

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Jacobson

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:47 AM

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. Kind regards, Gina Jacobson Los Angeles 90049

Communication from Public

Name: Miriam Watson

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:35 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget for does not include funding for Dogs Playing For Life program. This program has greatly increased shelter animal visibility and wellness. To cut funding to this program is to abandon one of the most vulnerable and voiceless populations for the city. The government is not meant to be exclusively for humans. Animals are under our care and jurisdiction too. I have been fostering dogs through the South LA shelter since November 2025, and I am appalled at the lack of care by the city. So many dogs sit in the shelter unable to be fostered or saved because they aren't spayed/neutered. The budget must include funding for neuter clinics and each animal housed in the shelter should be neutered or spayed. Los Angeles must have accessible spay and neuter services and it must be available to every dog in the shelter. Each time I pick up a new foster, I see kennels sitting empty and ready for new dogs. Yet, the euthanasia list only continues to grow and become more urgent. To spend money on euthanasia, but fail to provide care and ensure the wellbeing for the tiniest of us is a failure on part of the government and its conscience. The proposed budget does not consider this group of the population and should be reevaluated. Also, ensure proper cleaning and better food. Every dog I've brought home has had diarrhea and has refused to eat the food provided by the shelter. The food is the problem and more funding needs to be spent on the food. If the food is giving the dogs diarrhea and the shelter places sick and uncomfortable dogs on the euthanasia list, the government is funding the death of these animals rather than their wellbeing and the happiness and opinion of the general population of LA. It is unjust for this council to think or consider this part of city's makeup any less than because animals are unable to advocate for themselves. It is up to the government to care for and protect all of the city's members, even when those members may have four legs. Please: - ensure adequate funding for Dogs Playing For Life - stop unnecessarily or unreasonably euthanizing animals - provide spay/neuter to each animal in the shelters. - make spay/neuter clinics free and accessible to the population - ensure cleanliness and proper care for every shelter animal and its cage - change dog food to a more digestible and healthier option. You're making them sick and then killing them. - consider the city's animals in every single decision

made by the council just as you should be considering every other group.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Shields

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Communication from Public

Name: Kayla Went

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 11:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: ?? YOU'RE ABOUT TO SUBMIT THIS COMMENT: 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, Kayla Went

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 11:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Restore Dogs Playing For Life funding and the rest of the money that should be allocated for food, vetting and their enrichment in any shelter environment. Removing this funding will make dogs less adoptable, more will will be euthanized for behavior problems because their mental well being will decline. We need a bigger budget for the shelters not less.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Garland

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 11:08 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. With the dog's ability to socialize, this will slow adoptions and create more overcrowding for the shelters. This will cause way more anxiety for dogs who desperately need to be adopted. DPFL playgroups are the only structures out of kennel time most LA shelter dogs get. Without them, dogs will be living their entire lives in concrete cages. Please help the dogs!

Communication from Public

Name: Samira tapia

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing as an Angeleno to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL is the only structured out-of-kennel time most dogs at LA's six city shelters ever receive. It also prevents the behavioral deterioration that has led Los Angeles to pay more than \$31.85M in shelter dog-bite settlements since 2023. The contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of the city budget. Cutting it doesn't save money — it converts a fixed cost into unpredictable liability. Please restore funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Thank you, Samira tapia Leimert park homeowner

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 11:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council, The mayor's budget does not represent the needs of Angelenos. In the people's budget, the people of LA prioritized funding in housing, sanitation, transportation, and other departments that serve us, not the police. The police are the reason we are in debt, directly demonstrates through their liability payouts. The police are the reason Black and Brown families fear their children coming home safely. The police are not who should be funded. I remind you that LA is a city of riots and I remind you that you should not fund those, the police, that hurt Angelenos. The mayor failed us but you do not have to. Best, a concerned angeleno

Communication from Public

Name: Kenneth Cairney

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 11:42 AM

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 12:26 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Hannah

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 12:41 PM

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Name: Sarah

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Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Lim

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:33 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot deny the animals that need our help especially when help is readily available. I am speaking up for the ones that cannot speak for themselves. The world has a duty to treat our animals with dignity and provide any help that is needed. We cannot continue to euthanize animals simply because they don't have a safe place to call home.

Communication from Public

Name: Rabecka Jimenez

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Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Brissette

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 12:51 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Bass, I am strongly advocating for the budget to include adequate funding for Los Angeles Animal Shelters. As humans, we are failing the cats, dogs and other small pets in Los Angeles. It is shocking to hear of the cuts proposed to animal services. It is your responsibility to address the crisis and cutting funds is unethical. Figure out the money as most Angelenos support saving defenseless animals. Start enforcing our laws against puppy mills, illegal breeders, and acts of animal cruelty. Offer free spay and neuter clinics throughout the city in all areas. We need to stop the inhumane treatment of our city's animals and the reckless breeding that is leading to overcrowding and euthanized pets.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 12:56 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking that the City of LA NOT CUT FUNDS for animal services. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie McPheters
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:23 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: Daniel P

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. Programs like these are so necessary for the development of dogs around Los Angeles to ensure they have even the most basic enrichment throughout the day. I hope you can find it not only in you heart to fund the program to ensure innocent creatures do not remain in their small kennels 24hrs a day but also find it in a practical manner to allow resources to ensure these dogs are getting the best chance to be adopted and to alleviate more strain on kennel services. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Fermin Perez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 01:09 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Bree Tomas

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 01:46 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to implore you to restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LAAS, please do not let it lapse on July 1. DPFL's entire annual contract is a fraction of a percent of the city's budget, and when dogs lose critical sociability, they have a lower likelihood of being placed in a stable home, leading to overcrowding and strain on infrastructure, and higher chance of being euthanized. Surely at the very least, funds for this program could be redirected from the already grossly inflated LAPD budget.

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Name: Angela
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:04 PM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:10 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely concerned about the FY2027 city budget and the sacrifices it makes to public services to benefit the LAPD budget. An issue of particular concern is the complete elimination of funds for the Dogs Playing for Life at LA Animal Services. Animal Services have already faced significant cuts, meaning more dogs killed, less shelter capacity, and severely degraded and depressing conditions for the animal known to be Man's Best Friend. As pointed out by other activists, the DPFL costs less than 0.01% of the budget. We cannot continue to turn our backs on the needs of this city, its people, and neglect its animals. Without this program, dogs sit in concrete kennels all day. I urge the budget committee to fully fund this program.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyda Eddington
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:21 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Lauren friel

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dogs playing for life is a vital program and only constitutes 1% of the budget . Do not cut this vital program it provides valuable information about shelter dogs, reduces stress and actually saves money as they have a better chance of adoption. You need to do something about the LA shelter crisis you spend more money on euthanasia and disposal than you do to help these dogs and find solutions. Voters care about dogs please save this program and help find solutions for dogs to save them and keep them safe

Communication from Public

Name: TALLAN J. ACALIN

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Title Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2026-27 Date Received / Introduced 03/27/2026 Last Changed Date 04/27/2026 Expiration Date 04/20/2028 Direct to Council Yes Pending in Committee Budget and Finance Committee Mover KATY YAROSLAVSKY Second MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON Good afternoon, Councilmembers. Across Los Angeles, families experience the City as one interconnected system — housing, energy, waste, transportation, community services — all overlapping in daily life. But our budget still treats these as separate silos, which increases cost and slows down solutions. So I have to ask: When will the City begin designing affordable housing that pays for itself through multiple revenue streams instead of relying solely on subsidies? Residents see the connections between these systems every day, even when the budget does not. So I have to ask: Has the CAO evaluated models where housing, energy, waste, and community services are integrated into one coordinated system instead of separate departments? We also continue to treat waste as a permanent liability, even though other regions have already demonstrated circular systems that turn waste into value. So I have to ask: Has the City evaluated models where waste streams become revenue streams instead of liabilities? And as the General Fund faces long-term pressure, the City continues to build housing that increases operating costs instead of reducing them. So I have to ask: What is the plan to pilot next-generation affordable housing that reduces General Fund pressure instead of increasing it? These are structural questions. They deserve structural answers. If anyone reviewing this comment would like to follow up with me for clarification or high-level discussion, I can be reached through the contact information I provided in my online public comment submission as an Angeleno participating in this process.

PUBLIC COMMENT & SUPPORTING STATEMENT

FY 2026–27 | City of Los Angeles

Submitted by an Angeleno participating in the official public comment process

Part I — Public Comment

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Part II — Supporting Statement

This supporting statement accompanies the public comment above. It highlights structural questions related to long-term fiscal stability, integrated infrastructure planning, and opportunities for multi-revenue civic systems. These questions are offered for consideration as part of the City's ongoing budget deliberations.

Questions for Consideration

1. When will the City begin designing affordable housing that pays for itself through multiple revenue streams instead of relying solely on subsidies?
2. Has the CAO evaluated models where housing, energy, waste, and community services are integrated into one coordinated system instead of separate departments?
3. Has the City evaluated models where waste streams become revenue streams instead of liabilities?
4. What is the plan to pilot next-generation affordable housing that reduces General Fund pressure instead of increasing it?

These questions reflect concerns about long-term fiscal resilience, operational efficiency, and the need for modernized, integrated approaches to public infrastructure.

Conceptual Illustration (non-technical)

The diagram below is symbolic only. It represents the idea that multiple civic systems can be aligned to reduce cost and improve outcomes.



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Communication from Public

Name: Angelina Vollucci

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:54 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Caroline Thompson

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Name: Lauren Bulseco
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funds for animal services

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose any proposed cuts to LA Animal Services. Reducing funding for food, medical care, and enrichment programs will directly harm vulnerable animals and undermine the city's responsibility to provide humane treatment. These services aren't optional, they're the baseline for ethical sheltering and public trust. Cutting them will likely lead to worse outcomes, including increased illness, behavioral deterioration, and higher long-term costs for the city. Los Angeles should be improving animal welfare standards, not rolling them back. I urge the city to reject these cuts and prioritize adequate funding for animal care.

Communication from Public

Name: Solmaz Emami
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:11 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Fully fund Dog Play for Life in the 2026-27 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.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Of all the priorities in this city, taking care of our animal population is one of the most important we've underfunded it for years the animals and the people who care for them are under stress , there is no room for a cut in the services in the budget

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Name: Abilene Ayala
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Communication from Public

Name: Martha Sanders
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:28 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, Martha Sanders Los Angeles , California

Communication from Public

Name: Liz fuller
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:30 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut animal funding

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Bauer

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:31 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an LA resident I care about our city's shelter dogs and the dire situations occurring at our shelters, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. It's a small thing that really makes a difference. 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 socializing. It's torture for a pack animal and limits exposure and stress relief lowering the already small chance of making it out of the shelter alive. 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, Megan Bauer Lomita

Communication from Public

Name: Yana
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:42 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to reject the Mayor's proposed cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services and restore funding for animal food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life program. The current budget reduces animal food funding to just \$200,000—far below the \$520,000 allocated in 2018–19—forcing the department to rely on donations from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund. Since 2020–21, roughly \$900,000 in donor funds have been used just to feed animals. Medical supply funding has been cut even more drastically, from nearly \$490,000 in 2018–19 to only \$49,000 in the proposed budget. This has already forced LAAS to spend over \$740,000 in donations on basic medical care. These cuts are unsustainable and will further drain a fund that was never meant to cover core operations. At the same time, the failure to fund Dogs Playing for Life removes a program that improves safety, increases adoptions, and helps dogs thrive. These are essential services—not extras. I ask you to amend the budget to ensure animals in our city receive basic care and a real chance at life.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Granger

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:21 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Having learned that at least part of our city's deficit comes from settling lawsuits, I wonder how we can address issues/themes that arise through the budget. For example, we received a ballot regarding funding for streetlights. It's easily possible to imagine individuals tripping over the myriad and huge cracks in city sidewalks while walking in the dark due to nonfunctioning street lights. Shouldn't basic maintenance be part of the budget? Isn't this part of prevention of issues? Our decrepit alley was recently renovated. THANK YOU! We met with our city council member and members of his staff about this along with reaching out to Mayor Bass and the press. I also filed a grievance after skidding, slipping and falling due to the extensive decomposition of the alley pavement. While I don't know what finally prompted the mayor's office to take on this endeavor, I anticipate that IF I had chosen to file a lawsuit about the injury sustained in the alley accident, the payout would have been greater than the money paid to do this (big) job. Alley repair, we learned, is not a line item in the city budget anywhere. This makes no sense as city vehicles that are extremely heavy now that they are "clean" and have batteries that make them heavier than ever before rumble through our alleys weekly. It only makes sense that we prepare for obsolescence and repairs. Infrastructure is crumbling. Sidewalks in my district are terribly damaged due to roots from huge trees. When we bought our house and were faced with a crumbling curb, we learned that we would have to pay for this out of our own pockets. This isn't right. Again, the city budget should include repairs like this unless the plan is to let old things fall apart. INFRASTRUCTURE, PLEASE! Our budget does not accurately reflect our city's basic needs. Thank you so much! p.s. If there is anything that can be done about young men on e-motos, that would be great! The police officers with whom we have spoken have recommended that we (on foot) follow the e-moto riders home and speak with their parents, try to stop them ourselves when they are racing through the parks and neighborhood, etc. We need a plan.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeannie

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:24 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. Do not abandon our most vulnerable. 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, Jeannie Long Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name: Danny C

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Herrera

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:39 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Bashaw

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:58 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Play For Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time that most LA shelter dogs ever get. This remains true whether it's a weekend or a weekday. Without DPFL, dogs will sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day, 6+ days a week. No walks. No play. No enrichment. No joy. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most valuable information about a dog: their play style, their temperament, and how they interact with other dogs. These data points are CRITICAL and drive adoptions, rescue pulls, foster interest, and every other life-saving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of ONE percent 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 6th budget. Do not let it lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Stadther
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Communication from Public

Name: Frank Granda

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a young man, I believe that it is very important for the budget to expand funding on essential services such as affordable housing and public transit to help increase the quality of life for Los Angelenos everywhere!

Communication from Public

Name: Bianca

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:11 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DOGS DESERVE BETTER. ABANDONING THEM IS NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO DO THINGS. IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT FUNDING IS GOING ELSEWHERE. DON'T BE CRUEL AND BE A DECENT HUMAN. BEING. DON'T FAIL YOUR HUMANITY

Communication from Public

Name: Carrie Covell

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:56 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please restore funding for the Dogs Playing For Life (DPFL) program in the city's animal shelters! Shelter dogs otherwise receive almost no enrichment, which is extremely bad for their mental health and may make them more rambunctious with visitors, who may be less inclined to adopt dogs with lots of energy. The shelter also loses out on the chance to assess their behavior with other dogs and multiple people. Our shelter dogs already suffer so much - please don't deny them what little they have. Thank you for choosing compassion!

Communication from Public

Name: MINERVA SALAS

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 08:24 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting about funds being cut from Animal Services. These funds are needed to help with the Spay and Neuter program and other health services. Many pet Owners cannot afford these services and need financial help yet they are still able to provide a home for their pets. Shelter pets also need help with their being and attitude through the "playing for life program" where they can get out of their kennels and cut loose to get the exercise they need while they're waiting to be Adopted. Please don't cut the funds for these necessary services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 08:27 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Not only as an act of compassion for these dogs, but for the community. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get and they thrive on it. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. Without them, it undermines the very goals of the shelter system. Playgroups are how LA Animal Services learns valuable info about every adoptable dog. Specifically, how they behave with other dogs. And, as one of the leading questions from potential adopters is, "how is he/she with other dogs," it behooves us to consider how this program creates positive outcomes. Specifically, that this single data point effectively drives: adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. From a financial standpoint, please consider the DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Less than 1/100th! Cutting such a small and meaningful portion costs the city not only its humanity, but its ability to demonstrate resiliency, be a leader in shelter systems across the US, and increase adoption rates. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. It's a lifeline to confined dogs, human volunteers, rescue partners, adopting families, and all stakeholders in LA alike. Thank you for listening! Best,

Communication from Public

Name: Sarkis Zaratsian
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 08:33 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Ray Riffer

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 08:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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 shelter 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: Sonia
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 08:54 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: HAVE A HEART, OR DIE A VILLIAN

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Sharman
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:00 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Restore DPFL FUNDNG-26-2027

Communication from Public

Name: Lis Pepin

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:00 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, 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'm the proud owners of two rescued dogs, who enrich our lives on a daily basis. It pains me to think that so many other dogs won't have the same second chance they did - this program is a lifeline for animals without a voice. 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, Lis Pepin

Communication from Public

Name: Alexi Zavala

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:43 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Submit written public comment by Monday, April 27 before the 3:30 PM meeting

Communication from Public

Name: Zachary Hunchar
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:46 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils were designed to be exactly what city government so often fails to be: accessible, local, and accountable to the people who actually live with the consequences of policy decisions. At a time when City Hall is increasingly out of touch with residents — a disconnect that the recent mayoral and council races made painfully obvious — slashing NC budgets from an already-diminished \$32,000 to a bare-bones \$25,000 is the opposite of what the city should be doing. These councils are where residents who will never set foot in a City Council chamber show up, speak up, and engage with local government on everything from zoning variances to unhoused encampments to crumbling sidewalks. They are the city’s early-warning system, its real-time polling infrastructure, and its most granular map of neighborhood need — and they cost almost nothing to run relative to the city’s multi-billion-dollar budget. The solution to dysfunction is reform and investment, not defunding the one civic structure that actually gets people in the room. If City Hall genuinely wants to know what Angelenos need before the next crisis makes it impossible to ignore, it should be raising NC budgets back toward their original \$50,000 baseline — not squeezing them into irrelevance.????????????????

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Communication from Public

Name: Kayla Stuckelberger
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 04:12 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funds for animal services

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 04:12 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Terri Rochino

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 04:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, I am writing to ask that you consider maintaining funding for DPFL playgroups for the LA Animal Shelters. They provide the only structured time out of kennels to relieve kennel stress. Without them, dogs will succumb to kennel stress faster, become unstable, which will require euthanasia sooner and at a higher rate. That will overwhelm veterinary staff, and not give rescue groups opportunity to remove or save the dogs. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter Sincerely, Terri Rochino
Woodland Hills, Ca

Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Michele Lamarche

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 04:47 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to you to firmly request that you restore funding to DPFL for 2026/2027 fiscal year. It's a drop in the bucket and shelter Dogs deserve it. We took pay taxes for a reason. I urge you to understand that these dogs lives matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Meron

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 04:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Safe parking LA is much need not just for the city, but for the 21,000 who experience vehicular homelessness. This organization is fundamental to help those that are need, so they do not end up back on the streets. Removing funding will not just impact those who work at safe parking LA, but everyone who they are trying to help daily

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:02 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget fails to account for the dire reality of the animal welfare crisis in Los Angeles. Currently, our shelters are pushed far beyond capacity as surrender rates reach record highs. This strain has led to a rise in neglect and abandonment, with citizens reporting that emergency calls to LAAS often go unanswered for days. To cut funding and staff under these conditions is not a fiscal strategy; it is a direct act of cruelty toward the city's animals. If the city aims to reduce spending at L.A. Animal Services, the only ethical path forward is to invest in measures that decrease the number of unwanted animals. This requires enforcing mandatory spay/neuter ordinances and cracking down on illegal breeding—specifically on Skid Row, where rampant breeding is frequently documented but rarely addressed. There is no shortcut to a humane city. We must maintain full public funding for shelters and low-cost spay/neuter programs, or we risk allowing this crisis to spiral completely out of control.

Communication from Public

Name: Ogy Durham
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:16 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do not slash animal services budget!

Communication from Public

Name: carlyn

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:17 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Eve Beerman

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:40 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: During these very turbulent and frightening times in our country and indeed the whole world, it is unbelievable that the funding for the organization, SAFE PARKING, has been eliminated!! I am pleading with the city council members to reconsider their decision to cut this funding. I have had the opportunity to volunteer with the Safe Parking program on a weekly basis. I meet the individuals and their children who live in the parking lots. I listen to the stories of their struggles to move on to a more permanent housing situation for themselves and their children. Where are these individuals supposed to reside if not for the parking lots that are provided for them? They are provided with a safe, legal space overnight for as long as needed. They are also connected to services that help the individual create a path back to traditional housing. "The way to give meaning to our life is to do what we can to abate its misery, to heal its wounds, to be comrades in the only war worth fighting: the battle to extend the domain of love and reconciliation and justice in the world, and thus to declare ourselves for the continuation of life." Rabbi Leonard I. Beerman Respectfully Submitted, Eve Beerman

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:40 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Karen Bass, Your plan to include cuts to LA Animal Services will unfortunately make matters worse for LA Animal Shelters not better. Animal shelters across the city are in a crisis struggling to keep up. Cruelty, neglect and abandonment are increasing. We are asking for your help to consider another method enforcing the City's mandatory spay/neuter services, and crackdown on breeding. Cutting funding under these conditions is cruelty toward LA's animals. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne H Mathews
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:50 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a voter in CD2 (Toluca Lake) and have been a volunteer at North Central Shelter since 2022. I was shocked at the means by which our leaders propose to cut \$1,329,349 from LA Animal Services in 2026-27. To be clear, we are talking about less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85 billion budget. The suggestion that we cut the food budget from \$200k to \$0 and rely on donations is patently absurd. Further cuts are proposed to medical supplies (\$339k), and to a contractor called DPFL that provides shelter dogs with the only hours they ever spend outside their cages (\$790k). I will state again that our city spends \$14.85 billion annually, and on top of that, taxpayers are daily subjected to news reports that range from mismanagement and self-dealing to outright fraud in that spending. Now, the idea of quibbling over \$1.3 million for the only population that cannot speak for itself -- of stripping dogs and cats of food and vaccinations -- is both asinine and callous in the extreme. The city council must amend this proposed budget to restore basic funding for food, medical supplies, and the DPFL contract.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a proud owner of a former Los Angeles shelter dog, 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. This program made a significant impact in saving my dog's life among so many others. 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, Hillary Seaborn

Communication from Public

Name: Sonia Marmolejo

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:00 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: How can we be a great city and treat our animals this way

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Typaldos

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 08:41 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: URGENT CONCERNS: LA Animal Services Funding, Transparency, and Elimination of Dogs Playing for Life in 2026-27 Proposal My name is Kathryn Typaldos, and I am writing in my individual capacity as a volunteer. Through my firsthand experience in the shelter system, I have witnessed how vulnerable dogs are in overcrowded, high-stress environments, and how quickly their physical and behavioral condition can deteriorate without consistent care, enrichment, and support. I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed elimination of Dogs Playing for Life, as well as serious concerns regarding the broader structure and priorities of the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget for Animal Services. Los Angeles Animal Services is already operating in a state of severe overcrowding, with more than 1,500 dogs in a system designed to safely house roughly 800. Intake continues to outpace outcomes, and euthanasia rates have risen significantly over the past year. In this context, removing a proven, evidence-based program that reduces stress, improves behavior, and increases adoptability is not a neutral budget decision—it will directly contribute to worse outcomes, including increased euthanasia. At the same time, the proposed budget relies in part on external funding—including a \$14 million commitment from Best Friends Animal Society and the ASPCA—to support critical improvements and operations. While partnerships are valuable, essential public services cannot depend on time-limited or uncertain external funding without clear transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability. Equally concerning is what remains unclear or absent: There is no clearly defined, dedicated baseline funding for essential daily care such as animal food, and only minimal visible allocation for medical services. There is no clear prioritization or expansion of spay and neuter programs, despite their well-established role in reducing intake and long-term system strain. The budget does not meaningfully address ongoing concerns regarding accountability, oversight, and consistent standards of care within shelters. In this context, eliminating Dogs Playing for Life is particularly alarming. This program is not supplemental—it is one of the few scalable, evidence-based interventions that improves behavioral health, reduces stress, and increases adoptability in overcrowded shelters. Removing it will predictably worsen outcomes and

increase euthanasia risk. Taken together, the current proposal reflects a concerning gap between the City's responsibility to provide humane care and the resources and structure allocated to meet that responsibility. A system that relies on uncertain external funding while failing to clearly fund food, medical care, enrichment, and prevention is not sustainable—and it places already vulnerable animals at greater risk. I urge you to:

- Restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life
- Ensure transparent, dedicated funding for food, medical care, and daily care needs
- Invest in spay and neuter as a core intake-reduction strategy
- Establish clear accountability and oversight measures within Animal Services
- Reduce reliance on uncertain external funding for essential operations

These decisions will directly determine the conditions animals experience in City shelters and their chances of survival.

Sincerely, Kathryn Typaldos, SLA Volunteer

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Sandoval

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 12:07 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Caity Price

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:21 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please prioritize spay neuter funding. It is such a cost saver long term. Our shelters are so over stretched.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Farley

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 08:59 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our city shelters are in crisis, and the status quo is not working for the animals or the dedicated staff. The combined expertise and funding from Best Friends and the ASPCA is exactly what we need to increase lifesaving. I ask the Council to approve this collaboration and ensure the 2026-27 budget strengthens LAAS to make our shelters a model of compassion. DO NOT CUT Dogs Playing for life, medical support, food for animals. DO NOT CUT the budget for the LA Shelter System! No more abuse in the shelters. End euthanasia. Fund our shelters and staff the roles with people who model leadership and compassion!

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Costantini

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:15 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles city council members, I am desperately urging you to fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the city of Los Angeles. Every dollar invested in spay & neuter saves the city money. Please don't leave our animals behind. Julie Costantini
Atwater Village 90039

Communication from Public

Name: Jacob Brothers

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:18 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment – FY 2026–27 Budget (Budget & Finance Committee) Chair and Members of the Committee, My name is Jacob Brothers. I am speaking today both as a resident of Los Angeles and as a City employee who understands the operational realities behind policy decisions. The City has made it clear that we need to identify new, sustainable revenue sources. I want to highlight a highly visible and currently underutilized opportunity: the commercial use of our public right-of-way by private delivery robots and similar micro-mobility devices. Across Los Angeles, sidewalk delivery robots—operated by companies such as Serve Robotics and Starship Technologies—are occupying public space without a structured fee system comparable to what residents and businesses already pay. These devices are effectively “parking” on sidewalks that are already constrained, particularly in neighborhoods with aging infrastructure. For individuals with mobility challenges, including those using wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers, this creates real accessibility barriers. At the same time: Residents pay for metered parking on the street. Taxes and fees fund sidewalk maintenance, lighting, and enforcement. The City is actively working—though not yet fully effectively, in my opinion, to regulate scooters and other shared mobility devices. This creates a clear imbalance: private companies are monetizing public infrastructure without paying proportional costs for its use.

Policy Opportunity: Treat Sidewalk Access as a Managed, Revenue-Generating Asset I am recommending that the City establish a Sidewalk Use and Autonomous Device Fee Program with three core components:

1. **Per-Device Licensing Fees** Require all delivery robots and similar devices operating in the public right-of-way to be registered and permitted. Charge an annual or per-unit fee scaled to fleet size and geographic footprint.
2. **Usage-Based Fees (Dynamic Pricing Model)** Implement per-trip or per-mile fees using GPS-based reporting—similar to the model used for shared scooters. Allow for higher pricing in congested zones or high-demand corridors.
3. **Digital Enforcement & Data Sharing** Require companies to provide real-time location data via API, enabling: Automated compliance monitoring Geofencing (no-parking/no-idling zones) Automated citations or penalties for violations This model already exists in the City’s scooter programs and can be expanded with minimal additional

infrastructure. Revenue & Cost Efficiency This is not a labor-intensive enforcement model. It is: Digitally enforced Scalable across departments Self-funding through fees and penalties With proper structuring, this program can: Generate new unrestricted General Fund revenue Offset sidewalk maintenance and accessibility improvements Reduce enforcement burden through automation Equity & Accessibility Considerations This is not just a revenue issue—it is an access and fairness issue. If residents are paying to park on the street, and if we are enforcing regulations on scooters, then it is reasonable—and necessary—that commercial autonomous devices: Pay for the space they occupy Operate within clearly defined accessibility standards Are held accountable through enforceable rules Closing The City is already doing much of the hard work—building enforcement frameworks, deploying digital systems, and managing mobility programs. This is an opportunity to extend that framework to a rapidly growing sector that is currently under-regulated and under-monetized. I encourage the Committee to direct staff to evaluate and report back on: A fee structure Enforcement mechanisms Revenue projections This is a practical, implementable step toward both fiscal stability and a more equitable use of public space. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Kish

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:08 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 Teresa Kish

Communication from Public

Name: ruthie

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:22 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: i'm writing re LA city budget and to request restoration of DPFL funds --dogs playing for life. This is really critical funding. otherwise animals literally will be in cages 24 seven which is just cruel. We actually should have additional funding for shelters so LA city and county do not have to euthanize so many animals just because they get sick or can't be in cages with other animals or because of overcrowding.

Communication from Public

Name: Alma Carbo

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:23 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City of LA Budget and Finance Committee Members: My name is Alma Carbo, 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, Alma Carbo

Communication from Public

Name: Chris K
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:24 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The out-of-control spending on the ineffective and inefficient LAPD hurts all of us, reducing funds available for services that make Los Angeles better and safer for all :Angelenos. One of the services that improves lives is the Dogs Playing for Life, which helps shelter dogs receive enrichment and playtime that increases their chances of getting adopted by reducing stress and anxiety in shelters. Not only does this service enhance the lives of dogs currently in shelters, it supports compassion and improves the lives of other Los Angeles citizens by creating opportunities for them to adopt dogs--in my opinion, one of the great joys in life. You see, I had to say goodbye to my own dog last year after 15 years together. We explored our neighborhood together and I met more neighbors walking with her than I did in my many years in Los Angeles prior. I had conversations that I never would have otherwise with people I may never have met had I not had my beloved dog. Increasing foot traffic and neighborly interaction is one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce crime and improve lives in this city. Dog owners are integral participants in walking around their neighborhoods, and the DPFL not only enhances the lives of shelter dogs, it gives those dogs a better chance to participate in improving this city. Please, put this city's resources toward improving lives, not militarizing the police any further.

Communication from Public

Name: Jen Linck
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:25 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent and a resident of downtown LA who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I 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. The Mayor talks about "a Humane LA," but that cannot be true if shelter dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. Since 2023, the City of Los Angeles has paid more than \$31.85 million in settlements to victims of shelter dog attacks — all traceable to conditions DPFL prevents (dogs decompensating in kennels without enrichment, undocumented behavioral histories, and unwarned adopters). The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of the \$14.85 billion city budget — roughly one-thousandth of what the city has already paid in bite settlements over three years. Cutting this contract converts a small, predictable, fixed cost into unpredictable, growing liability. It is not fiscal discipline. It is deferred cost. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Carla Resnik
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:30 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to respectfully urge the Council to prioritize and expand funding for accessible spay and neuter services across Los Angeles. This initiative represents one of the most effective and humane strategies to address the ongoing crisis of stray and abandoned animals in our communities. Los Angeles continues to face a significant overpopulation of cats and dogs, resulting in overcrowded shelters, increased euthanasia rates, and prolonged suffering for animals living on the streets. While animal rescue organizations and shelters work tirelessly, their efforts alone are not enough to keep pace with the growing need. Investing in widespread, low-cost or free spay and neuter programs would directly reduce the number of unwanted litters, prevent the cycle of abandonment, and improve public health and safety. These services are particularly critical in underserved neighborhoods, where financial barriers often prevent pet owners from accessing veterinary care. Beyond the ethical responsibility to treat animals humanely, this approach is also fiscally responsible. Preventing overpopulation reduces long-term costs associated with animal control, sheltering, and emergency response. It is a proactive solution that benefits both the city and its residents. I respectfully ask the Council to consider increased funding, partnerships with local veterinary providers, and expanded outreach efforts to ensure these services are widely available and accessible to all communities. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I hope to see Los Angeles continue to lead with compassion and practical solutions that improve the lives of both animals and residents. Sincerely, Carla Resnik

Communication from Public

Name: Alessandra

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:39 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is inhumane and outrageous. But then again this Mayor has done nothing to stop the killing of thousands of animals in overcrowded city shelters. She has also turned a blind eye to their suffering and abuse and torture in Skid Row - animals burned alive, raped, used for drug testing and for breeding so the litters can be sold for drug money, left to starve with no food or water and die of heat stroke on the streets. I urge you to not pass this budget that allocates ZERO for food while giving over \$25M to salaries? That's immoral. The money should go to the animals needs, as in food and medical and for free spay and neuter!!! How are these animals going to be fed? I don't know how she sleeps at night. This mayor will be voted out this year, but in the meantime, please don't pass this budget!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Pam Light

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:35 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget ignores the reality of homeless animals that roam our streets. These sweet animals need to be helped, as do all homeless. If the city really wants to help, they should enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance and crack down on illegal breeding. Please help them. thank you Pam

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Sullivan

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:36 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass: Please do not cut any more funding for assisting shelter animals. Our shelters are out of date, not well taken care of, and it is an embarrassment to a city the size of Los Angeles. Animal shelters across Los Angeles are in crisis and struggling to keep up. Shelters and animal adoption organizations are dealing with people surrendering animals in record numbers. Cruelty, neglect, and abandonment of animals are on the rise, and many people who report animal emergencies to LAAS are already waiting for hours or days before anyone responds. Please enforce the city's mandatory spay/neuter ordinance, provide low-cost spay/neuter services, and crack down on illegal breeding. These things are not happening, and these laws are being flagrantly broken. Cutting funding and staff under these circumstances would be an act of cruelty towards the city's animals, and a slap in the face to the people working overtime to care for them. The citizens of Los Angeles do care about our animals. Please, please do not cut the minimum care we now provide them. Susan Sullivan

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Flores

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:07 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Submit written public comment by Monday, April 27 before the 3:30 PM meeting.

Communication from Public

Name: Mayra

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:13 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to preserve funding for Safe Parking LA. This program provides a critical, practical solution for individuals and families living in their vehicles by offering a safe, stable place to park while they work toward permanent housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Lily Bartenstein
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent and LA Animal Services volunteer. Please see my attached public comment regarding the funding of the Animal Services department in the Los Angeles 2026-2027 budget. Thank you for your continued support of the welfare of animals in our city and in our shelter system. Lily Bartenstein

April 25th, 2026

Dear City Councilmembers,

I am a constituent in Northridge and have been volunteering at the West Valley Animal Shelter about 10 hours per week since this past December. I'm writing to urge you to increase the LA Animal Services budget to a sustainable level including increases for our spay & neuter programs, staffing, food, medical care and most critically **fully funding the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract.**

The level of funding currently allocated to the department in the 2026-2027 budget, while similar to this year's budget, does not represent an adequate level of resources to support the city shelter system's humane capacity for care or meaningfully reflect the values of our community and its care for our companion animals.

Following the fires last year, I moved to Northridge from Altadena. The difference in the public perception and service provided to LA City residents in the area of animal services does not compare to the provider in my previous neighborhood, Pasadena Humane - and how could it. The city shelter system operates all 6 shelters on a shoestring budget under \$30 million, whereas Pasadena Humane had a pre-fire annual operating budget of about \$20 million for a single shelter supporting a fraction of the number of animals. And the difference is striking - as a volunteer I see our LA Animal Services shelter system unable to provide meaningful veterinary care to some of the most in-need animals who enter the system sick and injured and instead rely on pleas to partner organizations to save them from euthanasia. We rely on volunteer and community donations to feed any of our animals who are unwilling or unable to eat the available kibble due to dietary sensitivities. We barely have enough t-shirts for the volunteers who provide necessary care and advocacy for our shelter animals. Our shelter is frequently short-staffed, even during hours when we are open to the public.

Volunteering at an open intake municipal shelter is challenging work, both physically and emotionally. One of the most critical resources for those of us in the trenches, giving of our time for free to support shelter operations, is the hope, lifesaving enrichment and vital information provided by the team from Dogs Playing for Life and the playgroups they operate 5 days a week at our shelters. Our dogs cannot sustain their mental health in the shelter environment without the out of kennel enrichment playgroups provide, and the behavioral assessment and information about their inter-dog relationships is crucial for the safety of staff and volunteers, successful adoptions and rescue placement.

At the same time, the skill and experience of the team at DPFL has been an incredible resource for me as a new volunteer, increasing my opportunities to learn critical skills of

animal handling in the shelter environment. This program is not a nice to have bonus - it is a critical piece of the system that supports humane care of our sheltered dogs. On the days DPFL is not on site, volunteers may be able to offer 20 minutes of out of kennel enrichment to about 20 dogs, whereas with playgroups nearly all of our eligible dogs (including many who volunteers are not permitted to handle) are out for longer each day, engaged in play and leaving the yards more relaxed, calm and adoptable. This contract is a drop in the bucket of the city budget, but a lifeline for our animals and the staff and volunteers who serve them each day. The importance of this single line item cannot be overstated.

Lastly, and importantly, I must advocate for expanded free and low cost spay and neuter and consistent enforcement of spay/neuter ordinances in the city. The best way we can meaningfully impact the crisis in animal welfare is to prevent unwanted animals from being born. No one wants to have to euthanize healthy adoptable pets, but without spay neuter and enforcement, we will inevitably continue to lose our friends in the shelters each week. It's not fair to the animals, and it doesn't reflect our values. I wholeheartedly support the increased level of funding recommended by the neighborhood budget advocates.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the welfare of animals in LA,

Lily Bartenstein

LAAS Volunteer and Northridge Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Deanna Barbour
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Submit written public comment by Monday, April 27 before the 3:30PM meeting

Communication from Public

Name: Eve Valladares

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:48 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Restore funding for Los Angeles animal services. I strongly oppose proposed cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services in Los Angeles. Our city is already facing a severe animal welfare crisis, with shelters operating beyond capacity, rising cases of neglect and abandonment, and delayed response times for urgent animal emergencies. Reducing funding and staffing under these conditions will only worsen suffering and place both animals and communities at greater risk. If the City is serious about long-term solutions, it must invest in prevention, not cuts. This includes fully funding animal services, enforcing existing spay/neuter ordinances, addressing illegal breeding, and expanding access to low-cost veterinary care. These are proven, humane strategies that reduce shelter intake and improve public safety. Cutting resources now is not a cost-saving measure, it's a step backward. I urge city leaders, including Karen Bass, to protect and strengthen funding for animal services and commit to real, sustainable solutions. For all animals.