned about the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ability to perform critical functions for the broader Continuum of Care (CoC) under the current funding levels proposed. As it stands, the $791.7M proposed for CoC Planning is inadequate to ensure LAHSA has the capacity to submit renewal requests to HUD, including DV Bonus funding, a crucial housing resource for survivors. The current proposal also does not fully fund the capacity needed to support work under the Domestic Violence Support Services Only Grant (DV-SSO); LAHSA DV staffing is instrumental in navigating the complexity of federal policy, as well as supporting DV Regional Coordinators in ensuring survivors access housing and shelter resources. Their collective expertise is essential. We are grateful for the City of LA's firm commitment to survivors, including expanding DV shelter beds and launching programs like Survivors First that offer rapid rehousing with flexible financial assistance and long-term support tailored to their needs. We urge the City to adopt the $12.3M in General Funds proposed for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27 and adopt LAHSA's requested funding for Continuum of Care planning ($1.5M) to ensure continuity of HUD funded homeless services for survivors. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for

CIFD Survivor Services as well as LAHSA CoC core functions.
Sincerely, Laura Lull

Communication from Public

Name:	sarah
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:17 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Do NOT let the contract lapse July 1 • It's often the only out-of-kennel time dogs get • It directly impacts adoptions + rescue placements • It reduces stress + behavioral decline • It costs less than 1/100th of 1% of the city budget

Communication from Public

Name:	Linda Truong
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:24 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. The shelter crisis will only be worsened without this program that is the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day without walks or joy. So many of them would thrive outside of this environment but end up being traumatized and euthanized in our supposed "no kill" system. This cost of this program is a drop in the bucket, less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 billion budget. But going without this program will only end up costing the city and our society much more as the shelters get more crowded because the city does not enforce backyard breeding laws and burns out the overburdened shelter employees who work with inadequate resources. This deal with the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society is a sad way for the City to abdicate its responsibilities. Do better.

Communication from Public

Name:	Dawn
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 07:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don't cut the budget for animal services! There is a crisis in the shelters now. Stop paying the manager 6 figures and put it towards the animals.. please have a heart

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:33 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE REVERSE UNACCEPTABLE BUDGET CUTS TO LAAS! 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 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 as changes can be made by the City Council. We demand that money be please be allocated for animal food and medical supplies, as well as Dogs Playing for Life!

Communication from Public

Name:	Margie
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 07:33 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LA Animal Services. Do not let the program lapse on July 1. And please allocate money for animal food and medical supplies. Mayor's proposed budget for 2026-2027 shows $0 allocated to animal food and only $49,000 for medical supplies?! Not humane at all.

Mayor's proposed budget allocates zero dollars for animal food and only $49,000 for medical supplies.

Animal Services

Recapitulation of Changes

	Adopted Budget 2025-26	Total Budget Changes	Total Budget 2026-27
EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS			
Salaries			
Salaries General	25,309,112	1,754,747	27,063,859
Salaries, As-Needed	258,376	40,242	298,618
Overtime General	452,000	-	452,000
Total Salaries	26,019,488	1,794,989	27,814,477
Expense			
Printing and Binding	74,000	-	74,000
Contractual Services	1,201,993	(790,125)	411,868
Medical Supplies	388,591	(339,623)	48,968
Transportation	7,500	-	7,500
Uniforms	33,810	(1,160)	32,650
Private Veterinary Care Expense	47,500	-	47,500
Animal Food/Feed and Grain	200,000	(200,000)	-
Office and Administrative	241,987	699	242,686
Operating Supplies	282,546	860	283,406
Total Expense	2,477,927	(1,329,349)	1,148,578
Total Animal Services	**28,497,415**	**465,640**	**28,963,055**

There is also no money for Dogs Playing for Life.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rosanna Bernardo
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 07:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don’t treat these innocent animals this way, they deserve care, respect, and kindness. We must protect them.

Communication from Public

Name: Kenia
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:57 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, I am reaching out to share that while this year, the day labor centers were included in the preliminary budget, it is not enough to cover the growing needs of the community. We ask that all seven locations be funded for a total of 3 million dollars. This past year was a heavy year for all Angelenos, but especially our day laborer community, who also faced many impacts of the wildfires and were then heavily targeted in the large-scale immigration raids. Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections and have proven to be essential community hubs for immigrant workers ? Day laborers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters ? Day labor centers have become hubs for know your rights training and information, and sourced legal and financial support for impacted families ? This program connects hundreds of workers annually with employers, filling a critical need for flexible labor in local businesses and households These centers have been vital to the community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The additional funding would help support the cost of the additional case management, legal, security, and infrastructure work these centers have taken on that cannot be covered with the current budget allocation. Day Labor Centers help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding to the day labor community centers in this year's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Lam
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:03 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Angela Parrish
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-27 Budget. DFPL groups 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, 7 days a week. My husband and I adopted Seymour, an amazing LA shelter dog, on New Year's Day. He had previously been in the West Valley shelter for two months. I can't imagine what his experience would've been like without this wonderful group helping keep him hopeful and healthy. It costs less than 1/100th of our city's budget. Please sustain this incredible program and fully fund it in the June 6th budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sadia Salahuddin
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Adrian Cottman
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:08 PM
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Communication from Public

Name:	Leona Smith
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:13 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The cuts made to the animal control agency’s are not only going to hurt the animals that need time for their families to find them, they will be murdering these poor animals! Where is the compassion?? There have been more animals murdered under this mayor than any other mayor!! Please fund the animal control agency's or there will be more poor lost animals on the streets just like the homeless humans!!

Communication from Public

Name:	Josh
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:16 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not defund DPFL program in the la city shelters! It is a basic need for the dogs to get out of their kennels and inhumane to defund it. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Wheeler
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:16 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget does not reflect the scale of the animal welfare crisis currently unfolding in Los Angeles Animal Services. Shelters are already overwhelmed, with rising numbers of surrendered animals and increasing reports of cruelty, neglect, and abandonment. Many residents who contact animal services for urgent situations describe waiting hours—or even days—for assistance. Meanwhile, overcrowded conditions are making it extremely difficult for staff to maintain safe, humane environments for the animals in their care. Reducing funding and staffing under these conditions would only make an already strained system worse. It risks further delays in emergency response, deteriorating shelter conditions, and ultimately more harm to vulnerable animals. If the city is serious about reducing costs in the long term, the focus must shift toward prevention. That means consistently enforcing existing spay and neuter requirements and addressing illegal breeding, which continues largely unchecked in many areas. Without meaningful enforcement, the cycle of overpopulation will continue, placing even greater pressure on shelters and public resources. There is no quick fix to this issue. Sustainable progress requires proper investment in animal services, including accessible low-cost spay and neuter programs and adequate staffing to meet current demand. Cutting resources now will not solve the problem—it will deepen it.

Communication from Public

Name:	Samuel David Rhodes
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not defund DPFL program in the la city shelters! It is a basic need for the dogs to get out of their kennels and inhumane to defund it. Thank you -Sam

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:27 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member, As your constituent and a proud Angeleno, I’m asking you to make a clear, humane choice: fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. For thousands of shelter dogs, DPFL playgroups are not a luxury. They are the only moments of movement, stimulation, and relief from confinement. Without them, dogs spend day after day in concrete kennels with no walks, no play, and no meaningful interaction. That is not care. That is warehousing. These playgroups also provide the single most critical insight the shelter has: how each dog behaves with other dogs. That information drives adoptions, rescue placements, and every lifesaving decision. Without it, dogs become harder to place and far more likely to be overlooked. The cost to preserve this program is negligible—less than 1/100th of 1% of the city’s $14.85 billion budget. The cost of cutting it is measured in suffering, lost adoptions, and a direct contradiction of Los Angeles’ commitment to being a humane city. Budgets reflect values. This is a small investment with enormous impact. Please restore full funding for DPFL before the budget is finalized on June 6. Do not allow this essential, lifesaving program to lapse on July 1. Sincerely, Qihui Liu South Carthay

Communication from Public

Name:	Damaris
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:37 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. It is vital that these dogs have access to green spaces to learn crucial social development skills as part of their adoption process.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Cornelius
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Restore LAAS Funding for Food, Medical Supplies, and Dogs Playing for Life for canine enrichment I am writing to urge the City to restore funding to the animal food, medical supplies, and Dogs Playing for Life (aka canine enrichment) budget. The Department has already lost 97 positions in the last two fiscal years (see Department of Animal Services Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27, p. 155), which make these further cuts to the Department's budget all that more devastating. My complete comments are in the attached PDF which includes links to sources and tables which detail the history of the animal food and medical supplies budget since FY 2014-15. Thank you, Michelle Cornelius Reseda, CA LAAS volunteer at West Valley since 2007

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Council File: 26-0600

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Restore Cuts to the Animal Food Budget.
In FY 2019-20, the Adopted Budget allocated $520,000 for animal food. That amount has been decreasing since FY 2020-21 to a low of $200,000 in FY 2025-26, thus requiring the Department to use over $870,000 in donations from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF) to feed the animals in its care (see DAS Proposed Budget, p. 165-166). In the mayor's proposed budget, there is ZERO dollars allocated for animal food, which will require the Department to use donations in the AWTF to purchase food for the entire year.

This reduction in the animal food budget appears to have been the impetus for the Department's change in animal food from Canidae and Felidae to a cheaper brand of food which many dogs do not like and refuse to eat. Presumably the lower cost also means lower quality, and lower quality kibble is known to cause diarrhea in dogs. When dogs at the shelter have diarrhea, it creates an additional burden on the medical staff to treat them, it limits the dog's ability to leave their kennel for enrichment with volunteers or in playgroup (which can increase their kennel stress and in severe cases can land them on the euthanasia list), and it reduces their chances to get adopted because most people do not want to adopt a dog with a medical issue, especially if it could be contagious to other pets in the home.

I understand that the City is financially constrained, but it doesn't appear these types of cuts were proposed to the animal food or medical supplies budget during the Great Recession. Below is a link to the mayor's proposed budget in FY 2009-10. On page 37 of the PDF, you will see that no changes were made to the animal food budget and $35,000 was ADDED to the medical supplies budget.
2009-10BlueBook-Volume1.pdf

It is critically important that the City fully fund the animal food budget so that the Department can return to Canidae and Felidae and use donations from the AWTF on other priorities (see Table 1 in the Appendix for a history of the animal food budget based on DAS data and White Books published on the CAO's website).

Restore Cuts to the Medical Supplies Budget.
According to the White Books posted on the CAO's website, the budget for medical supplies has not increased in over 10 years; in fact, in FY 2024-25 the budget was *reduced* by $100,000 and has not been restored (see Table 2 in the Appendix for the budgeted amounts since FY 2014-15).

These reductions have forced the Department to use just over $744,000 in donations from the AWTF since FY 2019-20 to meet the medical supply needs of animals in its care.

In the mayor's proposed budget, there is a mere $48,968 allotted for the entire year, a 90 percent decrease from the budgeted amount in FY 2023-24. This will require the Department to use hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations from the AWTF to provide essential medical supplies for the animals, further restricting the Department's ability to use donations for other priorities. As stated above, the mayor found a way to actually INCREASE the medical supplies budget during the Great Recession, and I respectfully request that the Budget Committee and City Council do the same.

Restore Funding for Canine Enrichment (Dogs Playing for Life).
In FY 2025-26, only six months of funding was provided for Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) and thankfully the ASPCA provided a grant to cover the remaining six months of the year. In the mayor's proposed budget, no funding was allocated to DPFL, meaning playgroups for dogs will end on July 1. I have been a volunteer with LAAS for 19 years, and I can unequivocally say that the contract with DPFL has been the best lifesaving tool for dogs the Department has implemented and the possibility of losing their services is absolutely devastating.

It is important to highlight that DPFL does much more than just provide enrichment for dogs. The information we get from playgroups (play style, whether they get along with other dogs) has been a critical tool in matching potential adopters with the right pet. In the past all we could tell people is "I'm not sure how this dog is with other dogs" and the adopters would have to figure it out themselves. If the dog-to-dog meeting did not go well, a fight could happen resulting in injuries to both people and the dogs. Furthermore, since the majority of rescue groups are foster-based, and most fosters have other dogs, having information from DFPL about how they do in playgroup can be the difference between a dog getting rescued and being euthanized.

Here are some other ways in which DPFL has served LAAS and the community:

- DPFL educates the public about dog behavior and suggests which dogs may be a good match for them.
- DPFL performs risks assessments on certain dogs, providing LAAS with information that helps them determine which dogs need out of the shelter immediately, thereby increasing safety and reducing the risk of bites to the public, staff and volunteers.
- DPFL works with frightened dogs who can be defensive in their kennel (a behavior which can land them on the euthanasia list), allowing them to gain confidence, improving their behavior so they can be adopted.
- DPFL assists the medical staff with dogs who are difficult to handle.
- DPFL provides training to staff and volunteers.

Lastly, I want to share the story of a dog named Mack (A2258512) who may not be at the shelter today if it were not for DPFL's lifesaving efforts. Mack was just a 10-month-old puppy when he

was brought to West Valley after his owner was deported. He was absolutely terrified in his kennel, demonstrating fear-based behavior which could have landed him on the euthanasia list. Since he was on a 30-day personal property hold, volunteers like myself could not work with him so I asked DPFL to take him to playgroup as much as they could. When Mack got sick with an upper respiratory infection and could not go to playgroup, I asked Jason with DPFL to take him for a walk every day, even for 10 minutes, so he could get used to being leashed and exiting and re-entering his kennel. Jason did this for several days and by the time Mack was available for volunteers to work with, his confidence had improved so much he was easy to leash and take out of his kennel. He has continued to improve, and he is now a volunteer favorite.

The bottom line is that DPFL saves lives, and the loss of their knowledge and mentorship will be devastating to LAAS, the dogs, and the community. I implore you to find a way to fund this lifesaving program.

Best regards,
Michelle Cornelius
Reseda, CA
LAAS volunteer at West Valley since 2007

APPENDIX

Table 1: Animal Food Budget Totals FY 2014-15 through FY 2025-26

Fiscal Year	Food and Grain Adopted Budget	General Fund Transfer	Transfer from Animal Welfare Trust Fund	Total Expenditure
2014-15	$518,210	N/A	N/A	N/A
2015-16	$518,210	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016-17	$518,210	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017-18	$400,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018-19	$520,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019-20	$520,000	N/A	N/A	$520,000
2020-21	$400,000	$(300.000)	$89,635.61	$189,635.61
2021-22	$400,000	$135,000	$76,572.33	$611,572.33
2022-23	$304,000	$400,000	$167,969.90	$871,969.90
2023-24	$400,000	$744,891	$92,437.05	$1,237,328.05
2024-25	$300,000	$0	$359,394.90	$659,394,90
2025-26*	$200,000	$0	$84,887.22	$284,887.22

*Totals for FY 25-26 are through November 16, 2025
General Fund transfers in were from salary savings (see DAS proposed FY 26-27 budget).
Totals come from the White Books posted on the CAO's website and DAS proposed FY 26-27 budget.

Table 2: Medical Supplies Budget FY 2014-15 through 2025-26

Fiscal Year	Medical Supplies Adopted Budget	General Fund Transfer	Transfer from Animal Welfare Trust Fund
2014-15	$488,591	N/A	N/A
2015-16	$488,591	N/A	N/A
2016-17	$488,591	N/A	N/A
2017-18	$488,591	N/A	N/A
2018-19	$488,591	N/A	N/A
2019-20	$488,591	N/A	$215,900.32
2020-21	$488,591	$(315,000)	$67,498.05
2021-22	$488,591	$72,548	$83,433.60
2022-23	$388,591	$0	$136,134.08
2023-24	$488,591	$185,380	$37,425.34
2024-25	$388,591	$70,128.05	$203,788.90
2025-26*	$388,591	$0	$0

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Communication from Public

Name: Dennis Lyday
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:41 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: This comment has been provided by PETA, and I am in total agreement with its content. Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:44 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1

Communication from Public

Name:	Grace Jones
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:56 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don't do this to the dogs that need us most. This is not the time to turn our backs on animals who are at their most vulnerable. These dogs deserve a second chance and deserve to live in conditions that give them some joy as they wait to find their forever homes. Happy dogs will have a higher chance of being adopted, higher adoption levels mean fewer dogs in shelters, the math is straightforward. Please give these dogs a chance to have small moments of happiness. This is the right thing to do.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sophia norheim
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:03 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	This is non negotiable and the need is blatant. Animals will suffer and die.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashlee Souza
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	It is essential that the dogs have fresh air and exercise for their well being.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:	Pamela VanCortlandt
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:15 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	PLEASE Mayor Bass, have compassion for those less fortunate than you, be they human or animal. Please do NOT defund Los Angeles Animal Services at the worst time ever. PLEASE. Thank you for hearing all of us--there are many. Pamela

Communication from Public

Name:	Adrian Vandervalk
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Mayor Bass, Please do not condemn thousands of helpless animals who have done nothing wrong, to a merciless death. They are loving, loyal denizens of this earth, and may someday help you as they have helped thousands of humans for centuries. They don't deserve to be killed. Thank you so much for reading my message. Please do not defund Los Angeles Animal Services! Adrian

Communication from Public

Name:	Amber Washington
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Amber Washington Sherman Oaks

Communication from Public

Name:	Robin L Potchka
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:29 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dogs that are not licensed and dont have shots should be confiscated. If i dont license my dog i pay a fine and risk having it taken away. You are allowing criminal and abusive action towards these animals by doing nothing about it. That makes you an accomplice to the abusive criminal activity. Is it time for legal action?

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Grenus
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:31 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–2027 budget. DPFL playgroups provide the only consistent, structured out-of-kennel time that most dogs in Los Angeles shelters receive. Without this program, many dogs are confined to concrete kennels nearly 24 hours a day without meaningful exercise, socialization, or enrichment. This level of deprivation is not just inhumane; it is profoundly damaging. As a veterinarian, I can attest that prolonged confinement and lack of stimulation significantly elevates stress levels in dogs. This chronic stress often manifests as anxiety, depression, and stereotypic behaviors such as pacing, spinning, and self-harm. These behaviors are frequently misinterpreted as signs of aggression or poor temperament, when in reality they are symptoms of distress. As a result, otherwise adoptable dogs become overlooked or mislabeled, dramatically decreasing their chances of leaving the shelter alive. Playgroups are also an essential evaluation tool. They allow staff to safely and accurately assess how dogs interact with one another, which arguably provides the most critical behavioral insight for potential adopters, rescue organizations, and placement decisions. Without DPFL, the city loses one of its most effective, evidence-based methods for making informed, lifesaving outcomes. Playgroups are not a luxury. They are a foundational component of humane sheltering and effective population management. The cost of the DPFL contract represents a minuscule fraction of the City’s $14.85 billion budget, yet its impact is immeasurable. Eliminating this program would not only harm thousands of dogs but would also undermine Los Angeles’s commitment to being a leader in humane animal care. Failing to fund DPFL is not a neutral budget decision; it is a choice that will result in increased suffering and unnecessary loss of life. Please fully fund the DPFL contract in the upcoming June 6 budget and ensure there is no lapse in services on July 1. These innocent animals have already been failed too many times. Please don't let this be another failure we have the power to prevent.

Communication from Public

Name:	Andrea
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 07:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Andrea H Adams-Normandie

Communication from Public

Name:	Hector G.
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:32 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I urge the Council to approve the DPFL budget. Their play groups provide specialized socialization and enrichment that standard shelter operations cannot, significantly improving animal well-being and adoption chances.

Communication from Public

Name:	Amanda LaBroscian
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Request that you please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Shruti
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:35 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed 2026–27 Los Angeles Animal Services budget. Specifically, the proposal eliminates the $200,000 Animal Food/Feed and Grain line item and reduces Medical Supplies funding from $388,591 to $48,968. These are essential care items. Removing dedicated food funding and sharply reducing medical supplies shifts the burden of basic necessities onto donations and compromises the humane care of animals in City custody. Additionally, I am concerned by the lack of funding for the Dogs Playing for Life program, which is vital for shelter safety, animal behavior, and adoptability. I urge you to revise the budget to restore dedicated funding for animal food, provide adequate medical supplies, and fund the Dogs Playing for Life program.

Communication from Public

Name:	Louis Heilbron
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:35 AM
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 Louis Heilbron, 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, Louis Heilbron

Communication from Public

Name:	Janell Faraj
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:36 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	This city has become a disgrace, and animals are paying the price for the absolute greed and pocket lining we've seen in this city. Our shelters are constantly in crisis, our shelter staff is having to constantly answer for the city's disgusting lack of leadership, our animals are SUFFERING because this city would rather protect the budgets of the police department lawsuits, and special interest kick backs. Enough is enough. What will it take and who needs to be removed from office in order to retain the budget for our DPFL program to remain in effect? Literal question. We want answers. The people of Los Angeles have had enough.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren Wargin
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:37 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore the funding for Dogs Play for Life for 2026-2027! Our shelters currently stand out in our nation as some of the worst and most neglectful toward the animals they are supposed to help. It is inhumane to expect any living creature to spend 24/7 in a cage. Those running the shelters have bloated annual salaries, lack any drive to assist in getting these animals adopted, and actively work against volunteers that attempt to expose true conditions animals are living in. We need to take a stand for our communities and take care of these animals in need by supporting Dogs Play for Life this upcoming year! They need us!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:38 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:	Eden Ferry
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:40 AM
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Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:42 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Smith
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:44 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund Dogs Playing For Life in the 2026-27 budget. Not allowing shelter dogs to play outside, instead being locked in kennels 24 hours a day, is inhumane and could lead to negative outcomes down the road if the dogs are adopted. This is a relatively small line item that is crucial and should be reinstated.

Communication from Public

Name:	Paola Morgado
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:47 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Paola Morgado, and I work at 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 Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, critical programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources will be at risk. Additionally, I encourage the City to: Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire Maintain workforce development programs like LA: RISE This funding directly supports the work we do every day and the survivors we serve. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for these critical services. Sincerely, Paola Morgado

Communication from Public

Name:	Samantha Powe
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:48 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Regrading Mayor's Proposed Budget FY 2026-27: I am a home owner, tax payer and resident of Los Angeles. I am extremely concerned and strongly opposed to the proposal to cut funding for Dogs Playing For Life contract at our animal shelters. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st

Communication from Public

Name:	Cassandra Irvin
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:52 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Cassandra Irvin, and I work at 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 Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, critical programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources will be at risk. Additionally, I encourage the City to: Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire Maintain workforce development programs like LA: RISE This funding directly supports the work we do every day and the survivors we serve. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for these critical services. Sincerely, Cassandra Irvin

Communication from Public

Name:	Crystal Torres
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:52 AM
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 Crystal Torres, and I work at 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 Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, critical programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources will be at risk. Additionally, I encourage the City to: • Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire • Maintain workforce development programs like LA: RISE This funding directly supports the work we do every day and the survivors we serve. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for these critical services. Sincerely, Crystal Torres

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie Chung
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:54 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Hailey Humber
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:59 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. DPFL 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. They receive no walks, no play, no joy. Please do not take their only playtime away from them. They are living beings with souls and feelings. 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Bria Braden
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 09:59 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Fully fund Dog Play for Life in the 2026-2027 budget. Do NOT let the contract lapse July 1. It's often the only out-of kennel time dogs get It directly impacts adoptions + rescue placements It reduces stress + behavioral decline It costs less than 1/100th of 1% of the city budget Without this program we lose critical behavior data (used for adoption / rescue), reduced bite incidents (proven) and lives!

Communication from Public

Name:	Tiffany C
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:01 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hou 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: edith stone
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:05 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I heard that the mayor is proposing to substantially cut the budget for animal services. This is beyond preposterous. The animals in Los Angeles need your support. The shetler is already underfunded. Euthanasia is on the rise even with open kennels. 10 years ago, the shelter was at a 92% live release rate; now it is under 80%. We are one of the largest metropolitans in the Country, we should be setting an example for how to care for our pets and our community and not be the laughing stock of the nation. Our taxes are higher than most Cities and states, and yet we can't take care of our pet population? This is absurd. The mayor spent millions on homeless initializes that did nothing to help the homeless but put money in politicians pockets. And now, to add salt to the wound of our animal services which have already seen dramatic cuts, they want to eliminate all funding for food. FOOD? The mayor won't even pay for food for the shelter animals? there is a 75% cut in medical and no funding for dogs playing for life. Enrichment is vital to dogs. Our pets in the City shelters are treated worst than criminals in jail. Only, none of these pets are criminals. None of these pets asked to be put in a cage on a concrete floor to be ignored, as there is not enough staff to get them out on a weekly basis. None of these pets asked to be killed for simply being unwanted. Please provide the funding needed for the City shelters. Here are some facts about the funding: 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 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. Thank you for your time,

Communication from Public

Name:	Rosa Hernandez
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:13 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Support Full Funding for Survivor Services in LA City Budget (Council File: 26-0600) Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Rosa Hernandez and I work at 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 Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, critical programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources will be at risk. Additionally, I encourage the City to: Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire Maintain workforce development programs like LA: RISE This funding directly supports the work we do every day and the survivors we serve. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for these critical services. Sincerely, Rosa Hernandez

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:18 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL 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. Please fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Barahona
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:18 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, My name is Maria Barahona, and I work at Haven Hills, a domestic violence organization serving survivors and families across the City of Los Angeles. I am writing to urge your support for full funding for survivor services in the City's FY 2026–27 budget. Specifically, I strongly support the proposed $12.3 million in General Funds for Survivor Services. This funding is essential to sustaining life?saving shelter, housing, and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence. I also respectfully ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, critical programs and staffing that help survivors access housing and essential federal resources will be at risk. It's imperative we keep the DV Unit at LAHSA in tact to ensure survivors can continue to access services across all systems. In addition, I encourage the City to: -Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire - Maintain workforce development programs such as LA: RISE, which are vital to long?term stability for survivors These investments directly support the work we do every day at Haven Hills and are essential to the safety, stability, and healing of the survivors we serve. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for these critical services in the FY 2026–27 budget. Sincerely, Maria Barahona Haven Hills

Communication from Public

Name:	Gwenn Godek
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:20 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore funding for the Dogs Playing For Life (DPFL) contract in the June 6 budget. I've been volunteering at the South Los Angeles shelter for 13 years. The addition of DPFL is quite literally the only thing in all of my time there that has made a significant, quantifiable difference in the quality of life for our dogs. It's not hyperbole to say that without DPFL, LAAS will go back to being one of the least humane sheltering systems in the country. Don't let DPFL's funding lapse! Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	jennifer Aglipay
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:20 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Lopez-Sandoval
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:23 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Michelle Lopez-Sandoval, and I work at 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 Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, critical programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources will be at risk. Additionally, I encourage the City to: - Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire - Maintain workforce development programs like LA: RISE This funding directly supports the work we do every day and the survivors we serve. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for these critical services. Sincerely, Michelle Lopez-Sandoval

Communication from Public

Name:	Karen Klein
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:24 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore Dogs Playing for Life program at the city shelters. I have watched them work and volunteered 5 years at the East Valley shelter. Dogs who don't get that opportunity don't get a chance and is a reason the euthanasia rate is criminal. And the budget overall for the shelter system must provide more for the dogs who can't vote. We can and we will remember. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Desjon Allen
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:24 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name Desjon A., I'm currently a participant in the Safe Parking LA program. This program is both needed and vital. LAPD crime statistics report that violent crime committed against the unhoused, including vehicle dwellers are more than twice as likely to occur during the hours of 7 PM through 7 AM. A recent LAPD report stated that although the unhoused population represented less than 1% of the cities total population, homicides committed against the unhoused population representative 24% of all the total homicides in the city. It's not a coincidence, but by design that the Safe Parking LA program operates during these same hours to ensure the safety of the most vulnerable members of our community. This program saves lives. I fully understand that a city the size of Los Angeles has to be ran like a business, but it's stewards must never lose sight of the fact that the largest part of that business is to ensure the welfare, safety and happiness of its citizens. Funding for this program must be secured. Safe Parking LA. must be allowed to operate and continue it's good works. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Elias
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:26 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July1. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING

Communication from Public

Name:	Brianna Avendano
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:27 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July1. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING

Communication from Public

Name:	Vianey
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:32 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life in LA City shelters. Shelter dogs need more than food and a kennel — they need exercise, socialization, enrichment, and a real chance to be seen for who they are. Playgroups help reduce stress, improve behavior, and give staff and adopters important information about how dogs interact with others. Cutting this program would hurt dogs who are already scared, overlooked, and at risk. The cost is tiny compared to the city's overall budget, but the impact is huge for the animals, shelter staff, volunteers, adopters, and rescues. Please prioritize humane shelter care and keep Dogs Playing for Life funded. These dogs deserve enrichment, compassion, and a better chance at adoption. Let us help be their voice!

Communication from Public

Name:	Katie McPheters
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL is 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 playtime, 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. Please fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Crystal Bell
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am concerned about the lack of funding for LA Animal Shelters and the Dogs Playing for Life program. Playtime for every dog every day is essential for dogs mental health and provides valuable insights into their behavior. Dogs Playing for Life is the only structured out of kennel time available to all dogs regardless of temperament within their kennel. The dog I am fostering has barrier reactivity and benefited immensely from this program. The notes that they made in his file about his play yard behavior made me feel confident I could foster him safely. Without these notes he was going on the euthanize list. Dogs Playing for Life helped save his life. LA Animal Shelters are in dire need of more funding overall. For a fraction of a percent of our overall budget, we could make a huge difference at our shelters. Please fully fund LA Animal Shelters and the Dogs Playing for Life program.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sahar Sanjar
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:37 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please FULLY FUND the DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE contract in the 2026-2027 budget. The playgroups are structured out-of kennel time necessary to lowers stress less and diminish behavioral decline. They support the adoption of these beautiful animals and support the local rescues in all the work they do. This is how dog behaviors are assessed - this is vital work. The DPFL contract costs less that 1/100th of 1% of the 14 billion dollar budget. Fully fund this program for the 2026-2027 budget. And beyond. We urge LA Council to be part of the solution. Thank you, Sahar

Communication from Public

Name:	Anita Avalos
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:37 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	paste, edit if you want: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. RESTORE DPFL

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:39 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing today in support of Dogs Playing for Life and its continued funding in LA county's budget. This is the only enrichment program for the hundreds of thousands of dogs that cycle in and out of the county's shelter systems. DPFL gives animals some of the only times in weeks or months animals are allowed to socialize with other dogs, walk, get treats, and training. Some dogs go several weeks without being let out of their cage to even relieve themselves. It is imperative that these animals get adopted, but they cannot thrive without proper human interaction and socialization. Animal services is less than 1/100 of the annual budget this year. This needs to change. I am urging for more allocation in the budget to take care of the animals that move through the Los Angeles county system. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Stevan Espitia-Sloan
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:41 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 Budget. DFFL 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 life saving decision. This program is invaluable. The DFFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14,858 budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being Humane LA. These dogs have suffered enough at the hands of their neglectors. We are asking that you help the caring community help save lives and provide a humane existing for them. Please fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:45 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: In 2025, the city budget for homeless services was $960,768,059 and we ended up with an unspent balance of $473,114,877. Why are we increasing funding for Homeless Services in 2026, while denying funding for animal shelters and animal services?

kenneth mejia
LA CITY CONTROLLER

FY2025 Unspent Homelessness Funds

The City underspent its homelessness budget by at least **$473 million**

FY2025 Homelessness Unspent Amounts

Homelessness is a top priority for the City of Los Angeles, and we allocate a significant amount of funding to house and provide services to as many Angelenos as possible. As such, it is important to properly track where and how these dollars are being spent in comparison to what was budgeted.

Before we took Office, City Hall did not track homelessness spending compared to what was budgeted due to the decentralized nature of how the City solves homelessness. There is no one particular department that oversees homelessness efforts, so it is much more difficult to track homelessness spending. That is why our Office implemented

homelessness accounting codes into our Financial Management System (FMS) to track spending and receive monthly updates from departments.

In Fiscal Year 2025, the Homelessness Adopted Budget was **$960,768,059**. This amount was adjusted during the fiscal year to include additional appropriations and prior year amounts, bringing the adjusted homelessness budget to **$1,107,839,274**. After accounting for **$516,016,004** in homelessness expenditures and **$118,708,391** in encumbrances, the unspent/uncommitted amount for FY2025 was **$473,114,877**. See spreadsheet table below for details.

The largest spent and encumbered amounts came from:

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grants	**$122,466,211**
Inside Safe	**$120,376,817**
Prop HHH Permanent Supportive Housing	**$80,001,135**
Sanitation	**$61,498,345**
Measure ULA	**$60,483,802**
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)	**$43,087,267**

The largest unspent amounts came from:

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grants	**$223,595,572**
Measure ULA	**$99,302,723**
Inside Safe	**$64,267,805**
Sanitation	**$17,914,511**

Unspent amounts can indicate missed opportunities to help our unhoused community, but they can also indicate that the City may need to revisit the way the homelessness budget is structured. For instance, appropriating funds in the year the money will actually be spent vs. allocating all funding to one fiscal year will help avoid large uncommitted / unspent

amounts for that fiscal year. If funding, such as HHAP, will not be spent until future years, it should be budgeted in the year(s) in which it is expected to be spent. By inflating the homelessness budget with money that won't be spent, the City gives the public unrealistic expectations around our homelessness response, and ensures that we will under deliver.

Main reasons for unspent amounts:

Budget structure

The City budgets full funding amounts from grants and other similar funding sources in one fiscal year even if it intends to spend it in subsequent fiscal years. This creates an automatic underspend because the budget would not get spent if the City knows it would be spent after that fiscal year.

Decentralized homelessness efforts

The City's homelessness efforts are decentralized and there is no one department that oversees homelessness. This makes it more difficult to provide timely analysis and oversight of unspent dollars. The Controller's Office currently tracks homelessness spending in real-time and works with departments to get their updated homelessness spending on a monthly basis.

Staffing and resource constraints

Lack of staff and resources, especially for departmental homelessness related spending: Vacancies and the City's sluggish hiring process that takes nine months to over a year result in allocated dollars to remain unspent.

Approval delays for Measure ULA funds

Long approval times related to affordable housing development can take up to three years. The City has also delayed approvals for spending plans and contracts related to tenant protections, defense, and assistance.

What happens to unspent or uncommitted amounts?

At the end of the fiscal year, depending on where the homelessness funding is sourced, money can either be reverted back to the City's General Fund Reserve, or it stays in the homelessness special fund it belongs to. Unspent General Fund dollars revert to the Reserve Fund at year-end and can be spent on other things (even areas not homelessness related) unless reappropriated. Unspent homelessness dollars related to Special Funds stay in the accounts and roll over to subsequent fiscal years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Homelessness Budget Process for HHAP Grants

During next fiscal year's budget process, appropriate only what the City believes will be spent for that fiscal year. If the City knows certain funds or grants won't be expended until future years, do not include them in next fiscal year's budget.

Unspent Measure ULA Dollars

Clearly communicate the timelines for acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing. Overpromising and underdelivering on projects and programs can lead to public backlash. Most of the underspend relates to tenant assistance, defense, and protections. Tackling delays as it relates to hiring, contracting, and approvals processes will help ensure that services are provided to tenants at risk of falling into homelessness.

Homelessness Budget Process for Measure ULA

Determine if certain Measure ULA spending is rightfully categorized under the homelessness budget since large amounts originally budgeted in the homelessness budget were not spent or encumbered. Categories include:

- Income Support for Rent-Burdened At-Risk Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- Short-Term Emergency Assistance
- Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing
- Eviction Defense/Prevention

Homelessness Budget Process Right Sizing

Based on our report of unspent / uncommitted homelessness funds, determine whether these funds will be spent in the next fiscal year if they are to be included again in the homelessness budget.

Timely Updates on Homelessness Spending (Monthly or Quarterly)

To ensure that homelessness dollars are being spent in a timely manner, the Controller's Office and the CAO can provide periodic updates on how spending is tracking against the budget. Other responsible departments should also give regular updates on their spending plans. The Controller's Office currently tracks real-time spending and gets monthly updates from departments on homelessness spending. Formalizing these updates will help the City identify issues and bottlenecks to ensure timely utilization.

FY2025 Homelessness Budget Summary

Department	Total Budgeted	Total Actual Expenditures	% Expended	Year-End Encumbrance	Total Uncommitted	% Expended & Encumbered
02 - Aging	744,648	681,774	91.6%	37,780	25,094	96.6%

Department	Total Budgeted	Total Actual Expenditures	% Expended	Year-End Encumbrance	Total Uncommitted	% Expended & Encumbered
06 - Animal Svcs	82,979	3,000	3.6%	-	79,979	3.6%
10 - CAO	261,314,421	11,589,784	4.4%	3,737,828	245,986,809	5.9%
12 - City Attorney	521,556	240,143	46.0%	-	281,413	46.0%
15 - CHRE	100,000	94,498	94.5%	5,502	-	100.0%
21 - CIFD Federal	21,641,859	14,270,945	65.9%	42,731	7,328,183	66.1%
22 - EWDD	3,000,000	2,795,658	93.2%	204,342	-	100.0%
28 - Council	17,000,000	7,208,004	42.4%	-	9,791,996	42.4%
35 - EMD	109,572	68,427	62.4%	-	41,145	62.4%
38 - Fire	2,496,524	2,353,878	94.3%	-	142,646	94.3%
40 - GSD	964,633	955,047	99.0%	-	9,586	99.0%
43 - LAHD	437,054,003	261,373,011	59.8%	74,400,717	101,280,275	76.8%
46 - Mayor	3,500,000	-	-	-	3,500,000	-
56 - GCP / CTIEP	12,492,259	8,439,951	67.6%	-	4,052,308	67.6%
56 - GCP / Inside Safe	98,241,382	27,663,118	28.2%	12,824,847	57,753,417	41.2%
58 - Unappropriated Balance	4,705,269	-	-	-	4,705,269	-
63 - Leasing	1,550,738	351,000	22.6%	1,199,738	-	100.0%
65 - Disability	517,609	517,609	100.0%	-	-	100.0%

Department	Total Budgeted	Total Actual Expenditures	% Expended	Year-End Encumbrance	Total Uncommitted	% Expended & Encumbered
68 - Planning	2,204,545	2,111,865	95.8%	92,680	-	100.0%
70 - Police	13,570,153	10,039,092	74.0%	-	3,531,061	74.0%
74 - PW Board	148,540	43,826	29.5%	-	104,714	29.5%
76 - PW BCA*	-	-	-	-	-	-
78 - PW BOE	4,500,000	91,730	2.0%	-	4,408,270	2.0%
82 - PW Sanitation	79,412,855	43,092,532	54.3%	18,405,812	17,914,511	77.4%
88 - Recreation & Parks	7,385,602	6,360,865	86.1%	40,625	984,112	86.7%
94 - DOT	430,182	409,917	95.3%	-	20,265	95.3%
Subtotal (City Departments)	**973,689,329**	**400,755,674**	**41.2%**	**110,992,602**	**461,941,053**	**52.6%**
Disbursed to LAHSA (outside agency)	134,149,943	115,260,330	85.9%	7,715,789	11,173,824	91.7%
TOTAL	**1,107,839,272**	**516,016,004**	**46.6%**	**118,708,391**	**473,114,877**	**57.3%**

FY2025 Homelessness Budget Detail

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
02 - Aging		744,648	-	681,774	37,780	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Older Workers Employment Program	100	744,648	-	681,774	37,780	
06 - Animal Svcs		82,979	-	3,000	-	
Homeless Services Support/Pet Resource Centers	100	82,979	-	3,000	-	
10 - CAO		261,314,422	-	11,589,785	3,737,828	245
City Administrative Officer - General Fund (Fund 100/10)		1,246,630	-	1,122,741	-	
Citywide Homeless Initiative	100	482,302	-	394,296	-	
Homeless Oversight	100	300,753	-	335,477	-	
Proposition HHH Facilities Bond Program	100	178,946	-	138,612	-	
Street Medicine Team	100	284,629	-	254,356	-	
City Administrative Officer - State Grants		259,984,997	-	10,384,249	3,737,828	245
Encampment Resolution Grant (ERF) - Ballona	67G	2,428,330	-	607,082	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 1)*	62Y	2,703,047	-	2,659,305	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 2)*	64J	5,586,021	-	-	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 3)*	65S	22,479,930	-	-	-	22
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 4)*	66C	33,839,928	-	2,773,144	-	31
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 5)*	SPR	164,335,500	-	-	-	164
Emergency Stabilization Beds	67N	28,612,241	-	4,344,718	3,737,828	20
City Administrative Officer - Other Funds		82,795	-	82,795	-	
Insurance and Bonds Premiums F/S General Fund - 46S/10/100230	46S	82,795	-	82,795	-	
12 - City Attorney		521,556	-	240,143	-	
City Attorney - GF ($375,846) + SRF ($145,713)		375,843	-	240,143	-	
Proposition HHH Legal Support	100	375,843	-	94,979	-	
Other Homeless Related Expenses (General fund & regular authorities)	100	-	-	145,164	-	
Special Fund		145,713	-	-	-	
Tenant Anti-Harassment Implementation Support	440	145,713	-	-	-	
HHAP-5 (CF 20-1524-S7)	SPR	-	-	-	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
15 - CHRE		100,000	-	94,498	5,502	
Midnight Stroll Transgender Café	100	100,000	-	94,498	5,502	
21 - CIFD Federal		21,641,859	-	14,270,946	42,731	
Community Investment for Families - GF ($19,665,214) + SRF ($178,035)		21,143,249	-	13,772,336	42,731	
Expansion of Domestic Violence Shelter Operations	100	-	-	-	-	
FamilySource Center	100	3,800,000	-	3,800,000	-	
Shelter Operations	100; 428; 424	4,286,998	-	3,421,794	-	
Solid Ground Program	100; 66M	4,706,768	-	4,664,038	42,731	
Solid Ground Program Expansion	100	-	-	-	-	
Kids First Program	100	549,483	-	505,821	-	
Budget, Finance and Innovation Report Item No. 40	100	7,800,000	-	1,380,683	-	
Federal Grant		-	-	-	-	
Community Development Block Grant Acquisition for Interim and Permanent Housing	424	-	-	-	-	
Community Development Block Grant	424	-	-	-	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Clinica Romero	100; 66C	-	-	-	-	
State Grant		498,610	-	498,610	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 2)*	64J	-	-	-	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 3)*	65S	-	-	-	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 4)*	66C	498,610	-	498,610	-	
Housing - Measure United to House LA (ULA)		-	-	-	-	
Short-Term Emergency Assistance		-	-	-	-	
22 - EWDD		3,000,000	-	2,795,658	204,342	
LA RISE	100	3,000,000	-	2,795,658	204,342	
28 - Council		17,000,000	-	7,208,004	-	9
Additional Homeless Services	100	17,000,000	-	7,208,004	-	9
35 - EMD		109,572	-	68,427	-	
Homelessness Preparedness and Response	100	109,572	-	68,427	-	
38 - Fire		2,496,524	-	2,353,878	-	
Fire - General Fund (Fund 100/38)		2,496,524	-	2,353,878	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Advanced Provider Response Unit (APRU)	100	746,418	-	746,418	-	
Fast Response Vehicle	100	1,607,460	-	1,607,460	-	
SOBER Unit	100	142,646	-	-	-	
40 - GSD		964,633	-	955,047	-	
General Services - General Fund (Fund 100/40)		964,633	-	955,047	-	
Custodial Services for the Los Angeles City Mall	100	300,000	-	300,000	-	
Hepatitis A Prevention and Custodial Service	100	151,700	-	151,700	-	
Homeless Intervention Unit	100	512,933	-	503,347	-	
Acquisition for Interim and Permanent Housing		-	-	-	-	
Project Roomkey Leasing (100/63/000026)		-	-	-	-	
Master Trust Account (100/40/009957)		-	-	-	-	
Master Trust Account (100/40/003040)		-	-	-	-	
43 - LAHD		397,763,619	39,290,384	261,373,013	74,400,717	10

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Housing - GF ($7,041,361) + SRF ($743,496)		7,784,857	-	7,219,874	564,983	
Construction Services	100	110,697	-	110,697	-	
Construction Services for Proposition HHH	100	110,696	-	110,696	-	
Eviction Defense Program	100	157,588	-	157,588	-	
Eviction Defense Program New Positions	100	120,133	-	120,133	-	
Homelessness Services	100	212,145	-	212,145	-	
Lease Up Coordinator for Permanent Supportive Housing	100	70,816	-	70,816	-	
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	100; 424; 428	386,223	-	386,223	-	
Prevailing Wage Monitoring for Proposition HHH	100	90,922	-	90,922	-	
Proposition HHH Contracts	100	503,500	-	340,276	163,224	
Proposition HHH Occupancy Monitoring	100	214,735	-	214,735	-	
Proposition HHH Program Staff	100	862,387	-	862,387	-	
Proposition HHH Supplemental	17A-G	1,303,611	-	1,303,611	-	
Street Medicine	100	2,000,000	-	1,598,241	401,759	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Supportive Housing Services	424	128,505	-	128,505	-	
Tenant Anti-Harassment Implementation	440	370,247	-	370,247	-	
Tenant Anti-Harassment Task Force	100	1,142,652	-	1,142,652	-	
Housing		-	-	-	-	
LAHSA-HET		-	-	-	-	
Supportive Housing Services		-	-	-	-	
Tenant Anti-Harassment Implementation		-	-	-	-	
Homekey Round 3-Shelby (43YD10)		-	-	-	-	
Measure ULA		159,786,525	-	36,461,163	24,022,639	99
Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing	66M	37,196,631	-	9,525,310	11,490,657	1
Eviction Defense/Prevention	66M	37,196,631	-	15,612,448	7,786,450	1
Income Support for Rent-Burdened At-Risk Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	66M	48,196,631	-	9,880,000	-	3
Protections from Tenant Harassment	66M	11,158,990	-	-	3,658,596	
Short-Term Emergency Assistance	66M	18,598,316	-	-	-	1
Tenant Outreach and Education	66M	7,439,326	-	1,443,405	1,086,936	4

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
MHFF		-	-	-	-	
Acquisition for Interim and Permanent Housing	815	-	-	-	-	
Prop HHH		80,001,135	-	47,724,117	32,277,018	
Proposition HHH Project Expenditures	17A, C, E, G	80,001,135	-	47,724,117	32,277,018	
Homekey 2.0 Permanent Supportive Housing	17A, C, E, G	-	-	-	-	
Acquisition for Interim and Permanent Housing	17A, C, E, G	-	-	-	-	
Federal Grants		5,297,519	16,531,265	21,828,784	-	
ARP - Homekey 2.0 Permanent Supportive Housing	65M	-	16,531,265	16,531,265	-	
ARP - Homekey 3.0 Permanent Supportive Housing	65M	5,297,519	-	5,297,519	-	
State Grant		1,893,955	-	-	-	1
State Homekey Program Grant, Round 3	66R	1,893,955	-	-	-	1
Other Funding Sources		142,999,628	22,759,119	148,139,075	17,536,077	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 1)	62Y	(1,327,561)	2,347,148	1,019,587	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 2)	64J	-	5,784,471	5,784,471	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 3)*	65S	-	14,627,500	14,627,500	-	
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP 4)	66C	95,187,189	-	77,567,517	17,536,077	
State/Federal Grants and Other Local Funds	561; 64R	49,140,000	-	49,140,000	-	
46 - Mayor		3,500,000	-	-	-	3
Inside Safe Admin F/S Gen	100	3,500,000	-	-	-	3
56 - GCP / CTIEP		12,492,259	-	8,439,951	-	4
General City Purposes (Fund 100/56) (GF $25,184,600 + SPR $4,000,000)		12,492,259	-	8,439,951	-	4
Additional Homeless Services	100	-	-	-	-	
CIRCLE: 24/7 Homelessness Crisis Response Pilot	100	8,307,659	-	7,447,631	-	
Clinica Romero	100	100,000	-	-	-	
Mobile Laundry Truck	100	67,600	-	-	-	
Unified Homeless Response Center Data Project	100	17,000	-	-	-	
Opioid Settlement Funds	66E	4,000,000	-	992,320	-	3

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP)		-	-	-	-	
Police Excess Storage	100	-	-	-	-	
56 - GCP / Inside Safe		170,741,382	(72,500,000)	27,663,118	12,824,847	5
GCP - Inside Safe (Fund 100/56)		170,741,382	(72,500,000)	27,663,118	12,824,847	5
Homelessness Emergency (Appr 000959)	100	128,624,905	(72,500,000)	27,663,118	12,824,847	15
Inside Safe Reserve (Appr 000A15)	100	42,116,477	-	-	-	4
58 - Unappropriated Balance		4,705,269	-	-	-	4
Unappropriated Balance - General Fund (Fund 100/58)		4,705,269	-	-	-	4
LAHSA-HET	100	4,075,686	-	-	-	4
Acquisition for Interim and Permanent Housing	100	-	-	-	-	
LAHSA - Outreach Navigators 580433	100	629,583	-	-	-	
Substance Use Disorder Treatment Beds	100	-	-	-	-	
Budget, Finance and Innovation Report Item No. 41 580434	100	-	-	-	-	
Citywide Recreational Vehicle (RV) Program	100	-	-	-	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
63 - Leasing		1,550,739	-	351,000	1,199,738	
Project Roomkey Leasing (100/63/000026)	100	1,550,739	-	351,000	1,199,738	
65 - Disability		517,609	-	517,609	-	
Disability - General Fund (Fund 100/65)		517,609	-	517,609	-	
Disability and Homeless Services Analyst	100	109,116	-	128,386	-	
Durable Medical Equipment	100	50,000	-	50,000	-	
Durable Medical Equipment Coordinator	100	91,162	-	121,787	-	
Homeless and HIV Program	100	190,000	-	174,481	-	
Homeless Services Coordinator	100	77,331	-	42,955	-	
Syringe Exchange	100	-	-	-	-	
Unified Homeless Response Center Staff Enhancement	100	-	-	-	-	
Homeless Outreach and Engagement	100	-	-	-	-	
68 - Planning		2,204,545	-	2,111,865	92,680	
City Planning - GF ($1,787,965) + SRF ($416,580)		2,204,545	-	2,111,865	92,680	
Housing Unit	100; SRF	924,506	-	884,420	40,086	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Priority Housing	100	532,664	-	509,813	22,851	
Streamlining Affordable Housing Permit Process	100	747,375	-	717,632	29,743	
70 - Police		13,570,153	-	10,039,093	-	
Police - General Fund (Fund 100/70)		13,570,153	-	10,039,093	-	
Overtime for Interim Homeless Housing Sites	100	12,192,943	-	8,684,871	-	
Homeless Coordinator Resources	100	398,117	-	398,117	-	
Resource Enhancement Services and Enforcement Team	100	395,186	-	372,198	-	
Unified Homeless Response Center	100	583,907	-	583,907	-	
74 - PW Board		148,540	-	43,826	-	
Public Works, Board - General Fund (Fund 100/74)		148,540	-	43,826	-	
Accounting Support	100	148,540	-	43,826	-	
76 - PW-BCA		-	-	-	-	
Interim Housing Inspection	100	-	-	-	-	
78 - PW BOE		4,500,000	-	91,730	-	
Public Works, Bureau of Engineer - Special Funds		4,500,000	-	91,730	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Feasibility Studies for Homeless Roadmap - Fund 682/50/Appr 50VVHF	682	1,500,000	-	91,730	-	1
BOE Construction Contingency F/S	682	3,000,000	-	-	-	3
82 - PW Sanitation		79,412,855	-	43,092,533	18,405,812	1
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation - General Fund (Fund 100/82)		66,418,009	-	43,092,533	10,583,184	12
Clean Streets Safety and Training Program	100	91,755	-	-	-	
Coastal CARE+ Team	100	672,901	-	244,515	-	
CARE+ Expansion Second Shift Team	100	879,786	-	-	-	
CARE / CARE+	100	41,259,052	-	35,750,685	8,841,491	(3
CARE / CARE+ Administrative Program Support	100	1,419,152	-	1,242,146	4,509	
CARE / CARE+ Program Support	100	10,989,276	-	-	-	10
CARE Hazardous Waste Removal Services	100	-	-	-	-	
CARE Information Services Oversight	100	116,075	-	-	-	
CARE+ Expansion Second Shift Team	100	-	-	-	-	
Hollywood CARE+	100	1,135,020	-	-	-	
Livability Services Facilities Planning	100	86,941	-	58,821	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Livability Services Inventory Support	100	46,060	-	-	-	
Livability Services Management Expansion	100	123,175	-	138,806	-	
Livability Services Safety Training	100	504,036	-	-	-	
Mobile Hygiene Centers Program	100	4,094,794	-	3,527,152	1,170,566	(
Operation Healthy Streets (OHS)	100	1,400,668	-	2,130,403	566,618	(1
Regional Storage Facilities	100	3,599,318	-	5	-	
Budget, Finance and Innovation Report No. 68	100	-	-	-	-	
Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA)		12,994,846	-	-	7,822,628	
BOS CARE Vehicles Purchase	MICLA	12,300,000	-	-	7,822,628	
Livability Service Division (LSD) Yard Improvements	MICLA	694,846	-	-	-	
88 - Recreation & Parks		7,385,602	-	6,360,865	40,625	
Recreation and Parks - Special Revenue Fund (Fund 302)		7,385,602	-	6,360,865	40,625	
24-Hour Public Restroom Access (Venice)	302	244,750	-	282,161	17,709	
Bulky Item Illegal Dumping Crew	302	792,084	-	670,168	414	
Gladys Park Maintenance Program	302	169,678	-	163,406	-	

Department / Program(s)	Fund	Budget	PY Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Encumbered	Unc
Homeless Encampment Cleanup	302	1,837,356	-	2,011,020	1,241	
Park Restroom Enhancement Program	302	4,119,863	-	3,096,119	21,261	1
San Julian Park Maintenance Program	302	221,871	-	137,991	-	
94 - DOT		430,182	-	409,917	-	
Transportation - General Fund (Fund 100)		430,182	-	409,917	-	
Community Assistance Parking Program	100	130,182	-	316,293	-	
Inside Safe Response Charter Bus Services	100	300,000	-	93,624	-	
Subtotal (City Departments)		**1,006,898,947**	**(33,209,616)**	**400,755,680**	**110,992,602**	**461**
Disbursed to LAHSA (outside agency)	10A	61,649,943	72,500,000	115,260,330	7,715,789	1
Annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count	10A	933,668	-	537,023	396,645	
Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC) Administration	10A	6,650,761	-	6,132,484	518,277	
Shelter and Housing Interventions	10A	17,784,837	-	11,365,057	5,619,215	
Street Strategies	10A	22,377,437	-	17,336,914	1,181,652	
Inside Safe (43WC82)	10A	13,903,240	72,500,000	79,888,852	-	
TOTAL		**1,068,548,890**	**39,290,384**	**516,016,010**	**118,708,391**	**47**

* HHAP grants are multi-year and budgeted in full in one fiscal year.


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LA CITY CONTROLLER

Communication from Public

Name:	Evelyn Fajardo
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please ensure full funding for the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026–27 city budget. For many shelter dogs in Los Angeles, DPFL playgroups provide the only organized time outside their kennels. Without this program, dogs remain confined to concrete enclosures around the clock—without walks, enrichment, or meaningful interaction. These playgroups also give LAAS critical insight into each dog's behavior with others. That information is essential, guiding adoption matches, rescue placements, and other life-saving decisions. The cost of the DPFL contract is a tiny fraction—well under one-hundredth of one percent—of LA's $14.85 billion budget. Eliminating it undermines the city's commitment to humane care. Our dogs are already suffering in overcrowded shelters, and there are too many healthy, young dogs being euthanized for space. Allowing them to play makes them more adoptable and saves their lives. Include full funding for DPFL in the June 6 budget and prevent any interruption when the contract expires on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Marikka Dargel Johnson
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget DPFL 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. Playgroupds are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. The single date point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every life saving decision. The DFFL 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. FULLY FUND DPFL's CONTRACT IN THE JUNE 6 BUDGET!!! Don't let it lapse July 1st!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:21 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget for animal services.Mayor Bass will be known for the maltreatment of dogs and cats in shelters and allowing animals to be drugged , raped and abused on Skid Row that is her legacy.

Communication from Public

Name:	Anita Avalos
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:27 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING

Communication from Public

Name:	Katelyn Levine
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:28 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please vote to fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out of kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs are stuck in concrete kennels 24/7. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most about dogs. This drives adoptions, rescue pulls and every lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of the 1% of LA's HUGE budget. Please vote to fund this lifesaving program in the June 6 budget!

Communication from Public

Name:	Katelyn Levine
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:29 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please vote to approve and fund the collaboration between Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA This will help save lives of cats and dogs and they can offer help to animals in city shelters

Communication from Public

Name:	Juan
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	We need to keep the cats safe and TNR the best possible. The city has spent so much money on the homeless, that it's just a waste of tax payers money, that the streets are full of disgusting, metal sick people that they are beyond help. We need to concentrate in keep feral animals safe and control the overpopulation of them to keep them from being run over by a car. This administration is the worst in history.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:45 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Don’t reduce funding for our helpless animals!

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Elizabeth Doell

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:48 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I hope that my comment counts.

Communication from Public

Name:	Chandler Cummings
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:48 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service.

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:49 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING

Communication from Public

Name:	Marie Paolantonio
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund this vital service for dogs in our shelters. They deserve more but at a minimum should be treated humanely. Without social time outside their kennels we are subjecting them to undue stress. It’s a problem we created and it’s something we need to fix.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kathy willis
Date Submitted:	04/23/2026 11:30 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing as a concerned citizen on behalf of all the animals at the shelter. PleSe reconsider cutting the funding that will provide not only life saving care for these precious animals, but daily love and attention. Please , if you have any soul at all you will continue funding for these animals..who do have a soul.

Communication from Public

Name:	Brian Avelar
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 06:42 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The animals that live at LA animal shelters need funding for dogs playing for life, food, and medical supplies. The animal crisis in LA is horrible as it is. This would be the only time these animals would get to be out of their kennel and release their energy making dogs more adoptable. The city of LA needs to use the funds they have and tackle this animal crisis and support the dogs that are under its care instead of using the budget mainly for salaries.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rory Marengo
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:28 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Restore funding for Dogs Playing for LAAS. Do not let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Danielle Riggin
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing to express extreme concern regarding the proposed budget cut for LA County's animal shelters. The shelters need more funding, certainly not less. Additionally, it's complete animal neglect to take away the animals' ability to get out of their cages. They critically need out of kennel enrichment with the Dogs Playing for Life program. Imagine being in solitary confinement in a small cell 24/7? That is how it is for these innocent animals at the shelter. It is cruel and inhumane. The shelters need additional funding, not less to help these innocent animals from continued suffering. The play groups will help more dogs get adopted because they will be more emotionally balanced. Thank you. Danielle.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kimberly reilly
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 08:51 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The idea that you wouldn’t fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget blows my mind! It’s the least we can do for these precious living beings. DFL 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. The truth of the matter is that it’s TORTURE for a being who should be running miles and miles per day! 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. In 2026, we should be reassessing our relationship ship with animals under our care. We should be doing better than the year before, not worse. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse. Let’s stand up for the dogs!

Communication from Public

Name:	Cynthia Salinas
Date Submitted:	04/23/2026 06:08 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Removing budget makes the already inhumane life at our shelters Worse. Are we a 3rd world country?!?

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Suarez
Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 07:50 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, My name is Nina Suarez and 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 Represent LA 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 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, [Your Name]

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:31 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fund spay/neuter for all city shelters. We need more animal control officers, more animal care technicians, more vet techs, more veterinarians, more funding to renovate our current shelters. We DO NOT need more supervisors. We need more boots on the ground. Please consider animal welfare as one of the citys priorities.

Communication from Public

Name:	Carter Goffigon
Date Submitted:	04/23/2026 08:53 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please Restore Funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LA Animal Services Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service. Carter Council District 14

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Espinoza
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:48 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear City of LA Budget and Finance Committee Members: My name is Diana Espinoza , and I'm writing as a staff member of Rainbow Services, Ltd., an organization serving survivors of domestic violence for more than 40 years. Rainbow Services is headquartered in San Pedro, within City Council District 15. We are encouraged by the level funding proposed for CIFD's Survivor Supportive Services budget, totaling $12.3M in General Funds— this amount is essential for maintaining vital beds and services. Level funding ensures that the historic 32% increase in DV shelter beds in the City of LA is maintained. These beds are critically important, given that 41% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. We urge the City Council to approve the full $12.3 million in General Funds requested for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27. We are also greatly concerned about the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ability to perform critical functions for the broader Continuum of Care (CoC) under the current funding levels proposed. As it stands, the $791.7M proposed for CoC Planning is inadequate to ensure LAHSA has the capacity to submit renewal requests to HUD, including DV Bonus funding, a crucial housing resource for survivors. The current proposal also does not fully fund the capacity needed to support work under the Domestic Violence Support Services Only Grant (DV-SSO); LAHSA DV staffing is instrumental in navigating the complexity of federal policy, as well as supporting DV Regional Coordinators in ensuring survivors access housing and shelter resources. Their collective expertise is essential. We are grateful for the City of LA's firm commitment to survivors, including expanding DV shelter beds and launching programs like Survivors First that offer rapid rehousing with flexible financial assistance and long-term support tailored to their needs. We urge the City to adopt the $12.3M in General Funds proposed for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27 and adopt LAHSA's requested funding for Continuum of Care planning ($1.5M) to ensure continuity of HUD funded homeless services for survivors. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services as well as LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Diana Espinoza

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashley Adams
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:49 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	It is deeply frustrating—and frankly unacceptable—that the city (one of the wealthiest on earth) has allocated zero dollars toward something as basic as dog food while our animal shelters are in crisis. This isn't a minor oversight; it reflects a broader pattern of neglect and a lack of urgency when it comes to addressing the overcrowding, underfunding, and overall strain on Los Angeles shelters. Volunteers and staff are left scrambling to meet the most fundamental needs, while the city appears disengaged from the reality on the ground. If we cannot ensure that animals in our care are consistently fed, what does that say about our priorities? Los Angeles has both the resources and the responsibility to do better, and the current inaction signals a troubling indifference to a crisis that demands immediate, meaningful attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:52 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: As a volunteer at a local dog shelter, I am submitting this public comment to strongly urge the restoration of funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are often the only chance our shelter dogs have to get out of their kennels to experience meaningful socialization. Without this program, many dogs will remain confined for weeks or months, which leads to increases in on-site dog bites, heightened fear and anxiety, and greater stress for both animals and humans. DPFL has provided an essential safety umbrella for volunteers like myself. The structured playgroups reduce the risk of injuries to staff and volunteers, and help dogs become better candidates for adoption by improving their behavior and overall well-being. If funding lapses, our ability to care for and rehabilitate these animals will be severely impacted, and euthanasia pressure will inevitably increase. The City of LA's budget is $14.85 billion, and DPFL's annual contract is a tiny fraction of that—less than 1/100th of 1%. This program is about supporting compassion and safety in our community, not just dollars and cents. Please do not let DPFL lapse on July 1. Thank you for your time and dedication to the welfare of LA's shelter animals.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jazmine
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:53 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, I am writing regarding Karen Bass's horrible budget that would disseminate animal services. She has already done such a horrid job as supposed "mayor" of the city of Los Angeles. Animals are suffering in the Animal shelters and on Skid row and it has become worst while she has been in office. To Euthanize animals should not be the first option for these shelters. The money should be going into spaying an neutering to control the population of animals. There shouldn't be any " breeders" coming out from skid row who are just adding to the problem. The animals in the shelter shouldn't be suffering in a city run shelter. Why is it that these "managers" make so much but can't find a solution other then to get rid of the problem. Looks like they are just coming in to collect a paycheck, which is unfair to those they are supposed to take care of. I urge the city council to step in and help Los Angeles become the city that was looked at and admired for being No kill LA. Karen Bass has done such a de-service to this city and the fact that the council has just helped her bring down the city is so Disappointing.

Communication from Public

Name:	Matthew
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:56 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Cutting funding for the dogs would be a huge mistake. I love LA because people care for each other. Animals included. Please reconsider. Cutting the funding would be killing countless innocent animals that are all deserving of a chance at life. Please reconsider!

Communication from Public

Name:	AM Carlile
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:59 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent of District 7, I am urging the City Council to approve increased funding for Animal Services. Pets are a HUGE part of many people's lives, especially the elderly & disabled who often go days, even weeks, without human contact. They rely on their pets for companionship & when their companions are lost or must be relinquished, the City has a duty of care for their beloved family members. Pets in our shelters are vulnerable members of our society who, through no fault of their own, are in a precarious situation subjected all too often today to euthanasia due to kennel stress. We must stop this throw away attitude towards pets and instead devote more time & resources to their care, their rehabilitation, and especially rehoming. Please reconsider the budget proposal of our mayor and vote to at least DOUBLE the animal services budget. We have $8 BILLION in discretionary spending. You have the money to make a real difference. Use it. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Callie Siirila
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:00 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. For many LA City shelter dogs, DPFL playgroups are the only structured time they get outside of their kennels. Without them, dogs can be confined for days, weeks, or even months without walks, enrichment, socialization, or any opportunity to experience joy. These playgroups also provide critical behavioral information that helps drive adoptions and rescue placements. Without that insight, dogs become harder to place, which increases their length of stay- further straining an already overburdened shelter system. This program is not optional—it's essential for animal welfare, placement outcomes, and system capacity. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Pam Wilkinson
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:03 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: As President of Spay4LA, I am proud to assist the City in saving money, as well as preventing more unwanted animals in Los Angeles. Spay4LA sterilized over 7,000 dogs and cats in the past 2 years throughout Los Angeles thus mitigating thousands of unwanted births thus saving the City millions of dollars that would had been spent on catch, house and euthanize. Sadly, the City still has a pet overpopulation which is mainly due to limited voucher funding, as well as proper accessibility. Sadly, when we have a client with an unwanted litter of puppies or kittens, the client can only get 3 vouchers, yet they have a litter of 4-8. The rest of the offspring is either taken to a shelter (cost) or given to others which leads to more breeding (larger cost). We can not fix this problem if we do not have your support of spay and neuter. The vouchers are also very difficult to get as the online system does not work properly along with limited access. Please increase the spay and neuter budget to mitigate unwanted births, reduce the cost of shelter intake, housing and euthanasia. If 14,000 of these pets gave or caused birth, the City would have approximately 168,000 more animals in one year to catch, house and euthanize at, I believe, a cost of $200/animal totaling approximately $33M. Without spay or neuter this cost continues to increase with the perpetual growth rate year after year. I hope you see the importance of the City having a properly funded and accessible spay and neuter program, as it’s key to saving money as well as lives. All the best in saving lives and money, Pam Wilkinson President Spay4LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicole Rechtszaid
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:07 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING

Communication from Public

Name:	Esther Tsao
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:09 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 joy, and no play, that is inhumane treatment, and the animals are the ones suffering from this choice in the end. Playgroups are how LAAS learn the most important thing about every dog; how they behave with other dogs. This single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. It is also the only enrichment that these animals get while they wait in what is basically jail. The DPFL contact costs less than 1/100th of 1/% of LA's $14.85B bueget. Cutting it costs the city's every claim to being a Humane LA. We must do what we can for the voiceless in our care, especially these animals who did no wrong. I ask you to fully fund the DPFL's contact in the June 6 budge. Do not let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Baha Ebrahimzadeh
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:13 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello I am making a public comment on behalf of myself as a resident of LA City, a shelter volunteer and a rescue leader. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate McLaughlin
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:15 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about the lack of funding for Dogs Playing for Life in the 2026-27 budget. These playgroups are how LAAS learns how dogs behave around others, information that helps to drive adoptions and rescue pulls. I have personal experience of the work they do, because in the last year I have begun fostering for a local rescue. My current foster is my seventh, and I got to pull her from the North Central Shelter myself. I also have a dog of my own at home, so it is crucial that I have some idea of how any potential foster dog might interact with my own dog before I bring it into my home. By pulling funding from DPFL, you are not only endangering the wellbeing of dogs who will be locked in concrete kennels 24 hours a day, but you are also making it harder for them to be adopted or fostered, and the result will be longer shelter stays and shelters that are even more overcrowded than they are now. What's more, the total lack of funding for animal food in this budget shows the total disregard for both the animals in this city's care, and for the organizations that have to step in to help. You are abdicating responsibility on the assumption that residents will step in to help with their own money. We shouldn't have to. These line items are tiny compared to the size of this budget. A budget that contains massive amounts for things that do not contribute to the wellbeing of the residents of this city, either human or animal. Please fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget, and restore the budget for animal food. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Camila Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:16 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Restore Dogs Playing For Life funding - 2026-27 Budget. Hi LA City Council, DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs 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 date point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. Let's be honest here for a moment - the animal shelters in Los Angeles and the surrounding counties are NOT in good conditions. Where are the comfortable beds and blankets? Where is the enrichment? Where is the medical care and training these animals need to decompress and be set up for success? Most animals are set up for failure due to the failures this city council constantly makes against the most vulnerable. Dogs and cats have no voice, and they certainly don't have enough people in decision-making positions standing up for them. I urge you to FULLY FUND the DPFL contract. I urge to FULLY staff shelters with APPROPRIATE staff that will care for the animals well. I urge you to fund spay and neuter clinics so we can stop the problem at the source. And I urge you to have more restrictions against backyard breeders and spay/neuter policies. Please, I ask you, to have a heart for these animals. The LA budget is $14.85 BILLION, and YET, the city has become more and more run down over the years. LA is not what it used to be. My hope is that you are able to make the right decisions with these animals' best interest in mind. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:	Melody Margarit
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:17 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	PLEASE fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026 budget! DPFL playgroups are the only structured out of kennel playtime that most 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 $14.85 BILLION budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Please fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6th budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan A
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:17 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: WE NEED funds for animal FOOD!! This is outrageous!

Communication from Public

Name:	Caroline Foley
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:18 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Less unwanted litters means less euthanasia! Funding spay/neuter services is not only the best way to save lives, it can also save the city money. Less unwanted pets being born means less unwanted pets entering the shelter system, less strain on facilities, resources, and employees, and less need for thousands of bodies being hauled to a landfill. Our current system is broken and disturbing. Please, help put an end to the revolving door of death that our shelters have become. Support free spay/neuter!

Communication from Public

Name:	Keila Zamora
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:18 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Fully Fund All Spay/Neuter Voucher Types - Animals and Families Deserve Better Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type-for just one year-leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanised, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs-more than $4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Sincerely, Keila Zamora 90018

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Powell
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:26 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am a tax-paying small business owner and dog behavior professional, with shelter management experience and a deep involvement in animal advocacy here in Los Angeles. As your constituent, I strongly oppose the proposed cuts to the Dog Playing for Life program in our city shelters. There is already a welfare crisis happening within these facilities. Playgroups are the only consistent and structured out-of-kennel time most shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day with no exercise, socialization or play, which is contributing to the city's escalating rates of euthanasia. In addition, playgroups are how LAAS discovers how each dog interacts with other dogs/in a social setting which is the most important data point for successful adoptions, rescue pulls and all lifesaving decisions. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Cutting it means the city will be able to make 0 claims in reference to being a 'humane L/A' and this is not what the community wants. It will also mean that handling dogs for both staff and volunteers will become increasingly difficult and dangerous due to the even higher levels of stress and frustration that this will without a doubt result in, meaning additional concerns in regard to safety and liability. I urge you to make sure this important program remains fully funded!

Communication from Public

Name:	Scarlet Vasquez
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:28 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name: Tim Wilson
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:29 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor campaigned on fixing homelessness in LA - it was her number 1 campaign slogan a few years ago. How is the decision to defund Safe Parking programs in next years budget not a complete reversal on that campaign promise?!!??!? I am simply appalled at this decision. These cost effective programs are WORKING - they successfully manage to move people into affordable housing at a fraction of the cost the city spends every year on homeless individuals living in the streets. This is not just about giving hard working Angelenos a safe place to park 365 days a year, it's about giving them hope and direction toward affordable housing in a very expensive city. This is a massive blow to organizations that are actually making a difference in these people's lives. Personally, I have been a Lot Host for Safe Parking LA and every single person I interact with starts the conversation as follows: 'Thank you for your services and thank you for making me feel safe at night'. They are so grateful and appreciative for what that program delivers. It is unfathomable that our Mayor/City Council would see this as money badly spent. These programs make a difference. Every Day. By eliminating funding, you will put hundreds of people back on the street feeling unsafe and unsecure. That is not how a government entity takes care of its citizens who work hard to make ends meet in and are trying to get back on their feet. I'm not sure how you all sleep at night.

Communication from Public

Name:	Angie
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Mayor Bass, Your proposal to cut funding for animal services is unethical every Dog & Cat deserves a chance to be healthy and find a forever home LA needs No Kill Shelters. Constituent, Angie Flores

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren Bailey
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:30 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Jackie Knoll
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:32 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am very upset about proposed cuts to the Animal Services budget. The proposed cuts the Medical Supplies budget by over 87% and completely eliminates the food budget??? I have adopted 2 dogs & foster-failed 6 cats from LA Shelters over the last 14 years. The services the Shelters & their staff provide save lives every day. They deserve more support, not less. Mayor Bass is responsible for a fair & caring budget. This is not that.

Communication from Public

Name:	Mark Miller
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:36 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name: Juliet
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:38 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Juliet, and I reside in city district 10. I am here to speak in support of the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative, a $4 million investment over 2 years into Transgender, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex community-based organizations. The TransLatin@ Coalition, alongside community members, has repeatedly asked the City of Los Angeles to make meaningful investments in the lives of Transgender, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex people throughout the city. With dwindling federal funding for services and programs flagged as DEl initiatives, we look towards our local government officials to support these already underfunded services and programs. The TGI community has long faced criminalization and discrimination, and now, more than ever, in light of the escalating federal administration's attacks on gender affirming care and fundamental freedoms, it is essential that we raise awareness and stand in solidarity. At the local, state, and national levels, TGI people continue to experience disproportionate rates of homelessness, violence, and a lack of access to essential services. Funding TGI-led and TGI-serving organizations to care for TGI community members is vital to advance equity and align with City initiatives towards a more inclusive Los Angeles. We uplift those within the City who recognize that equity, racial justice, and TGI rights are interconnected, and who support us in this fight. We need the city to build capacity to accurately address the issues impacting TGI people! We invite you to support us in breaking cycles of erasure and violence and help us improve the lives of all marginalized people through the city budgeting process.

Communication from Public

Name:	Edith Lundeen
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:40 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Billy Arriaga
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:43 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Billy Arriaga, and I reside in city district 10. I am here to speak in support of the TGI wellness and equity initiative. A 4 million dollar investment over 2 years into transgender gender expensive and intersex community-based organization. The translatina coalition alongside community members has repeatedly asked the city of Los Angeles to make meaningful investments in the lives of transgender gender expansive and intersex people throughout the city. With dwindling Federal funding for services and programs flagged as DEI initiatives, we look towards our local government officials to support these already underfunded services and programs. THE TGI COMMUNITY HAS LONG FACED CRIMINALIZATION AND DISCRIMINATION, AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER, IN LIGHT OF THE ESCALATING FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACKS ON GENDER AFFIRMING CARE AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RAISE AWARENESS AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY. At the local, state, and national levels, TGI people continue to experience disproportionate rates of homelessness, violence, and a lack of access to essential services. Finding TGI lead and TGI serving organizations to care for TGI community members is vital to advance equity and align with City initiatives towards a more inclusive Los Angeles. We uplift those within the city who recognize that equity, racial Justice, and TGI rights are interconnected, and who support us in this fight. We need the city to build capacity to accurately address the issues impacting TGI people. We invite you to support us in breaking cycles of erasure and violence and help us improve the lives of all marginalized people through the city budgeting process.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jeff Abarta
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:48 AM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:50 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name:	Ren
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:50 AM
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Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:52 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: The budget appears to eliminate the dedicated Animal Food/Feed and Grain line item, reducing it from $200,000 in 2025–26 to zero in the proposed 2026–27 budget. It also appears to reduce Medical Supplies from $388,591 to $48,968. These are essential care items, not optional expenses. Animals in City custody depend on Los Angeles for adequate food, medical treatment, and humane care. I am also deeply concerned that the Dogs Playing for Life program was not funded. This program supports behavior, safety, adoptability, and humane handling for shelter dogs and provides real operational value to staff and volunteers. Please restore dedicated funding for animal food, adequate medical supplies funding, and funding for Dogs Playing for Life.

Communication from Public

Name:	Catherine Grasso
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:14 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I've spent the last 20 years of my life as a volunteer in animal rescue. For the past few years the homeless animals of Los Angeles have been the voiceless victims of a severly underfunded and poorly managed system. Dogs Playing for Life has been a bright spot in this darkness. I've watched firsthand what DPFL does. Dogs who arrive anxious and reactive become adoptable within weeks because of playgroups — because DPFL is the only structured out-of-kennel time they receive. Without it, those same dogs decompensate, and the city pays for that deterioration in bite settlements (more than $31.85M since 2023). Without Dogs Playing for Life dogs sit in concrete kennels for weeks at a time without ANY enrichment or out of kennel socialization. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of LA's budget. Cutting it doesn't save money. It just shifts a small fixed cost into unpredictable liability — and it abandons the dogs we claim to care about. Please restore the funding before June 6. Thank you, Catherine Grasso Los Angeles 90034

Communication from Public

Name: Kalpana Pot
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:29 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: This is the most careless inhumane act ever! Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report they can wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical way to get there is to invest in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Still, it's not happening and these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control. Thanks for helping to build a kinder world! For all animals,

Communication from Public

Name: Diane G.
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:55 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: The mayor's proposed budget includes unacceptable cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS), specifically to essential animal food and medical supplies. It also completely eliminates funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program. In 2018–2019, the animal food budget was $520,000. This year, only $200,000 has been allocated. As a result, LAAS ran out of food funding just months into the fiscal year and has been forced to rely on donations from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF). Since 2020–2021, approximately $900,000 in donated funds have been used simply to feed shelter animals. The situation for medical supplies is even more alarming. The budget was $488,591 in 2018–2019, reduced to $388,591 in 2022–2023, and in the current proposed budget, it has been slashed to just $49,000. These drastic cuts have already forced LAAS to use more than $740,000 in AWTF donations for basic medical care since 2019–2020. Equally concerning is the complete lack of funding for Dogs Playing for Life. DPFL is not just a playgroup program—it plays a critical role in rehabilitating fearful dogs, improving adoptability, supporting staff and volunteers, and assisting medical teams with difficult cases. This program saves lives and makes shelters safer for both animals and people. As a former shelter volunteer, I strongly urge you not to approve this proposed budget. Please advocate for restoring funding for animal food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life program. These are not optional services—they are essential to the humane care and safety of animals in our city shelters.

Communication from Public

Name:	Alice White
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 10:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Mayor Karen Bass: Surely at some point in your life an animal has shown you love, acceptance, and loyalty like they have to so many millions of people the world over. It is unthinkable that because of unnecessary funding cuts to LA Animal Services, thousands of innocent animals will be condemned to death. Please show mercy and kindness. Thank you for your understanding. Our family and friends are reaching out to you as well! Alice

Communication from Public

Name: Toochis Morin
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 10:55 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Elizabeth Keller
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fund spay and neuter services! It's the only way to safely and humanely reduce LA's stray cat population.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ling H
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 11:24 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. PFLplaygroups 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. ? RESTORE DPFL FUNDING #HumaneLA

Communication from Public

Name: Manuel F Martinez
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:56 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, As the operator of a local dog rescue, I am writing to you with a heavy heart and a sense of profound urgency regarding the Mayor's proposed budget cuts. Our city's animal shelters are already in a critical and unacceptable state. To cut funding for food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program is not just a budget adjustment—it is a death sentence for many of the animals we have a moral duty to protect. The proposal to eliminate DPFL is particularly devastating. For the majority of dogs in LA shelters, this program is their only time spent outside of a kennel. DPFL provides more than just "play"; it builds confidence in terrified dogs, assists with medical needs, and trains the staff and volunteers who keep the facilities running. If these cuts proceed, starting July 1st, these dogs will be confined to their kennels 24 hours a day. The consequences are clear and catastrophic: • Rapid Psychological Decline: Fear, anxiety, and stress will skyrocket with prolonged confinement. • Safety Risks: Shelters will become more dangerous for staff and volunteers as dogs deteriorate mentally. • Increased Euthanasia: As adoptions inevitably slow down, the pressure to euthanize for space will grow. We cannot claim to strive for a "Humane LA" while removing the very programs that make life livable for these animals. We have a collective duty to save these lives, not facilitate their suffering through neglect.I am begging you to take action before the budget is finalized. Please restore the funding for animal food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life contract. These dogs have no voice; they only have us. Sincerely, Manuel MartinezFounder of Whittier Area Dog Rescue
https://www.instagram.com/whittierareadogrescue/

Communication from Public

Name:	Elisabeth
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:00 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service. Elisabeth Nabors

Communication from Public

Name:	Sandy
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:01 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing you to urge you to take immediate action to fully find all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, for all angelenos. Please see attached letter. Sincerely, Sandy, a concerned animal lover and hopeful angeleno and her best friend, Buddy the Golden Retriever.

Fully Fund All Spay/Neuter Voucher Types – Animals and Families Deserve Better

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families.

After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type—for just one year—leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates.

As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanised, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help.

Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs—more than $4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible.

Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Whittier Area Dog Rescue
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:02 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, As the operator of a local dog rescue, I am writing to you with a heavy heart and a sense of profound urgency regarding the Mayor's proposed budget cuts. Our city's animal shelters are already in a critical and unacceptable state. To cut funding for food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program is not just a budget adjustment—it is a death sentence for many of the animals we have a moral duty to protect. The proposal to eliminate DPFL is particularly devastating. For the majority of dogs in LA shelters, this program is their only time spent outside of a kennel. DPFL provides more than just "play"; it builds confidence in terrified dogs, assists with medical needs, and trains the staff and volunteers who keep the facilities running. If these cuts proceed, starting July 1st, these dogs will be confined to their kennels 24 hours a day. The consequences are clear and catastrophic: • Rapid Psychological Decline: Fear, anxiety, and stress will skyrocket with prolonged confinement. • Safety Risks: Shelters will become more dangerous for staff and volunteers as dogs deteriorate mentally. • Increased Euthanasia: As adoptions inevitably slow down, the pressure to euthanize for space will grow. We cannot claim to strive for a "Humane LA" while removing the very programs that make life livable for these animals. We have a collective duty to save these lives, not facilitate their suffering through neglect. I am begging you to take action before the budget is finalized. Please restore the funding for animal food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life contract. These dogs have no voice; they only have us. Sincerely, Manuel Martinez Founder of Whittier Area Dog Rescue
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Communication from Public

Name:	Concerned Los Angeleno
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:15 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a Los Angeles resident who recently became aware of the proposal to cut the budget for Animal Services and the DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE PROGRAM. Please consider that this is a critical program saving dogs lives by offering them exercise and socialization. To kennel animals in noisy, isolated, limited spaces with no opportunity to socialize and be physical is a type of animal cruelty. There are so many challenges right now, but we can't surrender our values in an effort to manage them. Taking resources from this already underserved population is a cruel act that will result in animal suffering. Repeated attempts to cut funding for animal services is represents a moral failing in leadership and I will never vote for anyone who supports it. How can we speak about the environment, climate change, community care - and simultaneously harm animals. Please remember how animals have touched your lives, the lives of your family and community and do not abandon them.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:16 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dogs Playing for Life program is a FRACTION OF A FRACTION of your budget and the only structured out of kennel activity for these poor dogs have in profoundly overcrowded shelters. Please please budget the FRACTION they would need to continue. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Pittman
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:18 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: RE: 2026-27 City Budget — Restore Funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) Contract at LA Animal Services Council File: 26-0600 (Mayor's Proposed FY 2026-27 Budget) Position: Support — restore full DPFL contract funding To the Honorable Chair Yaroslavsky and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee, My name is Ashley Pittman. I am a Council District 5 constituent, a volunteer of several years at the South LA Animal Shelter, and I have fostered hundreds of dogs through LAAS and partner rescues. I am writing to urge the Committee to use discretionary funds to fully restore the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Allowing this program to lapse on July 1 would be both inhumane and fiscally irresponsible. What I have witnessed. Over several years at the South LA shelter, I have watched what happens to dogs when structured enrichment is available, and what happens when it is not. Dogs who arrive social and curious — and, without out-of-kennel time, begin spinning, barrier-reacting, refusing food, and losing body condition within weeks. I have also watched DPFL playgroups do the reverse: a dog who could not be safely handled in week one, playing calmly with three other dogs by week four. That progression is not exceptional. It is what structured enrichment reliably produces. It is also what keeps a dog adoptable, documented, and safe for a family. The fiscal argument. Since 2023, the City of Los Angeles has paid more than $31.85 million in settlements to victims of shelter dog attacks. That figure includes a $7.5 million award in the O'Gee case (2024), $6.8 million in the Kaneko case, $5.4 million earlier this year in the Horta case, and $3.25 million in the Wright case (2025). Every one of these settlements traces to the same underlying conditions: dogs decompensating in concrete kennels without enrichment, behavioral histories undocumented, staff too stretched to safely assess them, and adopters sent home with dogs no one could reliably evaluate. DPFL is the single program that most directly addresses those conditions. The contract costs less than 1/100th of one percent of the $14.85 billion city budget — roughly one-thousandth of what the city has already paid in bite settlements over the past three years. Cutting DPFL does not save the city money. It converts a small, predictable, fixed cost into unpredictable and growing liability. That is not fiscal discipline. It

is deferred cost. What DPFL actually does. Playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever receive. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no relief. Playgroups are also the only way LAAS collects reliable behavioral data on how any given dog handles other dogs — the single most important data point for every placement decision. Peer-reviewed shelter behavioral research consistently shows structured playgroups reduce length of stay, lower stress indicators, and decrease kennel-related behavioral deterioration. DPFL's own outcome data across its client shelters reports a 38% decrease in length of stay and a 6% increase in lifesaving. The larger moment. A new LAAS General Manager is arriving. The 2028 Olympics put Los Angeles on the world stage in less than three years. This city calls itself "Humane LA" — a phrase that cannot mean anything if shelter dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. Los Angeles has every opportunity to set the national model for humane sheltering. That reputation is built, or lost, in line items this size. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." — Mahatma Gandhi I respectfully urge the Committee to fully fund the DPFL contract in the FY 2026-27 budget. Thank you for your time and your service. Ashley Pittman LAAS Volunteer & Foster

Communication from Public

Name:	Lenka Svobodova
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. These playgroups are so incredibly important as they serve as the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs will ever get. They get to practice skills that lead to adoption, which is crucial and necessary - not optional. A shelter life without DPFL is nothing short of solitary confinement and we must treat our most vulnerable better than that. Without this enrichment, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day - no walks, no play, no joy - and little chance of adoption from the mental stress from living such a life. 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 other lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's almost $15B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to be a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Please do not let is lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jordyn Kirby
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:26 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in 26-27 budget. This is crucial for dogs health, mentally and physically. If they do not get these activities they are stuck in their cages for 24 hours a day. This fund costs less then 1/100th of 1% of LA budget! Please do not let this lapse on July 1st. Please help the dogs in the shelters!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:28 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July1

Communication from Public

Name:	Tressana Alouane
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:28 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	This is unacceptable. Please do not make cuts that affect animal welfare. The statistics of what is put aside for our wild and domestic animals is abominable. This will endanger so many furry lives. They do matter!

Communication from Public

Name:	Amina McKenzie
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:29 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I am writing with serious concern about the proposed 2026–27 Los Angeles Animal Services budget. The budget appears to eliminate the dedicated Animal Food/Feed and Grain line item, reducing it from $200,000 in 2025–26 to zero in the proposed 2026–27 budget. It also appears to reduce Medical Supplies from $388,591 to $48,968. These are essential care items, not optional expenses. Animals in City custody depend on Los Angeles for adequate food, medical treatment, and humane care. A budget that removes dedicated food funding and sharply reduces medical supply funding places unacceptable strain on shelter operations and increases reliance on donations for basic necessities. I am also deeply concerned that the Dogs Playing for Life program was not funded. This program supports behavior, safety, adoptability, and humane handling for shelter dogs and provides real operational value to staff and volunteers. I urge you to restore: dedicated funding for animal food, adequate medical supplies funding, and funding for Dogs Playing for Life. Please stand up for the animals in the City's care and revise this budget accordingly. Sincerely, Amina McKenzie West Hollywood, 90046

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicole
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:30 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing you to request full funding for Dogs Playing for Life. Please FULLY fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever receive. Without it dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day - no walks, play, or joy. These playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important things about every dog--how they behave with other dogs! This helps ensure proper adoptions and success rates of keeping them out of the shelter. This can help reduce costs and save more lives! The Dogs Playing for Life contract is a minimal cost at less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's budget. We have been failing these dogs on the street, so please don't fail them in the shelters. I rescued two wonderful dogs who may have been overlooked without this program. I kindly ask that you fully fund Dogs Playing for Life's contract in the June 6th budget. Please do not let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lindsay Conklin
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:33 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicole J
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I do not support the slash of funding to the animal welfare programs and budgets in LA county. LA already has enough of an issue with lack of resources for animal welfare, and the shelters are not being properly cared for. Funding should be increased and new leadership should be implemented. The city needs to do better, and the current funding needs to be better handled.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:36 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund Dogs Playing for Life in the upcoming budget. It's a low-cost program with a high impact, providing enrichment, improving outcomes, and helping dogs get adopted. Cutting it would be a step backward for animal welfare in LA. Please keep it funded.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:37 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I’m asking the City to fully fund Dogs Playing for Life in the 2026–27 budget. For many shelter dogs, these playgroups are their only chance to experience time outside a kennel and interact with other dogs. This program not only improves their quality of life, but provides the behavioral insights that help get them adopted or rescued. The cost is minimal compared to the City’s overall budget, but the impact on these animals is enormous. Please don’t let this program lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lorena B.
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:38 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I urge you to take immediate and decisive action by FULLY FUNDING ALL SPAY & NEUTER VOUCHER TYPES. The data shows a dire situation: in 2025, euthanasia rates in our City shelters surged by 72%, a devastating indicator of a preventable overpopulation crisis. This alarming increase underscores the suffering of animals and places needless pressure on the entire system. Current efforts merely place a Band?Aid on a growing wound. Our shelters are overloaded and fail to address the current crisis, and don't apply any methods that create any tangible long lasting impact. The current approach is neither effective nor fiscally responsible. FULLY FUNDING VOUCHERS will address the root cause: unplanned litters. Accessible, free spay and neuter services prevent unwanted pregnancies, reduce shelter intake, and protect community members and pets from the emotional and inhuman toll of animal abuse and euthanasia. This strategy is both humane and cost-effective, offering long-term relief compared to the current ongoing $12,000-a-day shelter expenses. Please act without delay to restore and increase funding for spay and neuter vouchers. It’s time to move beyond temporary fixes and invest in a sustainable solution that benefits animals, residents, and the City alike. Thank you for your leadership and attention to this critical issue. Sincerely, Lorena B.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sabrina
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:39 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-21 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Morgan Dover-Pearl
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:39 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget of Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1st. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months - on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia rates go up. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money, it's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1st. Thank you for your time and service. Morgan Dover-Pearl Council District 4

Communication from Public

Name: Rhonda Jessee
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:43 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: The situation in LA shelters is critical, now more than ever we need to do our best for LA's domestic animals. PLEASE fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026 budget! DPFL playgroups are the only structured out of kennel playtime that most 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 $14.85 BILLION budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Please fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6th budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st!

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle O’Leary
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type (for just one year) leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs—more than $4 million per year. Now, multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Natasha Konowalow
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:49 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The condition of the animals in our shelter system is atrocious. Tbe dogs need the ability to get out and socialize in order to be adoptable. The amount of dogs, including puplies that are being euthanized daily is unacceptable and we need to advocate for their safety. Every animal deserves safety, comfort, food and loving homes

Communication from Public

Name:	Deane
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:51 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	LESS POLICE FUNDING! Fix our streets and help the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name:	Alice
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:51 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	You cannot decrease the budget for Dogs Play for Life the shelter crisis is already horrific animals are confined in their kennels for weeks and days then killed. This is the only way they can play!! Stop being inhumane monsters like you are with the crises in skid row we want our money to help these animals not other nonsense like the Olympics.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordanna Kider
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:52 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026–2027 budget. These playgroups are not a luxury. They are essential to the wellbeing of dogs in our shelters. Through Dogs Playing for Life, dogs are given the chance to move, to socialize, and to simply be dogs. That time outside of a kennel reduces stress, improves behavior, and makes them far more adoptable, which is what this city needs for its community. And when dogs become adoptable, they find homes. They bring companionship, stability, and joy to people across Los Angeles. This program doesn't just improve animal lives, it strengthens our communities. The cost of this contract is tiny, less than one one-hundredth of one percent of the City's budget. In a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles, this is not a question of capacity. It is a question of priorities. If we cannot sustain a program that so directly improves the lives of angelenos, both animal and human, what does that say about the values we claim to hold? We invest in many things as a city. This is an investment in compassion. It is an investment in humane care. And it is an investment in the everyday joy that animals bring into people's lives. I strongly urge you: fully fund Dogs Playing for Life.

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicole Sandler
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am commenting as a volunteer for the animal advocacy group called Who Will Let The Dogs Out. My comment is regarding Best Friends and ASPCA partnering with LAAS to address the shelter issues. Who Will Let the Dogs Out has traveled to over 220 shelters and seen firsthand the damage done by policies that put the emphasis on improving the numbers rather than the actual problem. The plan to focus on faster adoption, foster and transport is a small part of a solution but it is not addressing dogs dumped on the street due to their policy of community shelter and practice of not taking owner surrenders. They have recommended these policies all over the country and we see the stray population explode, creating a danger to people and growing , breeding, unvaccinated packs of dogs left to struggle in the streets. Los Angeles does not need another press release. It needs REAL solutions. Please take the time to watch this video clip (below) so that you can better understand the position of Who Will Let the Dogs Out. We are asking for better welfare of homeless dogs, and not just better numbers. https://youtu.be/WP1P01GYhyQ?si=Rc4QXPUiWdhTY1E7

Communication from Public

Name:	Robyn Nedelcu
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing to request that the city please continue to fully fund the Dog Playing for Life contract in the 26-27 Budget. This program is the only structured program that allows outside time for the animals in our city shelters. Without this program the dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day, no walks, no play, no notes that help them get adopted. Without valuable information like this, we will end up sending more dogs to euthanasia rather than give them the opportunity for rescue organizations and citizens to adopt and foster them out of the system. Having dogs sit in their kennel with no interaction or structured play is inhumane, as well as euthanasia before given an opportunity to be known. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Please fully fund DPFLs contract in the June 6th budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Christie Hazlet
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. This contract costs comparatively very little and does so much for shelter dogs' quality of life.

Communication from Public

Name:	Janine Milnr
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 12:57 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I strongly urge council to restore DPFL Funding year 2026-27 to the budget. To not offer the ability for dogs to be out of their kennels and in play groups is unnatural and unconscionable. It causes anxiety that hampers adoptions and will cause more killing FOR NO REASON except that LAAS will have not provided the basic care that they are mandated to do. It does not allow staff and volunteers to evaluate sociability.

Communication from Public

Name:	Arely Silva
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah LaBrie
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a volunteer at North Central Shelter and I live in Los Angeles. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are often the only DPFL makes the shelters safer for volunteers and staff by allowing dogs time out of their kennels to socialize under safe conditions, making them easier to handle and therefore more likely to be adopted. Without the expert handling DPFL brings to the yards, public safety and health risks at the shelters will increase. The loss of DPFL could lead to increased liability payouts to volunteers and staff who are required to interact with dogs driven to the limits of their sanity by prolonged captivity. The loss of DPFL will be bad for the city's budget, bad for the people who live here and bad for taxpayers. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jaclyn Gole
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Yang
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:08 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Siamak
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:12 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I was incredibly disheartened to see the proposed budget cuts for our local animal shelters. As someone who cares deeply about how we treat animals in this city, I find the idea of cutting funds for food and medical care—plus the DPFL program—completely unacceptable. Programs like Dogs Playing for Life are a lifeline. They give "unadoptable" dogs a second chance and keep the shelter environment from becoming a total pressure cooker. If these cuts go through, we are essentially sentencing these dogs to 24/7 confinement, which is heartbreaking and cruel. Please don't let our shelters slide further into a state of crisis. I’m asking you to stand up for these animals and restore the funding for food, meds, and DPFL in the final budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kim Santell
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:12 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Restore DPFL Funding 2026-2027 budget: Dogs. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 26/27 budget. DPFL are the only structured out of kennel time most dogs will ever get. It's a humane issue. Many dogs literally go insane in kennels when not given any free time. This costs so little it's ridiculous, please help.

Communication from Public

Name:	Maryssa H
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: how the 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	alisha S schloesser
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:20 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract for 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. INHUMANE. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about eery dog: how they behave with other dogs. that single datat point drives adoptions , rescue pulls and ever lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of !% of LA's $14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rebecca Kramer
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:21 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA Shelter dogs ever get. Without them, abandoned dogs sit in concrete kennels for 24 hours a day...no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single date point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. The Dogs Playing for Life contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 BILLION budget. Los Angeles is already euthanizing animals left and right. Do this one thing to save lives. Fully fun DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Angel Rodriquez
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:22 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract for 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. INHUMANE. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about eery dog: how they behave with other dogs. that single datat point drives adoptions , rescue pulls and ever lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of !% of LA's $14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Dominic Perri
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract for 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. INHUMANE. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about eery dog: how they behave with other dogs. that single datat point drives adoptions , rescue pulls and ever lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of !% of LA's $14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Joyce K Voletti
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:24 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members - I am writing to urgent you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay & neuter voucher types in the city of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After 10 years without an increase, the City Council's latest decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type for just one year leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis. Our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay & neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA Shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs - more than $4 million per year. Now multiply that by 6 LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs and save lives. Sincerely - Joyce Voletti

Communication from Public

Name:	Kelly Goldberg
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:29 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life organization in the 2026-2027 budget so they can continue doing their incredible work. I am a volunteer at North Central Animal Services and I personally see how important the playgroups are. Not only do they take dogs out who have been nervously stuck in concrete kennels for sometimes up to a couple weeks, they also provide data about how the dogs behave with others dogs and people, which is the most important thing for adoption. Without this, less dogs will get adopted and more will get euthanized.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Paredes-Alvarado
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:31 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, I am reaching out to share that while this year, the day labor centers were included in the preliminary budget, it is not enough to cover the growing needs of the community. We ask that all seven locations be funded for a total of 3 million dollars. This past year was a heavy year for all Angelenos, but especially our day laborer community, who also faced many impacts of the wildfires and were then heavily targeted in the large-scale immigration raids. Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections and have proven to be essential community hubs for immigrant workers • Day laborers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters • Day labor centers have become hubs for know your rights training and information, and sourced legal and financial support for impacted families • This program connects hundreds of workers annually with employers, filling a critical need for flexible labor in local businesses and households These centers have been vital to the community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The additional funding would help support the cost of the additional case management, legal, security, and infrastructure work these centers have taken on that cannot be covered with the current budget allocation. Day Labor Centers help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding to the day labor community centers in this year's budget. Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Paredes-Alvarado 6203 Eileen Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90043 cparedes81@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Zoey Knittel - Community Animal Medicine Project
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:32 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: April 24, 2026 LA Animal Services Budget 2026-27 In 2025, the City took a meaningful first step by increasing reimbursement rates for Free Spay/Neuter Vouchers. We are grateful for that progress. However, the same financial pressures continue to affect every category of City Spay/Neuter Voucher. In 2026, we call on the City to extend equivalent increases to all remaining voucher types: • On-site Shelter Provider/ Shelter Animal Vouchers • Citywide Cat Program Vouchers • Discount Vouchers Without parity across all voucher types, the systemic gaps described below will persist. The letter that follows, signed by every single City Shelter Clinic Operator, including twenty-three veterinarians and animal welfare organizations, was originally submitted to make the case for rate increases across the program. That case remains just as urgent today. February 11, 2025 We, the undersigned organizations and veterinarians who serve as Los Angeles' City spay/neuter providers, write to you to emphasize the urgent need to increase the reimbursement rates for the spay and neuter voucher program in the City of Los Angeles (the City). These vouchers are essential for the sterilization of shelter animals, owned cats and dogs and community cats, and play a critical role in controlling shelter overcrowding and easing the public and shelter backlog in spay/neuter demand. A long-overdue increase in the dollar value of City spay/neuter vouchers would increase the number of veterinarians willing to accept the vouchers. Currently only 29 veterinary clinics accept the "Free" vouchers—a significant drop from 85 veterinarians in 2015. The reimbursement rates have not been adjusted since August 2015, when the Board of Animal Services Commission last passed an increase which was implemented. These outdated rates no longer align with current service costs, which have significantly increased over the past decade, especially salaries and drug costs. The financial gap between the reimbursement rates and clinics' cost of surgery limits the number of veterinarians who can afford to participate. In 2024, the City budget included an increase in the spay/neuter voucher reimbursement rates based on the breakeven cost of surgery calculated from a fee study survey of shelter clinic providers conducted in 2022. However, this increase is still awaiting implementation. A recent proposal from the office of the CAO to incrementally implement rates lower than initially

proposed, over multiple years, would mean that by the time those decreased rates are in place, they will already be 3 – 6 years out of date. Without the full implementation of the 2024 budget's voucher rate increase, the City will continue to experience a vicious cycle: families unable to afford to spay or neuter their animals, veterinarians unable to afford to accept City vouchers, and thousands of shelter animals euthanized due to spay/neuter shortages. By approving the voucher increase, you would play a key role in driving immediate, positive change for animal welfare in our City. More veterinarians would be able to participate in the voucher program and the City would assist more families in need. Together, we can make a direct impact on animal welfare and the well-being of pets and families across Los Angeles. In partnership and gratitude, • CAMP (Harbor Shelter, Northeast Valley Shelter, Jefferson Park Shelter) Dr. Elaine Lukic, DVM; Dr. Zach Deegan, DVM; Dr. Kristina Naef, DVM - CAMP veterinarians • CAMP Wellness Waggin' (mobile spay/neuter serving North Central Shelter, East Valley Shelter, West Valley Shelter) • Shelter Vet (West LA Shelter); Dr. Doron Vardi, DVM • Heaven On Earth Spay Neuter Clinic (West Valley Shelter); Dr. Nicole Petschauer, DVM • Dr. David Forster, DVM, Director of WesternU Spay and Neuter Center North Central Animal Shelter • Dr. David Clark, DVM, Director of Clinical Services CVM, WesternU • Dr. Casey Connors, DVM • FixNation • Spay4LA • Best Friends Animal Society • Greater Los Angeles Animal Spay Neuter Collaborative • Latino Alliance for Animal Care Foundation • Paws For Life • Kitty Bungalow • Peter Zippi Memorial Fund • Better Together Forever • Tipped Ears • Pals N Pets • Purrfect Partners • LA Rabbit Foundation

Communication from Public

Name:	Evelyn Beagle
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026–27 budget. DPFL 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. This program is essential; without it, our dogs will suffer, and euthanasia rates will likely soar (and they are already alarmingly high). If the data points mentioned above don’t resonate with you, please consider the potential reputational fallout from a public relations perspective and ask yourself: can Los Angeles afford the consequences of such a PR crisis? Additionally, adequate funding for Spay and Neuter programs is crucial to effectively tackle the issues of overpopulation and backyard breeding. Thank you, Evelyn Beagle

Communication from Public

Name: Fzyon Fernandez
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:41 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon my beloved Los Angeles City Council Members especially to Mister Council President Harris and of course Madam Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez! This is my 2nd different time in over half a year since the Filipino-American History Month 2025 Proclamation event with Madam Councilwoman Ysabel Jurado and LAFACE and Sir Tony Cabrera of ABC Los Angeles. I would really like to give more requests or comments on other proposals to need increase the funds: 1.) Animal services and Zoo that need to give immediate emergency attention especially in the Skid Row and check on other Animal shelters before they're doing the proper steps of pet adoptions. 2.) Recreations and Parks need to continue revitalize all of facilities and rooms for the sake of our children and adults alike. 3.) Public transportations make some more expanding dates of hectic holidays on free rides like Juneteenth 4th of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. 4.) Street services and public works (street and pedestrian lights) in order to lessen the hit and run accidents all over the city and neighborhood. 5.) Public health and sanitation more restrictions to food and drink qualities at any restaurants and more cleanups to get rid of nasty trashes throughout the surroundings and stop doing illegal dumping actions. 6.) Arts and cultural affairs (entertainment performance industry and visual arts) 7.) General city purposes and resources (mental health, disability, child and elder care, and prevention against domestic violence) 8.) Emergency management (Paramedics and crisis rapid response team) 9.) Engineering and technology improvement (WiFi internet fast connection and cellular fast data signal) 10.) Libraries and fund more on public and special educational services especially update the lesson plans for our current generation of students.

Date: 04-27-2026

Los Angeles City Public requests or comments on proposed budgets:

Need to ~~increase~~ funds:

1.) Animal services & Zoo
2.) Recreations and Parks
3.) Public Transportations
4.) Street Services & public works (street lights)
5.) Health & Sanitation
6.) Arts & cultural affairs (Entertainment industry)
7.) General City Purposes (Mental Health, disability services, and child and elder care)
8.) Emergency management (Paramedics)
9.) Engineering & tech improvement
10.) Education, public + special & library

Communication from Public

Name:	Christine Lennon
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please Restore Funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LA Animal Services Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a $14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service. Christine Lennon District 13

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashton
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:44 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a longtime resident of Jefferson Park. I actively foster dogs in my neighborhood and I’m sadly aware of the overpopulation at our shelter. People are struggling and so are their animals. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse on July 1st. Thank you, Ashton

Communication from Public

Name: Zoey Knittel
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:46 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: April 24, 2026 Zoey Knittel Executive Director/CEO Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council LA Animal Services / City of Los Angeles Budget Hearing 2026-2027 Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members: As you consider the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, we urge you to increase funding for veterinary spay and neuter vouchers and spay and neuter programs within LA Animal Services. Each year in Los Angeles, thousands of dogs and cats are surrendered to shelters or euthanized – many of them from unplanned litters that could have been prevented. Investing in spay and neuter programs addresses this problem at its root, breaking the cycle of overpopulation that drives animal suffering, shelter overcrowding, and unnecessary euthanasia. Currently, reimbursement rates for most types of LA Animal Services spay/neuter vouchers are insufficient to cover providers' actual costs. In 2025, the City took a meaningful first step by increasing rates for Free Spay/Neuter Vouchers, and we are grateful for that progress. But the same financial pressures affect every voucher category. In 2026, we call on the City to extend equivalent increases to all remaining voucher types: • On-site Shelter Provider / Shelter Animal Vouchers • Citywide Cat Program Vouchers • Discount Vouchers Raising these rates will ensure that current providers are fairly compensated and encourage more clinics to participate – directly and immediately addressing the shortage of spay/neuter access across Los Angeles. Beyond reducing the number of animals entering shelters, spay and neuter delivers broader benefits: lower rates of certain cancers, reduced behavioral problems, and healthier, more stable lives for pets and families. These benefits are not equally distributed. Expanding the voucher program would extend affordable access to underserved communities across LA, where the need is greatest and the options fewest. Investing in spay and neuter is both the humane choice and the fiscally responsible one. Preventing unwanted litters and reducing shelter intake saves taxpayer dollars over the long run. We urge you to support increased funding for spay and neuter programs in the LA Animal Services budget. Thank you, Zoey Knittel Executive Director/CEO Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP)

Communication from Public

Name: Edward Harris
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:55 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, I am reaching out to share that while this year, the day labor centers were included in the preliminary budget, it is not enough to cover the growing needs of the community. We ask that all seven locations be funded for a total of 3 million dollars. This past year was a heavy year for all Angelenos, but especially our day laborer community, who also faced many impacts of the wildfires and were then heavily targeted in the large-scale immigration raids. Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections and have proven to be essential community hubs for immigrant workers ? Day laborers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters ? Day labor centers have become hubs for know your rights training and information, and sourced legal and financial support for impacted families ? This program connects hundreds of workers annually with employers, filling a critical need for flexible labor in local businesses and households These centers have been vital to the community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The additional funding would help support the cost of the additional case management, legal, security, and infrastructure work these centers have taken on that cannot be covered with the current budget allocation. Day Labor Centers help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding to the day labor community centers in this year's budget. Respectfully submitted, Edward Harris 11030 Moorpark St Apt 11 North Hollywood CA 91602 tedwardy@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:55 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFLplaygroups 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Miranda Clemmons
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 01:59 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. Without DPFL playgroups, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours of day. This drives adoptions rescue pulls, and reduces bites (aka liability claims). And while we're at it please up the funding for dog food and medical supplies for a reasonable and sensible budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Leslie Wrona
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:00 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent, volunteer and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-2027 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. Playgroups have allowed volunteers to properly and confidently place the correct dogs in our busy home that has cats and kids for foster and adoption. Without assessment I wouldn’t be able to allow foster dogs into our home. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Leslie Wrona South-west Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:	Shannon Fitzgerald
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:01 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello! I am reaching out to ask you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL 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. The truth of the matter is that it’s inhumane and does not help dogs get adopted out of the shelter, which should be everyone's goal. 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. In 2026, we should be reassessing our relationship ship with animals under our care. We should be doing better than the year before, not worse. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse Thank you for your time! Shannon Fitzgerald

Communication from Public

Name:	Micah Jones
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:03 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I just found out that the Dogs Playing For Life contract is in danger of being cut in the 2026-27 LA City budget, and I'm here to urge you to fully fund DPFL in the June 6 budget. DPFL 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 with no walks, play, or joy. Not to mention, the cleanup from them not getting adequate outside time for bathroom breaks will cost shelter employees lots of time and effort to handle, which they won't be able to allocate to helping dogs get adopted. It's a lose-lose. Play groups are how LA Animal Shelters learn how dogs behave with other dogs, which is massively determinative of whether they get adopted. It directly saves hundreds of dogs' lives per year. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of one percent of LA's city budget. Cutting it would be both pointless and cruel--PLEASE fully fund it! Don't let it lapse! Us dog rescue folks are a dedicated and loud group. Please do the right thing here and we'll go to bat for you!

Communication from Public

Name:	Summer Rubio
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares deeply about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. I've adopted two rescue dogs, and I've seen firsthand how much dogs can thrive when they're given the chance to socialize, move, and simply be dogs. An environment that allows them out of a kennel, instead of being confined for 24 hours a day can make all the difference in their behavior, well-being, and adoptability. DPFL playgroups are often the only structured out-of-kennel time shelter dogs receive. Without them, dogs spend nearly all day in concrete kennels, no walks, no play, no interaction. Playgroups are also critical because they provide the most meaningful insight into how a dog behaves with others, which directly impacts adoptions, rescue opportunities, and overall outcomes. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget, yet its impact is immeasurable. Cutting it undermines the city's commitment to being humane and compassionate. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget on June 6. We cannot afford to let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you, Summer Rubio

Communication from Public

Name:	Zoe Kemp
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse!

Communication from Public

Name:	Andy Dahm
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse! We have the ability to take care of all of our community members, including animals. We can’t let them down! Best, Andy

Communication from Public

Name:	Cole
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:10 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I’m reaching out regarding the importance of resources for shelter dogs in Los Angeles. They need support, care, love and resources. As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Cole South LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Jocelyn Gutierrez
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type-for just one year-leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanised, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12, 000 per day in animal care costs-more than $4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Sincerely, Jocelyn Gutierrez 90016

Communication from Public

Name: Alice Pavlisko
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:31 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I was hoping to make it for an in-person public comment this year like last year. I spoke at the budget & finance committee meeting last year during budget season urging you to fund real community needs instead of continuing to fund an out-of-control police department. Look at what has happened in our city over the past year. Los Angeles police have been working hand-in-hand with the federal agents occupying our city – during ICE raids and at protests at and around the Metropolitan Detention Center. The idea that LA is a sanctuary city is a joke. We are living in a sci-fi dystopia. Tear gas, police with sticks on horses, rubber bullets – all aimed at the people and the press exercising their first amendment rights. There is ZERO doubt that there will be MASSIVE liability claims once things sort themselves out in the courts. And we all know that police liability payments don't come out of the bloated police budget, they come out of the General Fund. It is well-documented that militarized police make communities LESS SAFE. The police budget needs to be drastically CUT. I'm urging to reallocate police funds to what the people actually need. One thing we don't need, is more police.

Communication from Public

Name:	GHAZALEH MATIAN
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Cutting funding for medical expenses, as well as basic necessities such as food for shelter animals is not only wrong but it is downright cruel. Kindly reconsider the budget to consider the well being of our four legged companions.

Communication from Public

Name:	Denise Hudson
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut funding for animal shelters! We need more empathy these days and caring for animals is a great way to teach this. Please do not cut funds and keep allowing this to be possible.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:37 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut the vital importance of these let’s having food and medical attention in these shelters. They already endure so much heartache why would you even consider cutting these funds for these important things my tax paying money pays for. Do you really hate animals that much they do nothing wrong how can this even be considered to cut money to feed them even inmates get treated better it outrageous in a country like this that this is happening

Communication from Public

Name: Kendra
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:37 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: (Sending in 2 DMs due to character limits) Fully Fund All Spay/Neuter Voucher Types - Animals and Families Deserve Better In re: file #26-0600 Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type (for just one year) leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs—more than $4 million per year. Now, multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Sincerely, Kendra Villa East LA (An area not covered by most free neuter services and which has a horribly high number of unfixed, missing, and abused animals).

Communication from Public

Name:	Michele Nguyen
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please DO NOT cut the LA Animal Services budget. These innocent animals need food, medicine, & programs providing vital exercise & enrichment to shelter dogs. PLEASE make sure the animals get what they need in the city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa Jaime
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:43 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut anything from the budget for animal services. This department, that provides vital services, is completely overrun and shorthanded already.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kelly Logan
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:43 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut the L.A. Animal Services budget. Those funds are needed for food, medicine and programs providing exercise and enrichment to shelter animals. If you do so, this is a bad reflection on how you treat the most vulnerable in our city.

Communication from Public

Name:	Nora Grossman
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:44 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Nora Grossman Echo Park

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:46 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT cut the LA Animal Services budget. These innocent animals need food, medicine, & programs providing vital exercise & enrichment. PLEASE give the animals what they need in the city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Martinez
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Honorable members of the Council. My name is Thomas Martinez, and I work for the Los Angeles Food Policy Council. I am also a resident of District 04. I am writing in support of continued funding for the Good Food Zone program. Since the Good Food Zone was passed in 2020, 13 immigrant- and minority-owned markets received support to accept EBT and hire locally, creating job opportunities for those who often face barriers to employment. Through the same program, 17 restaurants of the same ilk, in neighborhoods with disproportionately high rates of obesity and diabetes, have introduced more nutritious menu options, improving access to healthier food. Through this program, the communities you serve in South Los Angeles and the Northeast San Fernando Valley have just started to receive a portion of the funding and support they deserve. Historic disinvestment in food access and nutrition means that life expectancy is 10 years lower for these constituents when compared to their more food secure neighbors in West Los Angeles. Moreover, too often, immigrant- and locally owned businesses are left to navigate red tape, language barriers, and limited access to capital on their own. But through Good Food Zones programming, technical assistance on compliance, business operations, and inventory and produce management has been made available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. And during these turbulent times, from ICE raids to funding cuts, hundreds more businesses have told us they need this kind of support offered through Good Food Zones. This shows that while the program is working, our small business owners in Los Angeles want and need more. This is your opportunity to use government to respond to rising costs and unaffordable groceries. At a time when Angelenos are struggling to afford to eat, and small businesses are struggling to survive, how can the government afford to look the other way? On behalf of our business community, I am asking for your help: please continue funding this program through 2028 and beyond.

Communication from Public

Name:	Abby kilani
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:48 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fund DPFL for LAAS. Do not let the funding lapse. The effects will be detrimental to the dogs and their quality of life.

Communication from Public

Name:	Elana katyal
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:51 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut funds for animal services. The animals are being killed and abused on such a high level, especially on skid row just to be brought into a system. That’s gonna kill an abuse them in the shelters this one. They have no voice I pay enough taxes that you should take care of the poor dogs and animals in the area. Do your job.

Communication from Public

Name:	JD Fox
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, I am writing to ask that the city of Los Angeles not reduce its budget for LA animal services. These animals depend on the kindness of a civil society. They deserve our compassion and our respect. In addition, reducing the budget will negatively affect the peace and cleanliness of our neighborhoods. Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jin Lee
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:55 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in 2026-27 budget DPFL playgroups are the only structured out of kennel time most LA shelter dogs get. With out them dogs are sitting in their cages. No walk no play! Playgroups are how LASS learn the most important thing about these dogs. Their behavior which can help them get adopted. the DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of LA's $1485B budget! Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully Fund DPFL contact in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1!

Communication from Public

Name:	Virginia
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:56 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	There is minimal humanity left in our treatment of shelter animals. DO NOT strip these dogs of the one hour a day they receive enrichment. It is crucial to their mental and physical health, and for many, their ticket to rescue.

Communication from Public

Name:	Aimie Billon
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:57 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To the Honorable Mayor Bass, Please reconsider your drastic cuts to animal services. This will result in an unethical amount of suffering and drastic increase in needless deaths for the most vulnerable amongst us. It is possible to make budget cuts in a moral way and I urge you to connect with your better angels in this, our City of Angels. Please don't give more Angelenos another reason to vote against you in the next election.

Communication from Public

Name:	Izak Rappaport
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 02:59 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hi, I'm a CD5 constituent writing about the proposed 2026-27 LA Animal Services budget. The Dogs Playing for Life contract is one of the highest-ROI line items in the entire LAAS budget. Playgroups reduce length of stay, and length of stay is the biggest cost driver in shelter operations. Every extra day a dog sits in a kennel costs the City in food, medical care, staff time, and cleaning supplies, which are the exact line items this budget is also cutting. So you're cutting the program that reduces how much of those resources we need, while also cutting the resources themselves. The cuts feed on each other. The department's own letter to this committee says the program reduces stress-related behaviors that hurt adoptability. Lower adoptability means longer stays. Longer stays mean higher per-animal cost and more euthanasia for space, which the City Controller already flagged as a crisis back in 2023 at 155% capacity. This budget makes all of that worse. ASPCA, Best Friends, and HSUS all endorse DPFL because the live-release data is clear. Cutting a contract that actually saves money, while the City sets aside $300M in one-time AB 218 funds, isn't belt-tightening. It's just bad math. I'm asking the committee to restore the Dogs Playing for Life contract, the animal food account, and medical supplies funding, and to reject the elimination of the ACO and Animal Care Technician Supervisor positions. The alternative is paying more later for worse outcomes, and countless horrible deaths of innocent animals. Thank you, Izak Rappaport Council District 5 constituent

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Stempel
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:03 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please restore the DPFL funding. I have been a volunteer at the Harbor shelter for 8 years and this is the single most important and impactful benefit we have ever received. I know the difference between having DPFL there and not. We are a small shelter and our dogs get out more often than at South LA but the dogs still only can get out for a walk once every week or two without DPFL. Additionally, since starting DPFL visits the dogs are more relaxed when walking through the shelter. They don't all bark and lunge at each other any more. There is much less fear and reactivity in the dogs and in us handlers because the dogs are allowed to get to know each other and don't see each other as a threat. This has made being at the shelter safer and more enjoyable. Additionally, there is benefit in seeing if a dog is dog friendly or even in socializing them to be around other dogs if they haven't been before. Having dog handling experts available for training and as a resource makes us safer volunteers. It makes the dogs more adoptable. Please do not go backwards and undo this progress. The shelter system is in terrible shape and this program is a ray of light. I can't think of any cheaper way to gain the benefits to our dogs than having this program. I'm confident that having DPFL on site has reduced dog bites, made us safer, gotten more dogs out who remain in homes instead of being returned.

Communication from Public

Name:	H Gonzalez
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:13 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, H. Gonzalez

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:23 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Don’t cut funding for animal services!

Communication from Public

Name:	Jesse J Romero
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:29 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The fact that Karen Bass released the proposed LA City budget without public input is inexcusable. The city was only given two dats where us residents can make their voices heard before the Council starts to negotiate. Karen Bass is investing in the wrong things. In a city where our community continues to be terrorized by ICE and the LAPD, the fact the LAPD is even getting more funding is ridiculous. Karen Bass continues to show she does not care about its citizens, animal welfare, un-housed citizens and social programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Hillary post
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:30 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please restore DPFL funding 2026-27 budget

Communication from Public

Name: Cami Cartland
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:33 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am a 22-year-old, born and raised in L.A., who just learned about the LAAS cuts in Mayor Bass's proposed budget. This blatantly ignores the reality of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are struggling to keep up as animals are being surrendered in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals is on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS report theycan wait for hours or days before anyone responds. LAAS shelters are over-capacity and are often filthy and chaotic as staff struggle to keep up with the overwhelming influx of animals. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals. If the city wants to cut spending and staff at L.A. Animal Services the only ethical way to get there is by investing in measures to reduce the number of unwanted animals being born in Los Angeles. Advocates have been begging the city to enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance, to crack down on illegal breeding, but it's not happening- these laws are being flagrantly broken, including rampant breeding on Skid Row that is regularly documented by concerned citizens but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut, and no substitute for full public funding of our city's vital animal services and shelters, including providing low-cost spay/neuter for those who need it. Cutting funding and staff for this vital department will only ensure that the current crisis spirals even further out of control.

Communication from Public

Name:	Tim Coleman
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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. This is completely beyond the pale in a civilized society. 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1. Raise my taxes if you have to -- these animals deserve better from all of us.

Communication from Public

Name: The Rent Brigade
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Los Angeles City Budget and Finance Committee: The Rent Brigade writes this letter to strongly oppose the inclusion of Airbnb's Vacation Rental Ordinance (VRO) in the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. We also strongly oppose the inclusion of a provision to allow Airbnb to pre-pay its future tax obligations to a "city improvement" fund. These provisions, if included, will be detrimental to the financial viability of the city and will make the housing crisis in Los Angeles worse. Airbnb is a parasitic and community-damaging business model that removes long-term housing from the rental market, inflates prices, and creates inefficient vacancies. Short-term rentals reduce the already limited supply of housing in Los Angeles, thus increasing the cost of existing units. Short-term rentals cater to tourists at the expense of homeowners and local residents, who are forced to deal with public safety concerns, excessive noise, littering, and reduced parking. Moreover, short-term rental hosts displace long-term tenants in favor of tourists who only occupy their units for a fraction of the year. Recognizing the harm that short-term rentals pose, the City of Los Angeles passed the Home-Sharing Ordinance in 2018, marking a huge victory for the people of Los Angeles. The Home-Sharing Ordinance created common-sense rules, such as restricting short-term rentals to primary residences and requiring hosts to register with the City Planning Department. Airbnb has spent millions of dollars and years of lobbying efforts to worm their way out of these regulations, going so far as to sneak their unpopular VRO into the city budget. Airbnb claims that legalizing new categories of short-term rentals and issuing new permits for short-term rentals will generate more tax revenue for the City, but their claims are fundamentally flawed. First, increasing the supply of tourist housing does not induce demand for tourists: in 2021, responding to a similar Airbnb proposal, LA City Planning Director Vince Bertoni wrote that "no more than four percent of visitors make travel plans based on the availability of a short-term rental." A recent Better Neighbors Los Angeles report demonstrated ample supply in the existing STR market, with up to half of STRs sitting vacant each month. Rather than generate new revenue, it is likely that Airbnb's proposal would merely reallocate existing tax revenue while making the housing crisis

worse by converting permanent homes into temporary hotels. A better proposal for generating tax revenue would be to enforce the existing Home Sharing Ordinance and issue fines to noncompliant short-term rentals. Better Neighbors Los Angeles identified over 200,000 noncompliant listings and over 300,000 noncompliant transactions since 2019 on Airbnb alone. If the City issued citations on all these violations, they would have collected over $850 million on average per year, far more than what Airbnb's "Save Our Services" campaign promises. Enforcing the Home Sharing Ordinance would have the added benefit of returning housing to the residential market, and discouraging illegal business practices. Moreover, the provision to allow Airbnb to pre-pay its future tax obligations to a "city improvement" fund would take millions a year out of our general fund, making it harder to fund essential city services, like public safety and infrastructure. In solidarity with Better Neighbors Los Angeles and our coalition of Southern California tenants, housing activists, hotel workers, and community members, we urge you to reject Airbnb's VRO and tax pre-payment provisions. This sweetheart deal with Airbnb has no place in our City budget. Sincerely, The Rent Brigade

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April 24, 2026

RE: Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Council File 26-0600)

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[1] Vincent P. Bertoni memo to Council, "Report on Vacation Rentals Ordinance, CF 18-1246, August 31, 2021: "First, it cannot be assumed that the Vacation Rental ordinance [i.e., cf. second homes] will induce a greater number of visitors to Los Angeles seeking lodging. Studies estimate that no more than four percent of visitors make travel plans based on the availability of a short-term rental in general; of those, it is difficult to imagine that the prospective

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Moreover, the provision to allow Airbnb to pre-pay its future tax obligations to a "city improvement" fund would take millions a year out of our general fund, making it harder to fund essential city services, like public safety and infrastructure.

In solidarity with Better Neighbors Los Angeles and our coalition of Southern California tenants, housing activists, hotel workers, and community members, we urge you to reject Airbnb's VRO and tax pre-payment provisions. This sweetheart deal with Airbnb has no place in our City budget.

Sincerely,

The Rent Brigade

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visitor would discriminate between a HomeShare unit and a Vacation Rental. If Vacation Rentals were not available, it can be assumed that these visitors would find lodging in the options currently available, such as a hotel/motel or a Home-Share unit."

[2] Better Neighbors Los Angeles letter to Council, October 8, 2025, at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5fc9845732f65217775cb3a5/t/68f402985746d221413d0c4f/1760821912496/Better+Neighbors+LA+October+Enforcement+Report.pdf.

[3] Better Neighors Los Angeles, *Revenue or Housing: Why Not Both?*, at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5fc9845732f65217775cb3a5/t/69a87bccc976677b150a2c76/1772649420495/BNLA_2026+Fines+Report_web.pdf.

[4] *Id.*

Communication from Public

Name:	Anne Paas
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name: Llauren Peralta
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:36 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Why is it with so many animals in need in an already broken system where those in charge profit with Why is it with so many animals in need in an already broken system where those in charge profit with exorbitant salaries and continue to cut funding desperately needed that provides the minimal care, more cuts? Disgusting. I voted for you Mayor Bass because my union supported you. But if this goes through, I most certainly won't vote for you again. I'm sick and tired of seeing our representatives short change the most vulnerable in our society. Stop bowing down to those seeking to take our tax dollars meant for social causes funnel it into their greedy pockets. Be the champion you were elected to be. I'm sick of shelters not doing what they were created to do, help animals, stop over population, investigate cruelty cases et cetera, and instead for example, being privatized for profit. The money we spend euthanizing animals could be drastically cut if we spent the money on free spay/neuter, low cost medical care. Our shelters are overwhelmed and the animals and the people are the ones who suffer. Speak the truth, to your voters so we can come together to challenge and change this broken system and actually make positive change.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michele Robinson
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles—not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type—for just one year—leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated $12,000 per day in animal care costs—more than $4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane—it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Sincerely, Michele Robinson 90064

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie Gans
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:37 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Stephanie Gans Granada Hills, CA 91343

Communication from Public

Name: Aga
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:39 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member, I am a tax payer and resident of Los Angeles. I am extremely concerned and strongly opposed to the proposal to cut funding for Dogs Playing For Life contract at our animal shelters. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st

Communication from Public

Name:	Raffi Vesco
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut the LA Animal Services budget, slashing funds allotted for food, medicine, & programs providing vital exercise & enrichment to shelter dogs. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:44 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT CUT FUNDING FOR LA ANIMAL SERVICES!! Dogs Playing for Life is a vital program that helps dogs get seen and adopted!! And food, supplies and medical treatment are intrinsic to taking care of the animals. It's baffling to even consider not funding all of this. Cuts to funding is cruel and would show a lack of compassion and moral compass. If anything, funding should be increased! This is NOT the time to turn your back on the animals. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jessica
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:44 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Budget Committee Members, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. Right now, thousands of dogs across LA's six city shelters spend nearly 24 hours a day in concrete kennels. For many of them, the only moments of movement, stimulation, and connection they experience come from DPFL playgroups. Without this program, those moments disappear—no walks, no play, no relief from confinement. Beyond humane care, DPFL provides critical data that directly impacts outcomes. Observing how dogs interact with other dogs is one of the most important factors in determining adoption potential, rescue placement, and lifesaving decisions. Without this insight, fewer dogs make it out of the shelter system. What makes this even more urgent is the cost: the DPFL contract represents less than 1/100th of 1% of Los Angeles's $14.85 billion budget. For such a small investment, the city preserves both the wellbeing of thousands of animals and the data needed to save their lives. Los Angeles has the opportunity to live up to its commitment to being a humane city—not in words, but in action. Please fully fund the DPFL contract in the June 6 budget and ensure it does not lapse on July 1. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jessica Lee Zip code: 90024

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura Huff
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:45 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget and oppose the cut to the 2026-27 budgets. Do not let it lapse July 1. As a citizen of CA, and former resident of LA County, I am writing to implore you to DO YOUR JOB and look after the welfare of all souls who live in the Los Angeles area. This matters to people across the country. DPFL 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 also how LA Animal Services 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 shelter makes. 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. Have LA be the model for humane sheltering of animals, not a disgrace. Thank you, Laura Huff Burlingame, CA Former LA resident

Communication from Public

Name:	Emily Saex
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:49 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. Dogs Playing for Life playgroups are the only structured, out of kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours/day - no walks, no play, no joy, no enrichment - which is very important for their health, well being, and it makes it much much harder to get them adopted, which is the best end goal. 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. Also the enrichment that playgroups provides is again very important for their health and well being and will help match them with families that are right for them. 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. FULLY FUND DPFL'S CONTRACT IN THE JUNE 6 BUDGET. DO NOT LET IT LAPSE JULY 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Matthew Robinson
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:49 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Alisa H.
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 03:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund Dog Play for Life in the 2026-27 budget. Please do not let the contract lapse July 1. It's often the only out-of-kennel time dogs get. It directly impacts adoptions and rescue placements. It reduces stress and behavorial decline. It costs less than 1/100th of 1% of the city budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kim
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I work in animal rescue in Los Angeles and urge the Budget Committee to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget (Council File 26-0600). DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs receive — without them, dogs at all six city shelters will face complete sensory and social deprivation: 24 hours a day in concrete cells with no play, no interaction, and no stimulation they genuinely NEED to stay mentally and physically stable. Dogs who could have found homes will instead deteriorate, become unadoptable, and die there alone. The entire contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 billion budget — CUTTING IT WILL NOT SAVE MONEY, it will increase operational costs, eliminate critical behavioral data, raise liability, but most painfully --- IT WILL LEAD TO UNNECESSARY SUFFERING FOR INNOCENT DOGS. Please fully fund DPFL before the budget locks June 6. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jennifer
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
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Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Feldman
Date Submitted:	04/24/2026 04:14 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL 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 life saving 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse on July 1st.

Communication from Public

Name:	ANGELA
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Comments for Public Posting:	God made us STEWARDS of his creation. That includes all ANIMALS as well. It’s disgraceful that the budget would cut financing for their care. They have no one but US. We have caused all the issues with this mess we’re in. Don’t make them suffer for YOUR mistakes. FIND ANOTHER WAY. You can if you really want to ??