Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Miller
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:42 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, NO MENTAL STIMULATION. Any animal, including humans, would deteriorate quickly--why subject these innocent dogs to something worse than a convicted murderer. This is INHUMANE and many dogs end up in the shelter due to irresponsible owners and people, NOT the fault dogs. 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. Another way to help reduce dogs from coming into the shelters is providing low cost spay/neuter services, crack down on crime with illegal backyard breeders (which is rampant throughout LA, skid row, and the surrounding areas) and crack down on animal abuse/neglect. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Sarah Miller Hermosa Beach

Communication from Public

Name:	Brenda Crystobal
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:40 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, [Brenda Crystobal] [North Hills]

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:48 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, Nina Aicklen Venice

Communication from Public

Name:	Nastasia N
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:53 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To whom it may concern, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares tremendously 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. No life. 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 - I beg of you - restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Morally, us Angelenos are so much better than this. Thank you, Nastasia (Encino, CA)

Communication from Public

Name:	Felicia Greely
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello Councilmembers, I respectfully and desperately urge the City Council of Los Angeles to include funding for the Dogs Playing for Life program in the 2026–2027 budget. Programs like Dogs Playing for Life have been proven to improve the quality of life for shelter dogs by allowing them to socialize, exercise, and live with dignity while they wait for adoption. Dogs are social animals. Confining them to kennels 24 hours a day is not only inhumane but it increases stress, anxiety, and behavioral deterioration, making them less adoptable and more likely to be euthanized. Providing structured playgroups and enrichment is not a luxury, it is a humane necessity. It also benefits staff and volunteers by making dogs easier to handle, reduces liability risks, and ultimately saves taxpayer dollars by increasing adoption rates and reducing long-term shelter stays. Los Angeles has the opportunity to lead with compassion and evidence-based solutions. Funding this program sends a clear message that our city values humane treatment, responsible shelter management, and the well-being of the animals in our care. I respectfully ask that you include dedicated funding for Dogs Playing for Life in the 2026–2027 budget to ensure that shelter dogs in Los Angeles receive the enrichment, socialization, and humane treatment they deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Mia Chapman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	First thanks for the change to be heard. As COMMUNITY INTERVENTION & CAS MANAGERS need to stay funding and a PAY Increase. For many different reasons. Help have a big impact in the crime between gangs is dropping in the community we live,work and seen our own youth the the inner city. Where police presents and agreesive towards youth of black and brown communities. We build relationships, trust by being there for a famlies. Who needed food,resources, and much more. We have to be and find what they need right which has a lot to do with. We are FIRST RESPONDERS that will continue be boots on the ground. Like a fireman needs he/,she hose, Police need he/she Badge. Our communities need COMMUNITY INTERVETION and CASE MANAGER. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa Masters
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:58 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I strongly believe every dog has the to time out of their kennel every day when stuck in a shelter. You cannot take this time away, it is critical to mental health.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:59 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: How do you run a shelter business to take care of animals and don't have enough money in the budget to feed them or give them medical care? If this was an actual business, it would be bankrupt and closed the way it's managed. The dogs playing for life play yard sitting empty while all the dogs are kennel 24 hours a day, going kennel crazy and then killed… is just like torture on top of the torture they're already in. I saved a dog site unseen, a German Shepherd, from the Riverside shelter that was on the euth list, because I saw her in the play yard interacting with other dogs and handlers. I knew she was a good dog from that video! I had her pulled, boarded, transported to another rescue out of state and adopted into a loving home. Do you have any idea how much money that cost me? She was ONLY SAVED from being killed in one of our shelters, because I saw her playing in the play yard.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:00 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: 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 enrichment for their brains or bodies. The longer they are inside the kennel the more stressed they get, the more their behavior declines, and the less likely they are to get adopted because like any person locked in the cell, they simply lose their minds. 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. There are not enough volunteers or staff to get these dogs out of their kennels for walks every day, which is why this is a life-saving program, since dogs are active and needs exercise and time in the sunshine! But they also need to play and be with their dogs, not just walk on a leash with a human (which is barely happening at all to begin with). LA is already euthanizing hundreds of dogs every year due to lack of space, please do not let the cancellation of this program be a reason that more healthy dogs are euthanized due to declining behavior. They will not keep the dogs alive when they become too stressed to manage. Dogs need an outlet for their need by and that outlet is this program running playgroups. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Providing these chances for these dogs to have playtime is the most humane, moral, and ethical thing you can do for them. The shelter must do more than merely feed keep these dogs to keep them alive, they must give them an avenue to truly live. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, LA Resident

Communication from Public

Name:	Seidi
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:01 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a LA resident of 12 years and as someone who has adopted 4 dogs who have been in the shelter system throughout those years, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Dogs deserve outdoor time & this time helps them socialize with others to make them better candidates to be placed into homes, as well as is a fundamental right all dogs should have instead of sitting in a concrete cell all day! In turn this helps less dogs die in the shelters from overcrowding if they are better behaved and more adoptable. 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, Seidi Koreatown, LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie Shaw
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:01 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 Shaw

Communication from Public

Name:	Briana
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:01 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, Briana Norwalk, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Annie Wang
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:01 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, Annie Wang

Communication from Public

Name:	Annie Wang
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:01 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, Annie Wang

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:02 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. I have been volunteering at the West LA shelter for 3+ years and I have seen the direct impact that DPFL has on the wellbeing of our dogs. It allows for enrichment, but it is more than that. It gives dogs who are scared of an environment that no one would wish on a living creature to come out of their shell. It socializes dogs who may not have had the opportunity earlier in life. It allows us to inform potential fosterers/adopters based on how dogs are in playgroup, ensuring less failed adoptions. It makes a difference for dogs that spend hours - if not days - in a concrete cage. We are failing these animals and DPFL has been one of the few things that this system has actually gotten right. Reconsider, please. 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, Laura Sussman Pacific palisades

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:03 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 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:	Toshira Adams
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Haldis Vasquez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. For many Los Angeles shelter dogs, these playgroups are their only time out of a kennel. Without them, dogs can spend nearly all day confined, leading to extreme stress and making them less adoptable. DPFL is not optional—it's a proven, essential program that improves welfare, supports staff, and helps more dogs find homes. Our shelter dogs deserve this basic level of care.

Communication from Public

Name:	Meghan Smalley
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:47 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My sister's employer safe parking LA is at risk for being defunded and this needs to change. These services need to be protected!!!

Communication from Public

Name:	Vanessa Andrews
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:47 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 Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles. PLEASE FULLY FUND DPFL's CONTRACT IN THE JUNE 6 BUDGET. DO NOT LET IT LAPSE JULY 1.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:47 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. I am dismayed that with all the tax dollars the city wastes (like giving each unit in apartment buildings a full compost bin that people who dwell in multifamily housing cannot fill in a week - by my estimation this alone has been a multimillion dollar waste of money) yet cannot find money to help our animals in our shelters. I am tired of the lack of accountability by the elected officials of this city - homeless funds cannot even be audited, streets cannot be fixed, the list goes on and on. If you even took 10% of the money wasted on all the fraud that has been found in homeless funding alone, our shelters would be well resourced and run much more humanely for both the humans, volunteers and animals. DO SOMETHING! THE VERY LEAST you can do is let the dogs get walked - this city council and mayor have failed the people on so many other counts this is the very least you can do. Thank you, Chris Tran West Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Kelly
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:48 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please add at least $4-5 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund to have a meaningful impact. It's critical to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, and especially rabbits. Reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular have to be increased. Not doing that last year has resulted in an upsurge in abandoned rabbits in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. If there is any way to redress that wrong, it must be done. And please fund the Dogs Playing for Life program. This program dramatically improves the quality of life for dogs in our shelters and enhances their likelihood of adoption. Thank you, Michelle Kelly Council District 11

Communication from Public

Name:	Rayna Golub
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:49 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, Rayna Golub Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashley Koley
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:50 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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, Ashley Koley

Communication from Public

Name:	Giovanna Zarba
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:50 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, shelter dog owner, 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, Giovanna Zarba Lomita, CA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:50 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, Jerry Loza Hollywood, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Kathleen Shumaker
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:51 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Save our shelter dogs' enrichment time! DPFL is often the only times LA shelter pets get out of their kennel. Not only does enrichment and playtime give them a much needed outlet for their energy and socialization, it provides important behavior notes for our most vulnerable animals - making them more adoptable. Do not abandon LA's shelter pets to give more money to the LADP and their lawsuits! Save our shelters and our pets!

Communication from Public

Name:	Cassie G. Lazar
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:52 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, Cassie Lazar Bel Air 90077

Communication from Public

Name:	Carter Ward
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hi, please don't cut funding to homelessness intervention services like Safe Parking LA. Safe parking is one of the few interventions designed specifically for people living in vehicles. It provides a safe, legal place to stay while maintaining connection to work, services, and housing pathways. Without it, there is no alternative system response at night, when the risk of harm is highest, especially for women and queer clients. Interventions like these keep people who are at risk from slipping further into homelessness from ending up on the street. It is an investment in public safety and an investment in our community. Housing is necessary, but preventing people from becoming unhoused is crucial. Thank you, Carter Ward

Communication from Public

Name:	Brice
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:52 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. This is detrimental to their overall health and only increases stress behaviors that lead to their euthanasia. Animals and children don’t ask to be on this earth or end up in a shelter, therefore it is our responsibility to make sure they are taken care of. 1 hr of playgroup is a very basic but enriching activity for these dogs. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Brice Edrington Valley Village, Ca

Communication from Public

Name:	Rayne Darling
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:53 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	If you are a dog lover, or an animal lover at all please read this. As a resident of Los Angeles 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 which lowers the chances of adoption. 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, Rayne Darling Resident of Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Christal Lee
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. 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 learn 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: Periel Stanfield
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:56 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers- Karen Bass doesn't care about animals. (But L.A. voters do and we are watching) It's obvious. If her incompetency and inaction didn't prove it, her proposed budget does. Mayor Bass' budget allocates ZERO dollars for animal food. ZERO. What?? This is the most outrageous proposal I have seen in my life. ZERO money for the most basic requirement of a shelter. The mayor wants shelters to rely on donations to feed the animals? This is absolutely unacceptable. Her proposed budget cuts medical care by nearly 90 percent!! She doesn't care if sick and injured animals suffer and go untreated and gives an excuse to kill them. This horrible budget eliminates a critical enrichment program, Playing for Life that gives shelter dogs a chance to get out of the prison or their kennels and help them be more adoptable. These are not extras. This is basic care. When you remove food, medical treatment, and enrichment, you are not saving money—you are increasing suffering and euthanasia. Relying on donations to feed shelter animals is not a plan. It's an abdication of responsibility. Please do not approve a budget that leaves animals hungry, untreated, and deteriorating in city shelters. These cuts will not save money in the long term. They will create worse outcomes, higher operational strain, and more animals dying unnecessarily. Los Angeles used to be an example for the rest of the country, now people from other states see our shelter system in shambles and the mayor not making the situation better but much worse! It's a disgrace! Los Angeles has the opportunity to lead with compassion and evidence-based policy. This proposal does the opposite. I urge you to: * Restore funding for animal food as a guaranteed budgeted necessity * Reinstate adequate medical supply funding * Preserve Playing for Life and any enrichment programs that improve adoption outcomes and reduce euthanasia * Reject any budget that shifts the burden of basic care onto donations The measure of a city is reflected in how it treats the most vulnerable. These animals have no voice in this process. Please do not approve a budget that leaves them hungry, untreated, and deteriorating in our care. Sincerely- Periel Stanfield

Communication from Public

Name:	Mike Hanassab
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:56 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	If there is any humanity or decency left in this world or on this councils hearts, I think it's a crime to take away the one hour a day that sheltered animals get to be outside. We are handing out needles and drug paraphernalia and tents to criminals and drug users so they can live on the streets and terrorize tax payers but we can't use our brains to help animals? This is another example of everything that is wrong with the city of LA, California, and humanity as a whole. We need to be funding animal shelters even more than we already do. May stop funding the fraud of healthcare and homeless organizations instead!

Communication from Public

Name:	RJ Fuhr
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:57 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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, RJ Fuhr Westchester

Communication from Public

Name:	Miranda Tollman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As Ghandi once famously wrote “the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated”. As one of the largest shelter systems in our country, I believe the greatness of our city CAN and SHOULD be a model for our nation. We MUST do better by our most loving and innocent citizens, our thousands of shelter dogs. All eyes are on YOU right now to do the right thing by them. 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. Thousands of your constituents who care deeply about this issue, like myself, are watching you. Thank you, Miranda Tollman West LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Dulce
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:06 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, Dulce Zuniga Lake Balboa

Communication from Public

Name:	J Smith
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please consider fully funding spay and neuter vouchers for LA city dogs,rabbits,and cats. Their lives depend on it. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Becky Piester
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I'm writing as an Angeleno to urgently ask you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–2027 budget before decisions are finalized. DPFL provides the only structured out-of-kennel time most dogs in Los Angeles' six city shelters receive. Without these daily playgroups, dogs deteriorate rapidly—becoming more stressed, reactive, and far less adoptable. This is not a "nice-to-have" program; it is ESSENTIAL to maintaining even basic welfare and safety standards. I have seen firsthand how quickly dogs can improve through playgroups and socialization—and how quickly they decline without it. Eliminating DPFL will immediately reverse progress, increase length of stay, reduce adoptions, and put more dogs and people at risk. Cutting this contract will not save money. Los Angeles has already paid more than $30 million in shelter dog-bite settlements since 2023. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of the city budget. Removing it simply trades a small, controlled cost for significantly higher and unpredictable liability. With the June 6 deadline approaching, there is still time to act. Please restore full funding for DPFL before the budget is finalized. The consequences of cutting this program will be immediate, visible, and costly. Thank you, Becky Piester San Pedro

Communication from Public

Name:	Simone Parris
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please ???? do not cut the pet's funding. They need all the funding they can get.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:10 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, Evelyn L.

Communication from Public

Name:	Heaven Mercer
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:11 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. Our dogs deserve good homes, love and the support of caring citizens who cannot adopt but want to ensure they make it out of the system. 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, Heaven Mercer Glendale

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Gonzalez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:12 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, Michelle Gonzalez Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren Birdsong
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:13 PM
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. Our shelter system is already incredibly overwhelmed with dozens of healthy dogs being euthanized daily. Please don’t make this already dire situation worse. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kaylie Alexander
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:13 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, Kaylie Alexander

Communication from Public

Name:	Amanda Carroll
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:13 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, Amanda Carroll Hawthorne

Communication from Public

Name:	Chance Oja
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:14 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, Chance Oja Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Munoz
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:14 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, and no mental stimulation. Any animal, including humans, would deteriorate quickly--why subject these innocent dogs to something worse than a convicted murderer. This is inhumane and many dogs end up in the shelter due to irresponsible owners and people, NOT the fault dogs. 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. Another way to help reduce dogs from coming into the shelters is providing low cost spay/neuter services, crack down on crime with illegal backyard breeders (which is rampant throughout LA, skid row, and the surrounding areas) and crack down on animal abuse/neglect. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Sarah Munoz Hollywood Hills

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicole Smith
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:14 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jazmine Romero
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:14 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	It’s tiresome that every budget it’s the animals that suffer. Please stop cutting the budget for the animals and let’s bring back how great Los Angeles was before it was ruined and all animals continue to suffer

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the spay and neuter program to include bunny rabbits. Bunny rabbits can mate all their lives and as a bunny owner I know they are highly intelligent, loving, humorous and even considerate creatures who deserve the best health care.

Communication from Public

Name:	Caleb
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	We do not want more budget for the LAPD! Why do cops need tanks? Why do cops need half of the things they have? The LAPD has done nothing to actually reduce crime in this city by targeting the issues that *cause* crime. Put it into health services instead! Or the arts!

Communication from Public

Name:	Wyatt Zadoorian
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please ensure that the budget for animal services stays intact. I know the budget is tough this year, but the mark of a great society is how it treats those who cannot speak for themselves. The animals in the shelters did not ask to be born, but now face the possibility of not receiving food or medical care, in addition to potentially spending every day of their lives in a concrete kennel. This is not something that can be cut without consequences, it will lead to mass suffering.

Communication from Public

Name: Melina Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:19 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, My name is Melina and I am a public health researcher reaching out advocate for additional funding for day labor community centers. I have personally witnesses how vital these centers are for the public health of the day laborer community, particularly over the last year as the community faced many impacts including the wildfires and the large-scale immigration raids. Day Labor Community Job Centers are not just centers where day laborers are hired - they are essential community hubs for immigrant workers. Notably, day laborers are on the front lines during climate and political disasters, and therefore, the centers need adequate funding to ensure the health and safety of these disaster response workers who contribute so much to the climate response. Day labor centers are hubs for know your rights training and information, and sourced legal and financial support for impacted families - a critical resource for many families who have been impacted by the targeted immigration enforcement. Day labor center programming connects hundred of workers annually with employers, filling a critical need for flexible labor in local businesses and households. Without day labor centers, you are directly impacting a significant part of the city's workforce and economy. To summarize, day labor community centers have been vital to the community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. Additional funding to these centers 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, Melina Rodriguez Los Angeles, CA 90016 melrod115@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:20 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. As the owner of a rescue dog, this matter is of utmost importance to me. Let's please make it a priority to give these dogs the best chance to find a home and a family that will love them and cherish them. Thank you, Jofrann Gonzales Van Nuys

Communication from Public

Name:	Chandler
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent of WalnutPark I am appalled at the possibility of the DPFL being possibly defunded. This would be animal cruelty. Please do the right thing and restore DPFL funding before June 6.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:23 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, Oliver Rosenfelt Sherman Oaks

Communication from Public

Name:	Nancy Hammerman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:27 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I have served on the board of Safe ParkingLA for over 5 years now and I would like to state that this organization is cost effective and delivers great outcomes. I have watched and observed and can say without hesitation that SPLA is a vital part of homeless services in Los Angeles. If the budget cancels funding for Safe ParkingLA, we will see unhoused people in our streets with no hope of finding shelter. Please note that our organization is about PREVENTION. We keep people off the streets. The homeless that live on the streets are a public health danger and the longer they stay the harder it is to find housing and stable employment. Our organization provides wrap around counseling and enables people living in their cars to find dignity and stability. I love the city of Los Angeles and I want to see a better quality of life for all---I know that Safe ParkingLA is part of the solution.

Communication from Public

Name:	Bo Savage
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:27 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Good afternoon, Chair and members of the Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Bo Savage, and I'm the Deputy Director of Conservation Programs for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. First, I want to thank the City of Los Angeles for its continued investment in the Los Angeles Conservation Corps Clean and Green Program. We truly appreciate the funding that has been maintained—this program delivers visible, on-the-ground results in every part of the city while creating meaningful job opportunities for young people. That said, I do want to underscore the impact of the proposed $405,000 reduction. This cut will impact every one of the City's 15 council districts. It is not an abstract number—it translates directly to service. Across those districts, this reduction will result in the loss of one to two full days of cleaning and maintenance services every month. That means fewer crews addressing illegal dumping and less trash removal. Equally important, this reduction will result in the loss of at least 10 jobs over the course of the year—10 young people who lose access to paid work, job training, and a pathway forward. We are grateful for your support, and we stand ready to continue delivering for the City. But we respectfully ask that you consider restoring this funding so we can maintain the service levels and opportunities that our communities depend on. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Graham J. Pruss
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:31 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I write as Executive Director of the National Vehicle Residency Coalition to oppose the elimination of Safe Parking in Los Angeles and to urge the City to expand, not reduce, lawful places where people can live in vehicles with safety and dignity. Our coalition works nationwide to advance the rights and representation of people whose housing takes mobile form. In Los Angeles, that means starting from a clear fact: vehicle residency is a major part of the housing crisis. LAHSA states that more than 23,000 people in Los Angeles County live in vehicles on a given night, accounting for more than 44% of the County's unsheltered population, and describes Safe Parking as a "low cost and high impact" intervention. (LAHSA) The current budget direction moves the City in the wrong direction. Los Angeles County's FY 2026–27 Measure A Spending Plan reduces LAHSA Safe Parking funding from $1.716 million in FY 2025–26 to $0 in FY 2026–27. At the same time, recent reporting shows that Safe Parking sites in South Los Angeles and Compton are closing, even though many participants are employed and remain unhoused because rents far exceed their incomes. (L.A. County File) This is not simply a budget issue. It reflects a policy approach that classifies people as vehicularly homeless while refusing to treat vehicles as a form of low-income housing that preserves life, work, family stability, medication, personal property, and connection to services. Los Angeles should be creating a full continuum of safe, supportive, and stable parking for people living in cars, vans, RVs, trailers, skoolies, and trucks. Safe parking provides immediate lawful overnight space. Supportive parking provides 24/7 access and services for people with greater needs. Stable parking provides lower-cost, longer-term places where mobile households can remain without constant threat of citation, impoundment, or displacement. Enforcement of AB 630 will displace tens of thousands of vulnerable people who rely on an RV for housing, when reasonable alternatives are not currently available for them. This is likely to increase unsheltered homelessness in tents, doorways and parks, while separating people from important legal paperwork, valuable possessions, and forms of transportation. I urge the City to expand-not remove-spaces for low-income workers, people with disabilities, families and seniors

who rely on vehicles as emergency, transitional and long-term housing. Like local businesses who employ and sell goods to this community, these too are your constituents. For these reasons, I urge the City to preserve Safe Parking, reject policies that deepen displacement, and invest in a broad continuum of safe, supportive, and stable parking. In a region where tens of thousands of people already survive in vehicles, cutting Safe Parking is not a minor adjustment. It is a decision to increase instability for people whose homes are already under threat. Sincerely, Dr. Graham J. Pruss Executive Director National Vehicle Residency Coalition www.VehicleResidency.org

Dear Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

I write as Executive Director of the National Vehicle Residency Coalition to oppose the elimination of Safe Parking in Los Angeles and to urge the City to expand, not reduce, lawful places where people can live in vehicles with safety and dignity. Our coalition works nationwide to advance the rights and representation of people whose housing takes mobile form. In Los Angeles, that means starting from a clear fact: vehicle residency is a major part of the housing crisis. LAHSA states that more than 23,000 people in Los Angeles County live in vehicles on a given night, accounting for more than 44% of the County's unsheltered population, and describes Safe Parking as a "low cost and high impact" intervention. (LAHSA)

The current budget direction moves the City in the wrong direction. Los Angeles County's FY 2026–27 Measure A Spending Plan reduces LAHSA Safe Parking funding from $1.716 million in FY 2025–26 to $0 in FY 2026–27. At the same time, recent reporting shows that Safe Parking sites in South Los Angeles and Compton are closing, even though many participants are employed and remain unhoused because rents far exceed their incomes. (L.A. County File)

This is not simply a budget issue. It reflects a policy approach that classifies people as vehicularly homeless while refusing to treat vehicles as a form of low-income housing that preserves life, work, family stability, medication, personal property, and connection to services. Los Angeles should be creating a full continuum of safe, supportive, and stable parking for people living in cars, vans, RVs, trailers, skoolies, and trucks. Safe parking provides immediate lawful overnight space. Supportive parking provides 24/7 access and services for people with greater needs. Stable parking provides lower-cost, longer-term places where mobile households can remain without constant threat of citation, impoundment, or displacement.

Enforcement of AB 630 will displace tens of thousands of vulnerable people who rely on an RV for housing, when reasonable alternatives are not currently available for them. This is likely to increase unsheltered homelessness in tents, doorways and parks, while separating people from important legal paperwork, valuable possessions, and forms of transportation. I urge the City to expand-not remove-spaces for low-income workers, people with disabilities, families and seniors who rely on vehicles as emergency, transitional and long-term housing. Like local businesses who employ and sell goods to this community, these too are your constituents.

For these reasons, I urge the City to preserve Safe Parking, reject policies that deepen displacement, and invest in a broad continuum of safe, supportive, and stable parking. In a region where tens of thousands of people already survive in vehicles, cutting Safe Parking is not a minor adjustment. It is a decision to increase instability for people whose homes are already under threat.

Sincerely,
Dr. Graham J. Pruss
Executive Director
National Vehicle Residency Coalition
www.VehicleResidency.org

Communication from Public

Name:	Anna S.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:34 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am urgently pleading with you to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles — including those supporting the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low?income families who are desperately trying to do the right thing. Right now, the situation for rabbits is especially dire. Reimbursement rates are so low that clinics are losing money every time they perform a rabbit sterilization. Only one or two clinics are still willing to help at all. Without immediate action, thousands of rabbits will be left unaltered, abandoned, or euthanized simply because the system failed them. This crisis is preventable — but only if you act now. Please allocate at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund so these programs can actually function and save lives. The animals of Los Angeles cannot wait any longer.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lindsay Henson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:34 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Lindsay Henson and I work for Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE), where we operate a Community Violence Intervention (CVI) program. I am requesting that the City of Los Angeles increase funding for GRYD program and Community Violence Intervention work. This work is critical to keeping our communities safe and has directly contributed to the reduction in violence we've seen in recent years. As federal and state funding sources decline, it is essential that the City step up to sustain and expand this life-saving work. Please continue investing in CVI so we can protect and support our communities.

Communication from Public

Name:	Andrea Smith
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:34 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 Venice, LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Leeann St John
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I live in Glendale and volunteer for Pasadena Humane Society. The shelter is so stressful for dogs, taking away their socialization and outdoor time will make them less likely to be adopted. Solitary confinement 24/7 does not allow the dogs to be their best selves which will lead to fewer adoptions and ultimately more expense for the public. It's also cruelty. Please, please restore DPFL funding before June 6.

Communication from Public

Name:	Connie R. Carrillo
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:37 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	PLEASE!!!! Fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. As you know, 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 and for no other reason than humans failed them. Please don't fail them too. Playgroups are how LAAS leans 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. As a registered and active dog foster, this MATTERS to me, to my family, and to the animals we help save. PLEASE fully fund this critical program! Sincerely, Connie R. Carrillo BA, BSN, RN, SCRN and foster dog mom

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:37 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I’m writing as a constituent and an Angeleno who cares deeply about the welfare of 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 provide the only consistent, structured time many shelter dogs spend outside their kennels. Without this program, dogs can remain confined around the clock without walks, enrichment, or meaningful interaction. These playgroups also generate critical behavioral insights. Observing how dogs interact with one another is often the most important factor in determining adoptability, guiding rescue placements, and informing lifesaving decisions across the shelter system. The cost of the DPFL contract is negligible, less than one one-hundredth of one percent of the city’s $14.85 billion budget. Eliminating it would undermine Los Angeles’ commitment to humane animal care. I respectfully ask that you restore DPFL funding before the Council finalizes the budget on June 6, and prevent this essential program from expiring on July 1. Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you, J. Carranza Torrance, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Miranda
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:38 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached. Thank you

April 27, 2026

Honorable Marqueece Harris Dawson, President
and Honorable Members of the LA City Council
Los Angeles City Hall

RE: Council File: 26-0600

Dear Council President Harris Dawson and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Esperanza Community Housing, 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.

Esperanza works with low-income communities of color, who live at the intersection of social justice issues affecting South Central Los Angeles's communities – upholding the pillars of health, public health, housing, economic justice, environmental justice, racial and immigrant justice, and supporting local arts and culture – to achieve comprehensive, long-term equitable community development in the Figueroa Corridor of South Central Los Angeles. **We are in full support of funding Represent LA and Day Labor Centers.**

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.

Esperanza
COMMUNITY HOUSING

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,



Wendy Miranda
Policy Director

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:38 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hi, please don't cut funding to homelessness intervention services like Safe Parking LA. Safe parking is one of the few interventions designed specifically for people living in vehicles. It provides a safe, legal place to stay while maintaining connection to work, services, and housing pathways. Without it, there is no alternative system response at night, when the risk of harm is highest, especially for women and queer clients. Interventions like these keep people who are at risk from slipping further into homelessness from ending up on the street. It is an investment in public safety and an investment in our community. Housing is necessary, but preventing people from becoming unhoused is crucial. Thank you, A Formerly Unhoused Person (who struggled to find safe places to sleep in my car)

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Groves
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:38 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please reinstitute funding in the budget to support the city's beleaguered animal shelters. I believe you want the best for everyone in your city and I believe that includes the animals. I believe you want abandoned animals to find safe homes and I believe you know that shelters are traumatizing environments where animals are not able to be their best selves. I believe you know the city and state have been in a state of extreme animal welfare crisis for well over a year now. Please increase funding for medical needs. Animals get sick with simple illnesses and rather than being treated, they're killed. Please renew full funding for Dogs Playing For Life. DPFL is an extraordinary program that gets dogs out of their concrete kennels and gives them a chance to take in the larger world, to smell something other than the stench of the shelter, to run, to remember what it is to feel joy. Sitting in a cramped and crowded concrete cell is mentally debilitating yet many people expect dogs trapped in that environment to be perfectly fine. DPFL makes dogs adoptable, which gets dogs out of shelters, making space for other abandoned dogs. Please let the city's goal be to empty the shelters not by killing animals but by giving them the tools to become adoptable. Last year, the city responded to the animal welfare crisis by trying to shut down 3 of 6 city shelters, which were all at or above 150% capacity. The city now has a terrific opportunity demonstrate it values the lives of animals by renewing DPFL's contract and full funding, by adding money to the budget for medical needs, adding money for free spay and neuter clinics, adding money for enforcement of banned backyard breeders. I understand the budget has to serve countless needs and difficult decisions need to be made. But these specific decisions are literally life or death, so please prioritize this funding. How great would it be to showcase our city's character, in how we treat our animals, while the whole world is watching us during the 2028 Olympics. Let's be leaders in animal welfare! Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your support. Best, Stephanie Groves

Communication from Public

Name:	Jose Gonzalez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:39 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, my name is Jose Gonzalez and I work for Alliance for Community Empowerment. I am asking that you protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention and prevention services in our community. This matters to me as a member of the community that ACE serves. Intervention services are crucial in our communities. We cannot afford funding to be cut in these areas but rather need it to be increased. LA has an opportunity to secure and increase the positive momentum we are having and we need funding to be protected and increased in order to continue on that upward momentum.

Communication from Public

Name:	Hillary Muller
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, As an LAAS volunteer and Los Angeles constituent, I am writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups provide the only structured out-of-kennel time for most dogs in our city shelters. Without this program, dogs remain confined to kennels 24 hours a day, leading to significant emotional and physical decline. These playgroups are essential for socialization and provide critical data on how dogs interact with one another—information that directly drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and lifesaving decisions. The DPFL contract represents less than 1/100th of 1% of the city's $14.85B budget. Cutting this funding would lead to the suffering of adoptable animals and undermine Los Angeles' commitment to being a humane city. Please restore DPFL funding before the budget is finalized on June 6 to ensure this lifesaving program does not lapse on July 1. Sincerely, Hillary Muller

Communication from Public

Name:	Chiara Santagostino
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, an Angeleno, and a shelter volunteer 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. Dogs that can’t regularly get out of the kennels become restless and then listed for euthanasia. They can’t really win in a system that denies them the more basic needs like exercise and socialization. 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, Chiara Santagostino Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name:	Jose F Munoz
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:41 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, Jose Munoz

Communication from Public

Name:	Austie Montgomery
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:45 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. 2028 Olympics. In less than three years, the world comes to Los Angeles. Journalists, visitors, and Olympic delegations will look at how this city treats the beings in its care. LA can set the national model for humane sheltering — or walk into 2028 with dogs warehoused in kennels and staff burned out. PLEASE restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6!! Thank you, Austie Montgomery West Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Charlotte Ross
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:45 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	This is a groundbreaking collaboration between the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society to help LAAS save lives. Los Angeles used to be a shining example of how a city can be close to no- kill but in the last few years, the amount of healthy, adoptable animals being euthanized with our tax dollars in shameful and incomprehensible. Fosters and volunteers can only do so much, it is grossly unfair and the city needs to step- up and now finally has a tangible opportunity to do so with this extraordinary joint venture offered by the ASPCA and Best Friends animal society with money, massive public support and proven proactive methods that work. Please, support these animals, who just want to give us loyalty and love, an inact this incredible opportunity to save our most innocent voiceless souls and turn Los Angeles into an inspirational example instead of the heartbreaking and horrifically unneeded state it is and has been for too long.

Communication from Public

Name:	George Newton
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:45 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, As a constituent and a Los Angeles (District 13) resident who cares deeply about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to ask 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 sniffs, no freedom. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services determine the most important thing about each dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every single life-saving 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. LA Animal Services are already deeply under funded, so please, do not allow this to continue. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, George Newton Los Angeles, CA - District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Karla Guerrero, Secretary of Surf City Kitties Rescue
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Petition to Increase Municipal Funding for Animal Shelters and Nonprofit Rescue Organizations I respectfully urge Mayor Karen Bass to increase its annual budget allocation for animal shelters and add allocations to nonprofit dog and cat rescue organizations. This investment is urgently needed to save the epidemic of cats in the city. Municipal shelters are operating beyond capacity and euthanizing countless, innocent lives on a daily basis. Insufficient funding leads to overcrowding, limited medical care, and the tragic loss of adoptable animals. Increased funding would directly reduce euthanasia rates and allow more animals to receive lifesaving care. Well?funded shelters and Nonprofit Rescue Organizations help control stray animal populations through spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and humane intervention. These efforts reduce the spread of disease, improve neighborhood safety, and lessen long?term costs associated with unmanaged animal populations. Stable city funding would allow these organizations to focus on rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption instead of constant crisis fundraising. We are extremely grateful for ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society for their $14 million dollar commitment for the next three years. However, we need more funding to decrease the current cat population. Investing in proactive programs such as Trap?Neuter?Return (TNR), low?cost veterinary services, fostering, and adoption outreach is more cost?effective than emergency animal control and overcrowded high-kill shelters. I urge you to go to the SEAACA parking lot from 4 pm- 5 pm and witness Nonprofit Rescue Organizations pull from that shelter on a daily basis. Nonprofit Rescue Organizations are the backbone for saving cats and kittens lives. Nonprofit Rescue Organizations take in sick, injured, and at risk-cats and kittens. Nonprofit Rescue Organizations take in the high-need, neonatal kittens without the direct financial assistance from the city or shelters despite saving thousands of lives and reducing shelter intake at no cost to taxpayers. Rescue organizations operate entirely through volunteers and private donations while providing critical services such as emergency medical care, fostering, spay/neuter, and adoption placement. In addition to increasing the annual budget, we urge Mayor Karen Bass to allocate dedicated funds to partner with local cat organizations. Animal welfare is a shared responsibility. Funding

shelters without supporting rescues leaves a critical gap in lifesaving care. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:	Laurie Zeiger Dodd
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:47 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, Laurie Zeiger Dodd Beverly Hills

Communication from Public

Name:	Addison
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:48 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. It seems as though this is an inhumane way to treat some of our best friends. 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, Addie Culver city

Communication from Public

Name: Cassie Roque
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:48 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, Council Members. My name is Cassie Roque, and I am a Los Angeles resident. I've worked in animal welfare for over 10 years, including directly supporting LA City animal shelters, and six years in Los Angeles community health centers, serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. I'm here to oppose the proposed cuts to canine enrichment at LA City Animal Services and to the Safe Parking program, and to urge the Council to reconsider these reductions and instead reallocate funding from the LAPD budget to preserve these essential programs. From my professional experience, I can say clearly: both programs are preventative public safety investments. At our animal shelters, canine enrichment is not a luxury - it directly reduces stress, aggression, and bite risk, improving staff safety, adoptability outcomes, and minimizing euthanasia rates. LA City Animal Services already operates on a very limited budget while caring for 50,000–60,000 animals each year. Cutting enrichment undermines animal welfare and community safety at the same time. Similarly, the Safe Parking program is a proven harm?reduction strategy. Your proposal will eliminate 119 safe parking spaces and disrupt stability for more than 400 people annually, pushing families and workers back into unsafe, unsanctioned conditions. I've seen firsthand how safe parking connects people to services, employment, and housing - while improving neighborhood safety and cleanliness. I respectfully urge the Council to restore funding for these programs and prioritize prevention, dignity, and community well?being by reallocating from the police budget rather than cutting services that are working. Thank you for your time, your service, and for considering the community impact of this decision.

Communication from Public

Name: Frank Tamborello
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:48 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I'm writing this letter in support of city of LA funding for the Safe Parking program, which I understand has had funding removed by the City. This is a disappointing and regrettable decision on the part of the city. Safe Parking as you know allowed unhoused individuals with vehicles to stay in their vehicles at designated locations around the city. We were co-located with Safe Parking in one of it's original headquarters at 961 S Mariposa Avenue. There was a natural collaboration between our organization, Hunger Action LA (which recieves no city funding) and their organization. In our work we encountered numerous people who were working or seeking work and had nowhere to stay except their vehicles. Through Safe Parking they were able to stay in their vehicle. The point was not that staying in your car is any kind of great way to deal with being unhoused; it's not, it's horrible. But worse is having to give up your vehicle in order to access public shelter or other programs. Of all cities Los Angeles is the most notorious for the crushing disadvantage one is placed in when you don't have autonomous transportation. With all respect for our improving public transportation systems, these don't provide you a place to store items that you need, especially for seeking a job, and these days with DoorDash, Lyft and other services, a person's vehicle is one of the strongest assets that can be used to earn a living. Safe Parking is one of the most useful and innovative programs to ever come out of recent activity in the social services arena. We were disappointed both when Safe Parking no longer actually used the parking lot at St. Mary's (961 S Mariposa), when they left the building and now hearing that they are de-funded. There was quite a bit of cross-fertilization between our two groups, with us referring several people to their services and providing food to some of their clients. We would be very well served if this decision was reversed as soon as possible.----Sincerely, Frank Tamborello , Hunger Action LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Emilee Madrak
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:51 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please renew the contract with Dogs Playing for Life. It is imperative to the mental, physical and emotional health of these animals while they are in the city's shelters awaiting hopeful adoption. Having these dogs sit in kennels for their full stay at the shelter will lead to more euthanasia of pets with kennel stress and increased aggressive behavior. It's cruel and unusual punishment. We are already failing the animals of this city on so many levels from not providing any affordable vet care, including low cost life-saving spay and neuter programs while we're drowning in overpopulation. To do something like take away the Dogs Playing for Life program essentially shows that you have fully given up and are embracing cruelty. We have SO MUCH MONEY in Los Angeles, let's use it to fund things that improve the quality of life for others. Including the actual best among us-- DOGS.

Communication from Public

Name:	Olivia walsh
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:52 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, Olivia Walsh Lomita, Ca

Communication from Public

Name:	Gabriella
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:54 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, Gabriella

Communication from Public

Name:	Corinne Buchanan
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:55 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, Corinne Highland park, ca

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:55 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing on fiscal grounds to urge full funding of the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. 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, behavioral histories undocumented, adopters unwarned). 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. Respectfully, Bob Golub Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:58 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a constituent who cares deeply for LA's shelter dogs, and a devoted dog mom to Kaiya, whose life was saved by the South LA Shelter. 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 which is extremely detrimental to every aspect of their health. 24/7 time in a concrete kennel certainly increases distress and aggravated behavioral issues, which can quickly decreases the chance they will ever make it out of the shelter. 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. Hundreds of thousands of dogs are at risk here. Thank you. Kacie L. Y.

Communication from Public

Name:	Monica Pack
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:59 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, Monica Pack

Communication from Public

Name:	Sophia S
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 01:59 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I’m writing to strongly urge you to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles — including those supporting the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low?income families who depend on these services to keep their animals healthy and safe. The situation for rabbits is especially concerning. Current reimbursement rates are so low that clinics are unable to cover their costs, and only one or two are still willing to perform these surgeries. Without an adjustment, thousands of rabbits will go without essential care, leading to preventable suffering and overcrowding in our shelters. A meaningful investment is urgently needed. Please allocate at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund so these programs can operate effectively and protect the animals who rely on them. Thank you for your attention to this issue and for the work you do for our city. Sincerely, Sophia 91602

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Lee
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:00 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, Michelle Lee North Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:	Jessica Medina
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:01 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, Jessica Medina Newport Beach, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Daniel Padilla
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:16 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please keep the play time for dogs open. This is the only time these dogs have. This is so important.

Communication from Public

Name:	Katie French
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don’t take away these dogs only chance at having a small bit of joy in their lives.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rose Bauguess
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:20 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear council Members , Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the city of Los Angeles, including those that support the city wide cat program m shelter pets, mobile clinics, and RABBITS specifically, and low income families. Reimbursement rates for RABBITS in particular must be increased. Clinics are taking a loss, for spay and neuter services. Only one or two are currently willing to do the surgeries at current reimbursement rates. THIS WILL COST THOUSANDS OF RABBITS THEIR LIVES. PLEASE, add at least 4 million to animal sterilization fund to have a meaningful impact. Sincerely Rose Bauguess 91302

Communication from Public

Name:	Adriana Garcia
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:20 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please allow the dogs to have some playtime! Our dogs deserve better than to be in a cage 24/7. Save DPFL!

Communication from Public

Name:	kiara
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:21 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

Communication from Public

Name:	Joanne Lee
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:30 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I am a constituent, an Angeleno, and a dog mom who adopted two dogs (one senior) from Carson Shelter in Gardena, CA. Obviously, I deeply care about our city's shelter dogs, and 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. Shelters are so stressful for dogs and out-of-kennel time is so vital for their mental health which improves their chances of being adopted. 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, Joanne Lee 1319 N Detroit St Apt 103 Los Angeles, CA 90046

Communication from Public

Name:	Janet Scheppler
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:33 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. I started volunteering at the LAAS Harbor shelter in 2019. I have seen the difference that DPFL has made for the animals, the staff, the volunteers, and the adopters. The information gathered on each dog provides handling and behavior insights, and promotes safety and compatible adoptions. DPFL helped reduce the average dog stay at the shelter, thus providing a savings for the City.

Communication from Public

Name:	Andrea Cohen
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:58 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I've spent time at Chesterfield Square/South LA, North Central as a volunteer and board member of Blue Man Dog, and as an foster/adopter, and 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). 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 for DPFL before June 6. How we treat our animals says so much about us as a society. Thank you, Andrea Cohen Board Member, Blue Man Dog (bluemandog.org)

Communication from Public

Name: Zeke Sandoval
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:35 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of PATH, we want to first thank Mayor Bass and the Council for your continued dedication to preventing and ending homelessness. The gravity of the City's budget situation is not lost on any of us, and we're grateful that our leaders continue to treat this crisis with the urgency it demands. That said, we encourage the Budget Committee to approach hearings with a big-picture vision of what this budget will mean for Angelenos at risk of or experiencing homelessness, for this fiscal year and beyond. As currently proposed, we are concerned about the City's complex contracting process, leaving providers in the lurch about when we will receive payment for services already rendered. If the Homelessness Oversight Bureau is funded at the proposed levels, we are eager for those roles to be quickly filled with people knowledgeable about City service provision, so we have City staff we can coordinate with to achieve the results you want us to achieve. We are also deeply anxious for clarity on what this last year of the Alliance settlement means for our staff and the people we serve. This is the last opportunity for the Budget Committee to proactively set expectations and policy for a post-Alliance, pre-Olympics City. If PATH can ever be of any assistance, we are always here to help. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie Torres
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:58 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, 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. 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 — which is detrimental to their overall health and makes them less likely to be adopted. 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 Torres (Resident of Palms, Zip Code: 90034)

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:45 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to ask for your support in restoring 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, on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, length of stay rises, adoptions slow, 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. I encourage you to urge your colleagues on the Budget and Finance Committee to restore this funding. Do not let it lapse July 1. The dogs can't speak at City Hall. We can. Thank you for your time and service.

Communication from Public

Name:	Peggy Lee Kennedy
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:47 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please post to council fil

Budget Committee and LACity Council,

I write to you as a third generation Venice resident, a LACity registered voter, an organizer with the Venice Justice Committee and a member of the CD11 Coalition for Human Rights.

I have spent over twenty years documenting harm, researching or studying what LA does or doesn't do, and lobbying you for human and civil rights of unhoused people.

Cuts to programs like Safe Parking and Mobile Showers are going to harm people.

However, the bigger picture is that LACity clearly has a real policy meant to disappear and displace visible homelessness by funding law enforcement, CARE+ displacement operations, CAO RV Tow operations, parking restrictions, LAMC 41.18 enforcement zones, and other forms of criminalization. THESE ARE NOT HOMELESS SERVICES.

Despite the critical lack of low-income housing options and the numbers of disabled people and seniors on fixed incomes living in vehicles in LA, you refuse to acknowledge that vehicles are a form of low-income housing that provides safety.

LACity should be creating secure places; alternative options for the different vehicle residents to safely live! Not just traditional Safe Parking. People are waiting years for housing and surviving in legal, registered vehicles they own. They are not a nuisance, but are treated like one.

Yet LACity continues to pass laws to displace and ultimately destroy someone's vehicle home when temporary shelter is the only real offer - if there even is an offer.

We know that the Mayor's Inside Safe shelter program is a costly return path to street homelessness for so many. In fact 58% of Inside Safe participants who exit the program's so-called interim housing (its shelter) have returned to street homelessness. (https://www.lahsa.org/data-refresh/home/datadashboard?id=59)

We need to expand on safe and secured parking options - not cut what little we have. Vehicle residents are open to it. See this UCLA report: https://challengeinequality.luskin.ucla.edu/2025/06/25/keep-moving/

In the meantime LA needs to do way more to expand low-income permanent housing options. An example in Venice: the City can allow the already approved Venice Dell project to be built, rather than fighting it.

Furthermore, treating homelessness as a law enforcement issue leads to unhoused people being harassed, pushed from one place to another, and belongings confiscated Sweeps are inhumane and rarely help people get housing. See this UCLA report, which I helped research: https://challengeinequality.luskin.ucla.edu/2026/01/20/cd11sweepsreport/

Peggy Lee Kennedy
Venice Justice Committee

Communication from Public

Name:	Heather
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:48 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent and an Angeleno who has adopted ALL my animals from city shelters, I know the importance of the care and well being of 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 not only essential to their well being, they help LA Animal Services support the mission of adoptions. Observing the dogs behaving with other dogs in playgroup is a data point that is essential for adoptions, rescue pulls and the lifesaving decision a 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Cusick
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:58 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	FULLY FUND ALL SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER TYPES Dear Los Angles City Council Members, Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles. Vouchers for the citywide cat program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits and low income familys are key to solving our animal overpopulation crisis. In particular, reimbursement rates for rabbits MUST be INCREASED. They were left out of the rate increase last year, and this has been a blow to spay/neuter for rabbits. Clinics are actively taking a loss to spay/neuter rabbits, and there are only one or two IN THE ENTIRE CITY OF LA that are willing to do spay/neuter on rabbits due to this. Rabbits are considered 'exotic' animals, and require more training by clinics to be able to successfully perform a spay/neuter. Not increasing the rate will only increase our animal overpopulation crisis, and will cost thousands of rabbits their lives. Please add at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund to have a meaningful impact, and help stop our animal overpopulation crisis at its source. Sincerely, Michelle Cusick LA Council District 11 Resident

Communication from Public

Name:	Shian Lane
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:48 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, Shian Lane Marina del Rey

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:59 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. As someone who has adopted from a shelter, dogs are akin to family. These facilities are already underfunded and doing the most they can for these dogs. Do not make the mistake of harming them Thank you, Haley

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:50 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm writing to implore you to preserve the budget and require the LA shelters to maintain the Dogs Play For Life program. Removing funding for this program will ensure higher kill rates, which are already astronomically and unacceptably high for a state claiming to be as compassionate and progressive as California (and LA specifically) claims to be. Removing the ability for shelter dogs to leave their kennels and spend 24 hours per day in a concrete box is animal abuse - private citizens would (or, perhaps not in California, but should) be prosecuted for the same behavior toward an animal, so the City should not be exempt from the consequences of engaging in such maltreatment. Removing funding for out-of-kennel time is highly detrimental to dog mental health, socialization, and adoptability. By removing such, you will make nearly all dogs unpredictable, unadoptable, and will increase the liability of the city for dog bites once adopted because the dogs have not been allowed out of kennels, socialized, and exercised. This will skyrocket returned dogs to the shelter post-adoption, and by default, euthanasia. Further, removing funding for out of kennel time will continue to impact other states which are already heavily targeting California to transport dogs out of the high kill shelters to more humane rescues and sanctuaries. The burden on other states and private citizens to transport the animals to safety and save them from the City shelter is enormous, and a losing battle. It shocks the conscience that California allows such atrocious animal care under the guise of government and that private citizens, volunteers, and non-profits are relied upon to defend and save these defenseless animals. I imagine the City Councilmembers will sidestep accountability here by saying they only set the budget and the shelters decide how the funds are allocated. This does not have to be true, as the shelters are run by the City, so the council has the ability to enact requirements for funding, like requiring the animals are out of their kennels for an appropriate amount of time each day. If the City needs to reallocate budget funds, then the City should consider cutting funding for euthanasia of the dogs, which is occurring at an alarming and truly astounding rate. Removing the funding for such would allow allocation of the funds to other, more humane and sustainable practices. Thank you for taking the time to read about this. I implore you to consider the above. I am

an owner of a shelter dog I took out of Harbor Animal Care Center the day she was to be euthanized because she "didn't crate well" any longer. The reality was there was not enough funding or time already for her to be out of her crate much in the 3-4 months she was there, stuck in a crate in the office. I flew to Long Beach and drove to San Pedro to adopt her and drive her hundreds of miles home the following day. Not all private citizens can step in this way, and not all dogs are as lucky as my Kali is. The City Council has the ability to make life for these dogs more bearable and with a glimmer of hope, or even more miserable and hopeless. Choose wisely. Tabitha B

Communication from Public

Name:	Tika Tabak
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Thank you so much for hearing us today Please renew Dogs play for life contract. The benefits of this program is immeasurable and it actually needs to be expanded Additionally, there’s a proposal for the ASPCA /Best Fiends animal Society We Love LA Grant for three year plan I hope you will consider approving it in the budget Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	April
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:55 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, 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. It is an inhumane existence. 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, April S. South LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Clara Sic Alonzo
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:00 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, Clara Sic Alonzo Montebello

Communication from Public

Name:	Ciro Murgueitio
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:06 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, Ciro murgueitio Bellflower

Communication from Public

Name:	Geena Barret
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:09 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, Geena Barret Studio City

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:15 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Tracy L with the LA Food Policy Council. I am speaking in support of the Good Food Zone pilot program which impacts districts 8, 9, 10, and 15. The Good Food Zone policy passed in 2020 creates an evidenced based community-driven incentive program that concentrates public investment in pre-determined zones, particularly in South LA. We are under attack from ICE raids, to tariffs, and cutting SNAP benefits. The 30 businesses in the pilot cite Good Food Zone as an instrumental incentive program that supports them to continue to provide healthy and affordable food with sustainable and fair business practices, during these volatile times. Dedicating funding to extend the pilot allows us to continue to support healthy retailers while measuring community impact. I ask that you allocate half a million for microgrants for Good Food Zone in this upcoming budget so that all Angelenoes can have dignified and responsive access to health and wellness via food in their own communities. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Cole
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:24 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I urge you to fully fund all spay-and-neuter vouchers in LA, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. It's also crucial that reimbursement rates for rabbits are increased. Most clinics perform this at a loss (if they can even perform the surgery at all, given the current reimbursement rates). Countless rabbits' lives are at stake. To achieve meaningful and sustainable impact, please consider adding at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund. Sincerely, Sarah Cole

Communication from Public

Name:	Jasmine Desenclos
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm with the Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition (LAVIC), to request that you protect and increase the funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention. This is very important as data has shown that crime has reduced in GRYD zones. Also, community Intervention workers need a salary increase, as they continue to do life saving work, but are not compensated as they should be. For these reasons, I ask you to protect and increase funding for CVI to continue saving lives

Communication from Public

Name:	Caitlin Milroy
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As someone who started volunteering at animal shelters thanks to inspiring work done by this organization, 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, Caitlin Milroy

Communication from Public

Name:	Shana
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:27 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, Shana

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa Wallin
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:31 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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. 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. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Lisa Wallin Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name:	Victoria page
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The budget that has been set for these poor neglected animals in the shelter. system is ridiculous. It needs to be further evaluated. The food and vetting budget needs to be increased as as well as the Play and toys budget.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:41 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I want more funds to be allocated to other services instead of being defunded. There’s no reason why we should be cutting programs and limiting services

Communication from Public

Name:	Kenzier Lemmons
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:43 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent and an Angeleno whose life was saved by an adopted 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. 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, Kenzier Lemmons

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:49 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I 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.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:49 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. This is so unfair. These innocent sentient beings deserve better than this. 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, R Manning Los Angeles, CA.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucia
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:51 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File 26-0600 — FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget I am writing as a Los Angeles resident and taxpayer to express serious opposition to several cuts in the proposed FY 2026-27 budget that are not only cruel and shortsighted, but fiscally counterproductive. Los Angeles Animal Services: A Department Being Hollowed Out This budget proposes to eliminate the Animal Services food account entirely, slash medical supplies funding from $388,591 to under $50,000, and cut the Dogs Playing for Life canine enrichment contract. The department itself has warned the City Council that this will force dangerous reliance on donations for basic necessities like food and medication — and that dogs deprived of exercise and socialization will become harder to adopt due to stress-related behavioral changes. Let that sink in: we are proposing to stop feeding shelter animals and let them deteriorate psychologically in their kennels — and then wonder why adoption rates decline. This comes on top of years of staffing cuts that have left Animal Services with only 49 Animal Control Officers to serve over four million residents. Seven positions were eliminated in 2024-25. Twelve more in 2025-26. Now more are on the chopping block. This is not "holding the line." This is managed collapse. Reduced adoptability means longer shelter stays. Longer stays mean more overcrowding. More overcrowding means higher euthanasia rates. These cuts do not save money — they create a more expensive, more inhumane crisis down the road. Safe Parking: Cutting the Cheapest Intervention We Have The elimination of the Safe Parking program is a textbook example of penny-wise, pound-foolish budgeting. People sleeping in their vehicles are among the most stable and housing-adjacent of our unhoused population — they have a vehicle, often employment, and a fighting chance at housing with minimal intervention. Eliminating Safe Parking does not make those people disappear. It pushes them from a manageable situation into full street homelessness, where they will then require far more expensive interventions through programs like Inside Safe. This city proposes to spend $104 million on Inside Safe while cutting the programs that keep people from needing Inside Safe in the first place. That is not a strategy. That is a contradiction. The Broader Problem Mayor Bass has characterized this as a "hold the line" budget. But what we are holding the line on is an already

depleted baseline. Last year's cuts went so deep that maintaining them is not stability — it is institutionalizing insufficiency. Streetlights take a year to repair. Roads are in worse condition than they have been in years. Animal shelters cannot afford food. And we are being asked to applaud a budget that doesn't make things worse. Los Angeles residents deserve better than managed decline dressed up as fiscal responsibility. I urge the City Council to restore full funding to Los Angeles Animal Services — including the food account, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life enrichment contract — and to reverse the elimination of the Safe Parking program.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut funds for LA animal shelters!!! As well as Dogs playing for Life!! They need more money, not less! I do not appreciate Mayor Bass attempting to cut these funds. She will not get my vote next election!!

Communication from Public

Name:	Michael Dudikoff
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 06:52 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore DPFL funding. I am a local shelter volunteer and I am concerned for the welfare of the dogs in captivity; they are in desperate need of attention and exercise for their mental and physical health. My kids, also volunteers have witnessed dogs who perish in the kennels as many are accustomed to a life with a family. It is harsh and cruel and the community wants to change this and make it better. We consider DPFL an essential service and would like to ensure that we can provide basic comforts to the dogs that could show better to potential adopters.

Communication from Public

Name: Godfrey Plata
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:52 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: While many of LA Forward community members have begun uplifting LA Forward's budget asks via email, we at LA Forward would like to formally share with you an organizational letter highlighting our budget recommendations for 2026-27, particularly with information about expanding Unarmed Crisis Response to Citywide coverage by 2028. In the letter attached, we recommend two specific appropriations in the 2026-27 City budget: 1) Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of $18.3 million to $30.7 million to expand UMCR's reach from 9 to 15 police divisions, with a plan to finally fund and operate UMCR citywide in all 21 divisions by 2028. 2) Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of $1 million to $3 million to support RepresentLA's provision of life-saving legal services for immigrant Angelenos and their families – via a dedicated, permanent line item. Additionally, we look forward to Council's exploration of solutions for mounting liability costs that continue to deplete the City's funds for vital services (CF#24-0600-S37). In particular, we hope Council take action to ensure these report backs are returned in time to make decisions for 2027-28 budget conversations in April 2027. If you have questions, we are a phone call or Zoom away as you make decisions. Thanks so much for your partnership, Godfrey Plata Deputy Director, LA Forward On behalf of the LA Forward community

April 27, 2026

LA City Council
Cc: Budget, Finance, and Innovations Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: LA Forward Recommendations: 2026-2027 Budget

Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring a just, responsive, and responsible budget for the City of Los Angeles.

At LA Forward, we advocate on many policy areas. But over the last year, our members have been especially energized to organize on two high-stakes issues: unarmed crisis response and immigrant justice.

On this basis, we recommend two specific appropriations in the 2026-27 City budget:

- Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of $18.3 million to $30.7 million to expand UMCR's reach from 9 to 15 police divisions, with a plan to finally fund and operate UMCR citywide in all 21 divisions by 2028.

- Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of $1 million to $3 million to support RepresentLA's provision of life-saving legal services for immigrant Angelenos and their families – via a dedicated, permanent line item.

Additionally, **we look forward to Council's exploration of solutions for mounting liability costs that continue to deplete the City's funds for vital services (CF# 24-0600-S37)**. As Council knows, the City can't keep up with the ballooning cost of these annual payouts. **Council should actively ensure these report backs are returned in time to make decisions for 2027-28 budget conversations in April 2027.** The City cannot continue to bear the burden of these settlement payouts.

1. INCREASE THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET OF $18.3 MILLION TO $30.7 MILLION FOR UNARMED MODEL OF CRISIS RESPONSE

The Mayor's proposed budget does not grow the City's Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) program, making it more difficult to implement the service citywide by the 2028 Olympics. The budget maintains status quo service levels at last year's size of 9 police divisions (out of 21), and actually cuts $1 million dollars from the program's proposed budget vis a vis the CAO's departmental letter.

The 2026-27 budget cycle is the smartest time for the City of Los Angeles to implement a 2-year phased plan to expand its Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) program citywide by 2028, at a cost of $45 million. To do this, the City should budget $30.7 million this year and expand the program by 6 police divisions to a total of 15, and expand to the final 6 divisions achieving the goal of 21 police divisions and citywide coverage by 2028 at a total annual cost of $45 million.

The City of Los Angeles launched the UMCR pilot in March 2024, diverting six types of 911 calls from a traditional law enforcement response to unarmed crisis response services, including certified mental health clinicians, crisis interventionists, and more. UMCR is currently funded to serve constituents in nine out of 21 divisions in Los Angeles. In late February, the City formally moved it out of its pilot phase, declaring it a permanent program. Since its launch, over 20,000 calls have been diverted from LAPD and LAFD to trained clinicians with only 4.4% of the calls redirected back to LAPD and LAFD. UMCR does this within an average response time of 28 minutes. UMCR saves the lives of Angelenos in distress, frees up police and firefighters to work on other pressing emergency calls, offers a less expensive alternative to deploying armed officers, and improves community trust by resolving incidents involving individuals described as acting erratic or experiencing a mental health episode without law enforcement's involvement.

In a Budget Deficit, UMCR Saves Money

UMCR generates real cost savings. The CAO's office found that dispatching a UMCR team costs an average of $35 compared to $85 for the equivalent LAPD response. In areas without UMCR coverage, responding to 911 calls with LAPD costs taxpayers more than twice as much as responding with a UMCR team. We can save money immediately by deploying UMCR to appropriate calls instead of LAPD.

Furthermore, UMCR can save taxpayer dollars in the long run. Angelenos who could benefit from mental health services may become repeat callers to 911 when LAPD does not have the training to attend to their needs; repeated deployments of untrained law enforcement is a waste of personnel time and taxpayer money. At worst, LAPD's deployment can result in unfortunate liability cases when law enforcement exerts harm instead of care. Since 2019, Civil Rights violations, police shootings, excessive use of force, and illegal searches collectively accounted for $183 million in costs to the City. Where UMCR services are an option, the City can begin to minimize the odds of these law enforcement interactions, saving lives and also saving the City money.

Moreover, reducing law enforcement interaction with residents also reduces the likelihood of resident interaction with the criminal legal system. Engagement with any part of our criminal legal system is expensive, and is an additional burden to city residents through County taxes. According to a 2021 report by the Men's Central Jail Closure Workgroup, the estimated cost of incarcerating someone in High and Moderate Observation Housing (HOH & MOH) at Twin Towers is roughly $654/day and $442.32/day at the Central Regional Detention Facility, not including costs of care provided by Correctional Health Services.

Invest in UMCR as Olympics Emergency Management

In 2028, an estimated 10-15 million people will flood the City of LA for the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games. This summer-long, mega event promises to stretch and challenge the City's emergency management systems. It would benefit the City to leverage UMCR services as an additional solution for the high volume of non-violent crisis calls that might otherwise go unanswered, receive delayed support, or pull LAPD or LAFD to incidents that are not the best use of their time. For example, during the 2025 Palisades Fire, 911 operators were directed to de-prioritize non-emergency calls; those non-emergency calls were still residents in need of help and many of their calls went unanswered. The City can leverage UMCR to conserve the capacity of LAPD and LAFD for calls that only they can resolve.

To be fully operational citywide by the Olympics, UMCR will need time to expand, and dispatch teams will need time to acclimate to their availability. Mere investment does not guarantee implementation overnight. We must plan and budget for the expansion to 21 divisions now to enable necessary preparation for successful implementation by 2028.

Additionally, a UMCR expansion for the 2028 Games is a strong PR move for the City. Expanding UMCR is an investment that not only serves the City for summer 2028, but also serves residents beyond the Olympics. Ultimately, expansion becomes an opportunity to rebuild trust in our emergency management systems. Too many residents assume that the City only offers armed law enforcement response to emergencies. Once the program expands citywide, the City can increase public awareness of the program's availability, the services it provides, and rebuild trust in our safety systems.

Grow UMCR While We Have Leaders with Political Will

This legislative process to build UMCR started 6 years ago, when the idea for an Office of Unarmed Response was introduced by Councilmember Blumenfield. UMCR's continued advancement is due to his strong leadership and support, the Mayor's clear vision for community safety, and this Council's political will to make UMCR a reality. It has been shepherded by Councilmember Hernandez and the Budget, Finance, and Innovation committee, which supported its growth during a difficult budget year. This ecosystem of leaders is not guaranteed to us as Angelenos. We must expand UMCR citywide while we have strong support from this Mayor and Council. With this investment, we can create a better and safer future for Los Angeles and ensure this program continues to provide critical services to Angelenos most in need throughout subsequent administrations.

Angelenos have waited long enough. It's been six years since the murder of George Floyd inspired councilmembers to take a renewed approach to community safety. Last month, nearly six years after the first motion to develop an unarmed model of crisis response, the Council finally made the successful pilot project a permanent program. The Mayor and the Council have consistently supported UMCR, and we ask that they continue to do so during this final push to make UMCR a citywide program so that all Angelenos can benefit from its life-saving services.

2. $3 MILLION FOR REPRESENT LA, VIA A DEDICATED, PERMANENT LINE ITEM

The Mayor's proposed budget also reverts back to last year's lower $1 million initial allocation for its "RepresentLA" immigrant legal services, neglecting to include a funding increase that Council added to the RepresentLA budget in December (due to increased need for these legal services).

Immigration legal service providers have reported overwhelming caseloads and waiting lists of individuals seeking support, with CHIRLA alone having a waiting list of 664 individuals as of January 2026. Other RepresentLA providers have similarly-sized waiting lists. Increasing the City's contribution to RepresentLA to $3 million in FY26-27 and making it a line item in the budget will allow RepresentLA service providers to respond to an increased need for removal defense, expanded detention advocacy, and other community needs. For additional details, please see RepresentLA's budget request letter.

Respectfully,



Godfrey Plata
Deputy Director
LA Forward

Communication from Public

Name:	Caroline Sischo
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 07:03 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 fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. The shelter is already an overwhelming and scary place for these dogs and this is the absolute bare minimum we could do to enhance their lives. Imagine being in a metal cage 24/7 and then marched to your death. Not only does this program provide enrichment for the animals but it gives them a much better chance of being adopted by being able to display their loving and goofy personalities. Do not let them down. Do not let our city down. Do the right thing. Caroline

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:13 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, Greta Lieberman Glendale, Ca

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:00 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Letter of support to keep funding for Safe Parking LA

HOLLYWOOD FOOD COALITION

April 27, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Executive Director of the Hollywood Food Coalition, a nonprofit whose mission is to nourish the community by rescuing and distributing food, preparing nightly meals, and uniting efforts to achieve food equity. Since 1987, we have served nightly meals to unhoused and low income residents, connected guests to housing and healthcare, and redistributed over 3.2 million pounds of rescued food annually to more than 240 community based organization partners across Los Angeles County.

We have had the privilege of collaborating with Safe Parking LA since its inception.

I am writing to strongly urge reconsideration of any proposed funding cuts to Safe Parking LA. Since its early days, the program has demonstrated a meaningful and lasting impact for individuals forced to live in their vehicles.

While not all of the individuals we serve participate in Safe Parking LA, its role in the broader system of care is critical and increasingly urgent. Without safe, designated places to park, people living in their vehicles face constant risk of harassment, citations, and towing, deepening instability. Safe Parking LA provides not only physical safety, but a crucial foundation of dignity and security that enables people to begin stabilizing their lives.

As the cost of living continues to rise, more individuals and families are being pushed to the brink of homelessness, with many ending up in vehicles as a last resort. Demand for safe parking will only increase. Reducing funding now would significantly weaken our ability to respond to a crisis that is clearly accelerating.

At a time when homelessness continues to impact so many in our city, programs like Safe Parking LA are essential. We respectfully ask that you maintain, and ideally strengthen, funding for this vital service.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Arnali Ray
Executive Director
Hollywood Food Coalition

Communication from Public

Name:	Jeffrey R Brenner
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 07:16 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, Jeffrey Brenner Eagle Rock, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Schulman
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:16 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a constituent, as well as an Animal Care Technician in the the LA Animal Services department, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. As of writing this, there are 843 dogs being housed by LA Animal Services. 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 not an exaggeration, this is a fact. We are so severely understaffed at the shelters (I'm located at the South LA shelter) we have no time to walk the dogs, provide them necessary enrichment, or evaluate their behavior. Volunteers are few and far between, and are not capable of filling the void the lack of DPFL would create. For every one dog a volunteer walks for 10 minutes, DPFL gets out 20 dogs for 30 minutes. Not to mention, volunteers are not qualified to do behavior assessments. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns how dogs behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. I wish I had been collecting data for this moment so I could prove unequivocally how many people turn away when we are unable to provide notes on how a dog behaves with another dog. Many adopters already have a dog in the home, or are considering getting a second one in the future, so it is important for them to have reliable evidence to support a dog's behavior around other dogs. When we cannot provide this, they do not adopt. If you cut this program, this is what will happen: - No risk assessments of dogs means potentially unsafe dogs getting adopted by the public (this means more lawsuits) - No playgroup notes means fewer people adopting - Fewer adopters means overcrowding - Overcrowding means more euthanasia - not just dogs with behavioral or medical issues, but nice dogs, scared dogs, small dogs - Overcrowding means unsafe working conditions for me and my coworkers, especially because we already lack proper staffing due to city budgetary issues - No enrichment for the dogs means the dogs' behaviors become aggressive and unsafe much, much faster All of the above leads to unsafe working conditions for me and my fellow staff. Do you know what it's like to have to clean a kennel with an 80lbs dog, where the guillotine that is meant to separate them from the

worker is broken? I do. It means I have to physically go into that kennel with the dog and close the door behind me so it can't get out. In one hand I've got a hose, in the other I've got a poop scrapper. I have no hands to defend myself if something goes wrong. If an 80lbs dog has been imprisoned in a 10ft x 5ft concrete kennel for over a month, do you think that dog is going to be happy to let me in and leave without him? No. I've had unhappy dogs try to lunge at me, jump on me, and even bite me while inside the small kennel with them. I've had many dogs try to escape the kennel to the main portion of the shelter where the public is; let me also remind you that the public includes children. This is the reality of our shelter system for the workers, and will escalate 10-fold without the DPFL program to provide an outlet for the dogs' frustration. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Since 2023, the city has paid more than $31.85M in settlements to victims of shelter dog attacks. Do the math yourself. Saving today is paying more tomorrow. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. It saves not just dog's lives, but staff and public lives as well. Thank you, Mia Schulman District 13 Employed in District 8

Communication from Public

Name:	William Woods
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:43 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dogs Play For Life has transformed the LA City shelters. These facilities are filled with some of the hardest working people in Los Angeles but with such a huge population of animals and such a small number of employees it is near impossible to give these animals the time and attention they need. Dogs Play for Life has changed that completely. For 1/100th of the City's budget you are changing the entire way the city of Los Angeles handles animal welfare. I have spent countless days volunteering with the city shelters. I have seen an unbelievable improvement in these dogs since the arrival of DPFL. Please add DPFL back to the city buget. Thank you William Woods

Communication from Public

Name:	Alison S.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:44 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please don't cut funding used for animal services. I'm saddened and disturbed by how many animals lose their lives in the shelter system each year and food, medicine, and enrichment programs are essential to reducing these numbers. If the mark of a community is how well it takes care of the most vulnerable, we are failing.

Communication from Public

Name:	Vivian Robles
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:45 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. Thank you, Vivian Robles

Communication from Public

Name:	Alliyah Becerra
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:45 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. Thank you, Alliyah Becerra Long Beach

Communication from Public

Name:	Sharon T.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:47 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. Reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular MUST be increased. Clinics are taking a loss to neuter rabbits and only one or two are currently willing to perform surgery at the current reimbursement rates. This will cost thousands of rabbits their lives. Please add at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund to have a meaningful impact. Thank you for your attention to this VERY important matter. Sincerely, Sharon Tydell

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:48 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. Thank you, Stephanie Silva Van Nuys, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Trent
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:48 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. Thank you, Trent Keel Hancock Park, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Chaffin
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:49 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Budget Committee members, Today, April 27, 3:30 p.m., you'll need to make an important decision. Today, you will decide if dogs unlucky enough to be held in one of the Los Angeles Animal Services shelters will lose their ONLY time outside their filthy, tiny, wet, cement jail cells (a.k.a. kennels). Mayor Bass is proposing to cut the budget for the Dogs Playing for Life organization (DPFL). This specialized organization provides many shelter dogs' only relief and exercise outside their kennels during their impoundment. Sadly, most LA shelter dogs aren't walked daily. (Some never walked!) This is treatment is cruel, neglectful, abhorrent, and heartbreaking. And Mayor Bass wants to eliminate the only chance shelter dogs have to escape this cruel practice. Slashing DPFL means dogs like Ruby, being held at the South LA shelter for 129 days, will experience NO time out of their concrete jail cell to run, play and be a dog with other dogs. If you allow DPFL to be voted away, Ruby's and the thousands of other shelter dogs' only outside time disappears on July 1, 2026 You, as a member of the Budget Committee, can stop this with your vote. The animals of Los Angeles are innocent citizens of our community. Their welfare completely depend on citizens like yourself. Vote mercy. Vote kindness. Vote animal welfare. Vote compassion. Vote to KEEP DPFL. Sincerely, Martha Chaffin

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:49 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Humane LA = Funding this program! Do what’s right.

Communication from Public

Name: D

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:50 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a lead case manager, I have seen Safe Parking LA evolve over time, but what has remained constant is our commitment to the people we serve. For many participants, we are the first point of contact when they experience homelessness, often for the very first time. Our program provides a safe and stable alternative to sleeping on the streets, helping individuals avoid harassment, citations, and exposure to unsafe conditions. Beyond safety, we connect participants to case management and financial assistance services where they establish personal goals and receive ongoing support. Our approach is rooted in meeting people where they are, recognizing that each individual's journey is different and requires thoughtful, personalized care. Throughout my time with Safe Parking LA, I've had the privilege of building meaningful relationships with participants. My work is a constant reminder that homelessness can affect any of us, many of the people I serve are seniors living on fixed incomes or individuals who have experienced financial hardships that set them back. Despite these challenges, they remain resilient and ready to move forward toward stability. Many have successfully transitioned into permanent housing and continue to stay in touch, an enduring reminder of the trust and impact this work creates. This is why I show up. I'm proud to represent Safe Parking LA, and demobilizing safe parking programs would greatly impact seniors and first-time unhoused individuals who are often the most likely to regain stability with the right support. Maintaining and funding these programs preserves dignity, prevents further trauma, and strengthens the broader homelessness response system.

Communication from Public

Name:	Harry
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:52 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	It’s deeply concerning to see our City government jeopardizing proven programs like Safe Parking LA and Showers of Hope. These organizations have consistently delivered meaningful results over many years, operating with integrity and accountability. Undermining efforts that are clearly working not only risks reversing progress, but also impacts some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Leila Kerze
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:52 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a constituent and LA native who cares deeply for all sentient beings, our shelter animals included, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I can't believe there is a proposal for it being cut. LA City is continually doing less for its animals, without good reason. The funds are there. It is irresponsible and immoral to lower the quality of their already hard lives. 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. If behavior issues arise, it is due to the abysmal conditions the city has decided are acceptable for them to live in. 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, Leila Kerze Playa del Rey, CA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:54 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, a dog owner, a animal rescue supporter, 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. In 2024 I began a charity event called the Puppy Roll, where DPFL was one of the vital groups we featured nationwide, and I saw how important DPFL is for not just the dogs but for future adopters of these sweet animals who deserve a chance to be healthy, and happy, no matter how long it takes to find their forever homes. 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, Anjali Bhimani West Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:54 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. Thank you, Aurora Mott

Communication from Public

Name:	Anna
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:54 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The continued funding of Safe Parking programs is essential to the success of our city. We play a vital role in ensuring those experiencing setbacks and in need of support don't end up on the street alone. If your goal is to see cleaner streets and reduce street homelessness, protect Safe Parking programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Bender
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We know that prevention in every sense of the word comes from safe places to sleep and reside. By criminalizing sleep and safety, you are adding to the problem of people being unhoused, staying unhoused, and unable to create a safe environment for kids. This affects every single person in our city. Housing is expensive, and in order to maintain jobs to obtain housing, you need a safe place to rest. Without rest, you are unable to function, period. How will children be able to focus and learn in school to receive the direly needed education to support themselves in this expensive city? How will they build community at school with the stigma of not having a place to go every night. How will they show up to school with clean clothes? Without a place to keep your vehicle, you can lose everything you own. Where do you get clothes for work? How do you look presentable to find the much needed job in order to become housed again? What is the plan for all of these adults and children? Where is the longterm strategy? Right. There isn't one. Aside from increasing the police budget, which by every metric does not make our communities safer. What makes communities safe is everyone having a place to lay their head at night. I'm praying you've seen the studies, but if you haven't, I implore you to employee social workers in your prevention plans — make plans with the people doing the work, not accountants and politicians who are sorely misinformed on every topic they are expected to represent us for. Angelenos cannot catch a break. We deserve to keep our citizens safe from frivolous infractions like sleeping. Please do your jobs.

Communication from Public

Name:	AnaMaria Gallegos
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:55 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 - 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 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 Los Angeles. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6th budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Pacheco
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:20 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Chair Yaroslavsky and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Public representatives must keep faith with what was promised to voters. Voters approved Proposition M based on clear representations that cannabis-related revenues would fund a comprehensive regulatory system, including enforcement, and advance social justice objectives. The City is not fulfilling those commitments. Current allocations—approximately 5–6% to enforcement—cannot reasonably be characterized as a good faith implementation of the framework presented to voters. First, the assertion that cannabis revenues cannot be used for enforcement contradicts the Financial Impact Statement. Second, despite substantial revenues, the City has failed to implement meaningful social justice programs. These failures expose the City to significant legal risk, potentially exceeding one billion dollars in cannabis-related revenues. The Committee has the authority to correct course in this budget cycle. PRELUDE TO JUDICIAL REVIEW This comment provides notice of material legal defects in the City's treatment of cannabis-related revenues under Proposition M and affords an opportunity to correct course prior to judicial proceedings. As you review the Department of Cannabis Regulation budget on April 30, 2026, that review must be grounded in the legal obligations created by voter-facing representations. Two issues: 1. "CANNABIS MONIES" MAY BE USED FOR ENFORCEMENT. The City's assertion to the contrary is irreconcilable with the Financial Impact Statement PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS IN MARCH OF 2017 (see attached), which stated that expanded regulation and enforcement costs "may be offset" by cannabis-related taxes, permits, fees, and fines.[1] We can all agree this is the one piece of information the average voter would have relied upon. The only reasonable conclusion is that enforcement would be funded by these revenues. This was the City's representation to the electorate. It cannot now be disavowed. Your failure to keep your word to the voters is something only you can reconcile with your own standard of public service. 2. FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMPONENT. Proposition M was presented as incorporating both social equity and social justice. While some effort has been made on equity, the City has failed to implement

meaningful restorative or social justice programs tied to the harms addressed. The approximately 80% voter approval reflects reliance on those representations. Continued failure to implement them constitutes a material deviation from what voters approved. Governor Newsom clearly stated that legalizing cannabis was an act of social justice and/or racial justice for the communities most harmed by the "war on drugs." You specifically guided the voters to reject Prop. N and support Prop. M and one can only conclude it was because of your desire to cure a historic harm,. The voters saw this avenue of redress and between Prop. 64's support and Prop. M there was an 16% surge from social justice conscience voters of all races. You fail them now, and they will hesitate to support your next social justice proposal. LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE Under Article XIII C, a tax approved for a specific purpose constitutes a special tax, regardless of General Fund deposit.[2] Courts look to substance and voter understanding, not labels.[3] Continued misallocation exposes the City to judicial intervention mandating funds, over a billion dollars at risk, toward their intended purposes. EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS BUDGET CYCLE The Committee should adopt measurable benchmarks reflecting good faith implementation, including: No less than 25% of cannabis-related tax revenues (business, excise, sales) to enforcement No less than 25% to social justice and restorative justice programs Analysis must include all cannabis-related revenues, not just the business tax. Excise and sales taxes must be identified and reported. While fees may have legal limitations, the City should evaluate the lawful use of fines toward enforcement and restorative justice. Absent these steps, the current framework will continue to fall short of what voters approved. This Committee has the authority to correct course. I urge you to do so. Sincerely, Nick Pacheco (Former Budget Committee Chair, City of Los Angeles, post-9/11 (FYs 2001–2002, 2002-2003, and Proposed Budget 2003–2004) Footnotes 1. Miguel A. Santana, Financial Impact Statement, Proposition M (March 7, 2017). 2. Cal. Const., art. XIII C, § 1(d). 3. Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. v. City of Roseville (2003) 97 Cal.App.4th 637; Sinclair Paint Co. v. State Bd. of Equalization (1997) 15 Cal.4th 866; Robert L. v. Superior Court (2003) 30 Cal.4th 894. P.S. When adjustments are proposed to a measure with ~80% voter approval, voters—not public officials—should decide those changes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
BY MIGUEL A. SANTANA, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This measure will allow the City to establish new regulations and enforcement measures, after public input, for commercial cannabis activity. Additionally, starting January 1, 2018, the gross receipt tax on medical cannabis sales will be reduced from 6% to 5% and the gross receipts tax will be applied for recreational cannabis sales at 10%. Furthermore, the gross receipts tax will be established at 1% to 2% for transportation, testing or research, manufacturing, cultivation, or other commercialization of cannabis.

The impact of this measure cannot be currently quantified. Revenue loss from decreasing the medical cannabis tax and additional expenditures for expanded regulatory and enforcement efforts may be offset by revenues from taxes, permits, fees, and fines related to recreational and commercial cannabis activities.

Gross receipt tax revenue is deposited in the General Fund and is used to fund police, fire, street services, parks, libraries and other general purposes throughout the City.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:56 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not eliminate the only playgroup the dogs have at the shelters. It is inhumane to make them sit in a concrete box with zero exercise and little to no enrichment. It’s not right and they will no doubt suffer even more than they already do. The volunteers obtain helpful videos to get the dogs seen and saved during these playgroups. Valuable personality and social information is gained. Without this funding for this program we will see even more dogs languish in our shelters. Let’s keep at least one thing going we know is going right!

Communication from Public

Name:	Elizabeth
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:20 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, Please make the humane choice to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. These poor dogs will sit in concrete cells for days on end without DPFL playgroups. Cutting this program is absolutely cruel and inhumane. It also helps establish adoption profiles for dogs which speeds up adoptions and ensures a good fit. Without this intel, dogs can sit for longer or be returned more frequently post adoption. Please restore DPFL funding while there is still time! It’s unquestionably the right thing to do. Thank you, Elizabeth Chapman

Communication from Public

Name:	Rachael
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:58 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, This is extremely important and urgent! 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. If anything, the budget for direct care of these animals should be INCREASED. Thank you, Rachael Smith Hawthorne 90250

Communication from Public

Name:	Liane Weintraub
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:23 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, Liane Weintraub Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Isabella
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:29 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. California, and specifically Los Angeles, already has a pretty bad reputation around overcrowded animal shelters and high rates of animal euthanasia. People are especially sensitive to how animals are treated and you don’t want to have headlines to be about how animals are living in inhumane conditions in city facilities. 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, Isabella Stoller

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Martell
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:36 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I reviewed the LA Controller's dashboard and have concerns about certain budget items. Items: Animal Services, Sanitation, and Streets. Mayor Bass is cutting the expenses for Animal Services instead of using it to improve facilities, mobile spay and neuter clinics for homeless and low-income areas, enrichment activities, implementing a formal foster program, or investigating a way to expand kennel space, or funding an enrichment program Dogs Playing for LIfe where animals can be assessed in play groups and adopted more easily. Instead, the grant money will go to buying food, hiring yet another director who will be given too little money and resources to be effective. And with little say over changing the employees or culture at Animal Services. Mostly volunteers are the ones walking dogs versus employees. No other city or county is worse than us, except Downey and San Bernardino. Disgusting. Dogs are barely given a chance to be seen, and countless animals are killed not for medical or behavioral issues, just for space. It's not euthanasia when a healthy, friendly dog is killed for space. The dogs need more space, not less. Have you seen the Orange County Animal Services that serves a similar number of residents? (county vs city). How are we a supposedly progressive city if we don't have mobile spay-and-neuter or free spay-and-neuter days to correct one of the root causes? The other being size and breed restrictions at rentals--why is this allowed? 2. Streets and Sanitation -- have you seen our city? There is trash everywhere. Streets barely got an increase. Our city is filthy with crumbling infrastructure, but we are paying $300 million more for police and $700 million plus interest since it will come from bonds for a convention center. And this after I received a ballot asking if I want as a property owner to pay $117 until the lights in my area are fixed. Seriously? Do I not pay property tax? One of the highest sales tax rates in the state? And the highest transfer tax in the state? But I am supposed to now pay a light repair bill too? So, police can get more rubber bullets and liability payouts? How can Earth spend another $300 million on police and not address the streets before the Olympics? Or will just those streets get paved like the West side? The city is in disrepair, but we have Flock cameras watching us and a convention center project—interesting; it feels like a White House ballroom — we pay for it but don't get to use it. We see you

Mayor Bass--just remember the documentary "Don't F*ck with cats" and how much animal people care about animal treatment.

Communication from Public

Name:	Raquel TB
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:36 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, Raquel Torrez-Birkland [Northridge/SFV]

Communication from Public

Name:	Monica Ballesteros
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Monica Ballesteros with Move LA and organization that fights for safe, reliable transit, clean air, and affordable housing. I am writing to request that you include the $325,000 needed for the feasibility study for the LA Public Bank. There is an overwhelming amount of support for this study including support from city council members. We are sending millions of dollars to Wall St. While we could be using our own money to address many of the existing crises here. Please include this minimal amount in the budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Varun Desai
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:40 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, Varun Desai Del Rey neighborhood

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:05 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. Thank you, Heather S. South LA

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:05 AM
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. 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, Alexa Kidman Venice Beach, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Chavez
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:06 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon honorable members of the council, My name is Kelly Chavez, and I am a Program Associate with the Los Angeles Food Policy Council. I work closely with small food retailers and communities across Los Angeles and I am writing in strong support of the Good Food Zone pilot program. A quarter of Angelenos are food insecure, and many neighborhoods, especially in South Los Angeles, continue to face limited access to healthy and affordable food. Through my work, I see firsthand the challenges that small community-based retailers face as they try to provide healthier options in areas that have experienced decades of disinvestment. The Good Food Zone program is critical because it provides stability and support to these businesses. It allows them to remain open, expand their healthy offerings, and serve their communities with dignity. In a time when communities are facing rising costs, economic uncertainty, and reductions in essential benefits like SNAP, this support is more important than ever. The impact of this program is already visible. Retailers have introduced new healthy products, created culturally relevant food options, and hired locally, reinvesting in the communities they serve. These businesses are not only improving food access but also strengthening local economies. Without continued funding, Los Angeles risks losing its only incentive program designed to support healthy food retailers in underserved communities. The Good Food Zone policy passed in 2020 provides a strong and evidence-based framework, but without funding, it cannot reach its full potential. I respectfully ask that you allocate $ 450,000 in the upcoming budget to support microgrants and technical assistance for Good Food Zone-eligible businesses. This investment will allow us to continue advancing food equity and supporting the health and well-being of communities across Los Angeles. When our local food retailers thrive, our communities thrive. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Bill Crowe
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:06 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Honorable Mayor and CC Members, Please accept the $14M from Best Friends and ASPCA exclusively for LA Animal Services. They NEED it badly. If you question this need, please visit any of your 6 shelters - there you will see hundreds of perfectly wonderful dogs and cats who simply need a good home. Further, these funds would greatly increase free and low cost spay/neuter services which would continue to reduce the number of unwanted animals in our City. You have a chance here to do something great and good - humans domesticated these animals to be our companions - it is up to us the save them! Thank you, Bill Crowe, Executive Director Pet Care Foundation

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:31 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. Reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular MUST be increased. Clinics currently take a loss to neuter rabbits: only a few are currently willing to perform surgery at the current reimbursement rates. This will cost thousands of rabbits their lives. A meaningful impact means adding at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund. Best, Lisa, 90038

Communication from Public

Name:	Ethel Pawlak, RVT
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:07 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, As LA Animal Services volunteer, Registered Veterinary Technician, Los Angeles 90034 (Palms) resident and voter 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. I've seen with my own eyes with the DPFL playgroups accomplish! DPFL helps to train volunteers of all levels of how to interact with dogs successfully. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. 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. I'm adding a photo of my dog, Spot, the third senior dog that I adopted from LAAS over the past 6 years. Spot lived at LAAS shelter for nearly a year before I adopted him. DPFL helps pups like him. Our shelters exist to help in emergency situations and we need to care for the pets inside them! Respectfully, Ethel Pawlak, RVT Los Angeles, California 90034



Communication from Public

Name:	F. Dieter Jacobs
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:31 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Subject: Restore Dogs Playing for Life funding in the 2026–27 LA City Budget Dear Budget & Finance Committee and Los Angeles City Council Members, I'm writing as a Santa Monica resident and neighbor who cares deeply about the welfare of dogs in Los Angeles city shelters. Please restore full funding for the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026–27 budget. DPFL provides structured out-of-kennel time, socialization, enrichment, exercise, and behavioral information that helps dogs remain adoptable and reduces suffering in overcrowded shelters. Eliminating this program on July 1 would mean many shelter dogs lose their only meaningful time outside concrete kennels. Please make DPFL funding a priority before the budget is finalized. This is a small budget item with an enormous impact on animal welfare, shelter safety, and adoptability. Thank you, F. Dieter Jacobs Santa Monica, CA 90404

Communication from Public

Name:	Vaccine Vets
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:01 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To the Los Angeles City Council, Following up on my previous comment on behalf of Vaccine Vets, I want to emphasize the importance of how these funds are allocated. Investment in spay and neuter services and outreach in underserved areas, including Skid Row, is critical. This is where prevention has the most immediate impact and where access is often the most limited. We also want to highlight the impact of nonprofits such as Dogs Playing for Life. Programs like these improve the quality of life for shelter dogs and support better behavioral outcomes, which directly affects adoption and long term placement. There is clear public concern around where funding goes. Prioritizing direct care, prevention, and quality of life, with transparency, will build trust and lead to better outcomes. Respectfully, Vaccine Vets

Communication from Public

Name:	jelena pribicevic
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:01 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. Thank you, Jelena Pribicevic Woodland Hills CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Nadine
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:03 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I am a constituent and an LA resident who deeply cares about our city's shelter dogs. I'm writing to urge you to 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. Just anxiety and misery. 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. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Nadine Medina Culver City

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashton
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:04 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I have lived in Jefferson Park for almost 10 years and I have actively been fostering dogs and cats, along with helping lower income neighbors take care of their pets. I see how much everyone is suffering, particularly shelter animals. I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I've spent time at [shelter name] as a [volunteer / foster / adopter], and 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). 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, Ashton Allen Jefferson Park

Communication from Public

Name:	Michelle Furtney-Goodman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:04 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear LA City Council, 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, Michelle Furtney-Goodman Brentwood

Communication from Public

Name:	Natalie
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:06 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. Thank you, Natalie Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Kelsey Mitchell
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:06 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. Thank you, Kelsey Mitchell West LA

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:07 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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. I rescued my 80lb husky malamute named Morris from the South LA Animal Shelter where he spent 490 days living and sleeping in a concrete kennel. Please let that sink in. Without DPFL, he would not have had a single day outside of his kennel for 490 days. This incredible program gave Morris the opportunity to show how amazing he was and it was in this program that he became a shelter volunteer favorite. Those volunteers used the information they learned about Morris during these playgroups to help get him seen and saved from the shelter after waiting for so long. Without DPFL Morris would not have had any notes about his temperament or behavior and quite frankly, likely would not have made it out of the shelter alive. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Kylianne Santa Monica

Communication from Public

Name:	Amy C.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:07 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. Thank you, Amy Calvert Canoga Park

Communication from Public

Name:	Whitney Chen
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:07 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As just one person, there is no way I could hep all the dogs want. Letting the budget lapse for DPFL would make the situation with stray dogs significantly worse. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Whitney Chen

Communication from Public

Name:	Claudia Carolina Corleto
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:10 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Los Angeles needs to become a No Kill city! I am counting on this city's mayor and team to make this happen!

Communication from Public

Name:	Nick George
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:10 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. Thank you, Nick George Los Angeles/Koreatown

Communication from Public

Name:	Leah
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:12 AM
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. It’s an incredibly important program -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. These dogs deserve better. They deserve homes and a chance to be adopted. The city is killing so many dogs- please don’t take this program away. Please restore funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Thank you, Leah jacobson Brentwood

Communication from Public

Name: Bridget
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:22 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I foster dogs and am a proud dog mom. I adopted my youngest dog from the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center in 2023. He was 1.5 years old and completely languishing in the shelter. He was a young, energetic puppy that was being driven crazy by being locked in a cage 23 hours a day. The only reprieve he had was times that the volunteers and shelter staff took him out for playgroups. We saved him on his last day before euthanasia, and we only knew about him due to the photos and videos that the volunteers were able to get of him in playgroup. Proper enrichment for shelter dogs should be treated as an ESSENTIAL commitment to the basic health and well-being of all animals under the city's care. Imagine locking a child in a cage for 23 hours a day and expecting them to develop in the manner we hope them to. Why are animals not treated with the dignity that we treat human beings? Please, I beg of you, restore this playgroup funding that takes up a minuscule part of the city's budget. Dogs ask for very little from humans, and we cannot fail them further by cutting out what could be the only good moments of their day (and possibly the only good moments of their lives, given the frequency that dogs are being euthanized in city shelters).

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:03 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract and to fund Safe Parking in the 2026-2027 city budget. Both of these contracts are so critical at a time when we shouldn't be cutting our social services.

Communication from Public

Name:	Emily F
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:26 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, Emily Flores San Fernando Valley (Native)

Communication from Public

Name:	Liana
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:32 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. I've been a volunteer at West LA Shelter for the past few years and I see firsthand how valuable DPFL is for these dogs. Without it, the dogs will suffer more than they already are. It's a vital part of providing enrichment and hope for these dogs. 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, Liana West Los Angeles Shelter Volunteer.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kyra Gardiner
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:03 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 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. Thousands of dogs are euthanized because the data says they are not sociable but in a lot of cases that is unknown. 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, Kyra Gardiner Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name:	Sydne Summer
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:49 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. PLEASE, do the right thing here. 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. 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. I witnessed this firsthand at West LA shelter. Please take a look at these faces of some of the pups. Could you imagine if these poor souls NEVER got out? Just a tiny bit of human interaction outside a cold scary cage. That's all it took. And they were so grateful they'd wag their tails and kiss you. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Sydne Summer West Hollywood

I witnessed this firsthand at West LA shelter. Look at these faces of some of the pups. Could you imagine if these poor souls NEVER got out? Just a tiny bit of human interaction outside a cold scary cage. That's all it took. And they were so grateful they'd wag their tails and kiss you.

PLEASE, do the right thing here. 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:	Jessica Lopez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a shelter volunteer of almost 10 years, I have seen first-hand how important it is for shelter dogs to have time to get outside of their kennels and just be a 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. 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, Jessica Lopez Pasadena Resident

Communication from Public

Name:	Diane DeStefano
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:50 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I've been a dedicated dog volunteer at West LA Shelter for over 10 years. I am also a constituent 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. These dogs go absolutely crazy being confined in such an inhumane way for so long. They then get alerted for high FAS (Fear/anxiety/stress) and are fast-tracked to the euthanasia list! 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, Diane DeStefano Los Angeles, CA 90025

Communication from Public

Name:	Natalie Marzok
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:06 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, Natalie Marzok La Crescenta-Montrose-Glendale

Communication from Public

Name:	Yolanda Marquez Galvez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:00 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, Yolanda Marquez Galvez San Fernando, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Yolanda Marquez Galvez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:01 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, Yolanda Marquez Galvez San Fernando, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Simone press
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:02 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, Simone press Playa vista

Communication from Public

Name:	Jesus Rodas
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:03 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 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, Jesus Rodas Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Emily F
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:04 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting public comment in opposition to additionally funds and/or resources toward the police budget. The City already allocates a significant portion of its budget to policing, including hundreds of millions of dollars in liability payouts resulting from misconduct. Continued budget overruns and costly settlements demonstrate a pattern that should be addressed through accountability and internal reform, not by expanding funding or adding additional officers. Redirecting resources toward proven community-based programs would better serve public safety. Investments in immigrant legal defense, tenant protections, trans community support, street vendor protections, animal welfare, and homelessness services address root causes and create more stable, resilient communities. This is especially critical as Los Angeles approaches the Olympics, with unclear financial obligations and potential strain on City resources. We should be prioritizing sustainable, community-first investments rather than increasing reliance on systems that have repeatedly required costly corrections. I am also opposed to any budget measures that create preferential arrangements with corporations such as Airbnb. At a time when Los Angeles is facing a housing and homelessness crisis, expanding or incentivizing short-term rentals risks further reducing available housing for residents. Enforcement of existing short-term rental regulations should be prioritized over creating new pathways for corporate influence in City funding. Los Angeles should not become financially dependent on corporate agreements that may undermine long-term housing stability. We need a budget that prioritizes residents, accountability, and community wellbeing. At a time when many residents already feel a loss of trust due to ongoing immigration enforcement activity and the fear of displacement, expanding policing while preparing for major global events risks deepening that instability. The City should be working to rebuild trust and reduce harm, not introduce additional sources of fear or disruption.

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura D
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm writing on fiscal grounds to urge full funding of the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. 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, behavioral histories undocumented, adopters unwarned). 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. It's the right thing to do for humanitarian reasons AND for financial ones.

Communication from Public

Name:	Isabel B
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, Would you rather fund DPFL to ensure animals are being properly socialized for their forever homes, or risk killing them with inhumane treatment? That’s exactly why DPFL needs more funding. 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. Maybe you all can tax the billionaires a bit more if you need more funding — because animals do NOT deserve to suffer at the expense of humans who couldn’t resolve budgeting issues. Thank you, Isabel B Santa Monica

Communication from Public

Name:	Kate Fishel
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:48 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, Kate Fishel Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:07 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, Vanessa Pozzi Los Feliz, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Jordan Polisky
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	These poor dogs deserve sunshine and to see the outdoors every day. Praying for LA’s shelter dogs.

Communication from Public

Name:	Patricia Susann Dillon
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	FULLY FUND ALL SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER TYPES Council File 26-0600 Mayor's Proposed Budget FY 2026-7. Dear Los Angeles City Council members, Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. Reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular MUST be increased. Clinics are taking a loss to neuter rabbits and only one or two are currently willing to perform surgery at the current reimbursement rates. This will cost thousands of rabbits their lives. Please add at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund to have a meaningful impact. Sincerely, Patricia Susann Dillon Property Address: 289 South Barrington Ave. #303, Los Angeles, CA 93401

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren Blackwell
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:12 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, Lauren Blackwell Studio City

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:12 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Isabelle G
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:13 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Save our animals - and dogs! 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, Isabelle G Larchmont

Communication from Public

Name: Esa Van Dusen
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:13 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I am a long time animal rescuer, shelter and rescue volunteer in Los Angeles, and I have personally witnessed these animals steadily decline because they do not get out of their kennels; it is devastating to watch and it is getting worse. These are not behavioral cases. These are very good, adoptable dogs. It is torture in the purest form. It costs the city more to let these animals decline. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of LA's budget. Cutting it doesn't save money. It shifts a small fixed cost into liability — and it abandons the dogs we claim to care about. I have 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 deteriorate, and the city pays for that deterioration in bite settlements (more than $31.85M since 2023). Los Angeles can be a model for animal welfare, this program is a revelation and shelters can function more like fun, loving, engaged environments to help prepare them for adoption—that is currently not happening. They sit for days, weeks and months with no interaction. For some, this is their only experience for months and years before they are walked to the euthanasia room. Please. Do the right thing. Restore the funding before June 6. As a society, it matters how we treat them. Thank you, E. Van Dusen Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Moving Mountains By Illumination (M.M.BI.) / LAVIC / Violence Reduction Project
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:13 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The Time Is Now!!!!! The Need Is Now!!! Moving Mountains By Illumination (M.M.B.I.) a member of LAVIC composed of 20 Black and Brown-led organizations along with the Violence Reduction Project represents the most violence-impacted communities in Los Angeles and are on the frontlines of addressing community violence and committed to creating peace and safety. The Coalition envisions a new paradigm for public safety that centers around community-based interventions and preventions. We write today to highlight the importance of this work. It is very important on a continous bases that this work be funded especially now as there is an increase in housing devlopments in low poverty communiities, with no additional resources to meet the essential needs of individuals and families who are currently dealing with food dispariities, lack of jobs with no available options. CVI Workers are able to stay on the Frontline with the funding and support needed. Through previous funding we have been able to strengthen our agencies and organizations through increasing the CVI Workforce by 32%, we were able to provide over 2000 conflict resoulution services to de-escalete violence through rumor control and open honest dialogue. We were able to provide program services to over 2000 individual who where at the highest risk of becoming involved in violence. We have used CVI funding to build capacity in our internal process and strengthen our policies and procedures to establish good practice while using professional work ethics. The City cannot afford at this time to not invest in this work. We are at the cusp of breakthrough and in need of continous funding so that we effectively through funding and partnership help to keep our Cities and Communities Safe, while building, teaching and helping to restore a lost generation. You Can Count On Us Can We Count On You? Historic Lows in Violence As you are aware, in 2025 the City of Los Angeles experienced the lowest homicide rates since the 1960s. The historic drops in violence would not be possible without GRYD, LAVIC and other partnering agencies. New data released by GRYD shows how Peacemakers are an essential part of preventing violence and building lasting safety. GRYD sites experienced significantly greater drops in homicides from 2024 to 2025. While there was a 19% drop in homicides

citywide, GRYD sites experienced a 27% reduction in homicides. This progress builds on gains made in previous years. GRYD sites experienced a 45% decrease in gang-related homicides compared to 2023, and a 56% decrease from 2022. This data demonstrates that the historic lows in violence would not have been possible without the work of Partnerships and Peacemakers. Again You Can Count On Us, Can We Count On You? Thank You Pastor Meschellia Johnson / Executive Director Moving Mountains By Illumination / M.M.B.I. / LAVIC Member

Communication from Public

Name:	Jennifer Martinez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:15 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, Jennifer Martinez District 13

Communication from Public

Name:	Dave Mangels
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:19 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

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a I citizen of Los Angeles I beg you to save the DPFL contract for 26-27 budget. The way this city treats its homeless (both animal and human) is heartbreaking. These poor dogs should not be killed in the shelters. And they should be set up for adoption success. Letting them go outside is a key component in keeping them sane when they are in loud, cold (or hot) shelters. These dogs did absolutely nothing wrong. We should be treating them with more dignity. These poor animals deserve to be loved and letting them outside will help their mental health so that they remain adoptable. No one would succeed Locked in a cage 24/7. Especially innocent animals who can't understand. It's also how the shelter staff get to know what the animals are really like so they can help them get adopted. It's less than 1% of the total budget. I wish more of my taxes was going to saving these dogs frankly. Don't cut the budget. They are innocent creatures. It's the least we can do as a society to protect and help our most vulnerable. Thank you for considering this. It's so important that Los Angeles does better with those who need help- especially these poor dogs Best Sarah Schechter Los Angeles resident since 1999

Communication from Public

Name:	Loren Silber
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:19 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Loren Silber

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Baucom
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:21 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, Sarah Baucom Highland Park

Communication from Public

Name:	Leilani S
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:22 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, Leilani S.

Communication from Public

Name:	Susan Angenola
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:23 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, Susan Angenola San Pedro

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:24 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, Joshua Rutkoff 4831 Buchanan St Los Angeles, CA 90042 213-494-6501

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:24 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am horrified that the shelters may lose Dogs Playing for Life. As a former shelter volunteer, I can't explain how heartbreaking it is to watch these dogs get kennel stress because they're only getting walked when volunteers get to them which may be once a week or once a month for the harder cases. Enrichment should be a guarantee in our shelters but it isn't. Animal control would confiscate these dogs from the shelters if there were anywhere else to put them. DPFL has worked toward a solution and has bettered the lives of thousands of dogs. Reduced kennel stress also means safer staff, volunteers, and adopters, which, financially, means less liability payouts by the city. I can't imagine what the mayor was thinking not allotting for them. She also zeroed out the food budget, which is unacceptable. The city needs to provide food from its own budget. Donations and partnerships with the ASPCA should augment things like food and enrichment, not allow city council to slash funding. The treatment of our shelter animals is horrifying and an embarrassment to our city. DPFL is one of the few things that mitigates that. Please don't allow this budget to pass as is. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	mike major
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:26 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, Mike Major Manhattan Beach, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Loai Khouja
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:26 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I've spent time at Harbor Animal shelter as a volunteer and adopter, and 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). 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, Loai Khouja

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarisa
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:29 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, Sarisa Ransom Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:	Abby Lett
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:30 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. Dogs need exercise and stimulation and defunding this program would create more problems. Dogs deserve better treatment. 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, Abby Lett Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura Almanza
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:31 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:	Shantay
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:32 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, Shantay Chatsworth, CA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:34 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, Tiffany Wright Eagle Rock

Communication from Public

Name:	Jessica Caro
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:35 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, Jessica Caro

Communication from Public

Name:	Katherine Kelly
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To Whom it May Concern, Please do not even fathom removing outside time for shelter dogs, could you imagine being kept in cell, a cage and never getting fresh air or sunlight, never being able to run and play, to feel the breeze and reset your terrified nervous system. Not only that, but these dogs will have no release of their wound up energy and that will make even harder for them to get adopted and making them less attractive to potential forever families. Please don't take this away from them, if anything…allow them more outside and play time. Thank you for your time. Katherine Kelly

Communication from Public

Name:	Vanthi Nguyen
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:37 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, Vanthi Nguyen Highland Park, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Meredith
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:37 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, 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. This leads to anxious and reactive dogs who are simply looking for an outlet for their energy, and this can be a turn off to potential adopters. 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, Meredith Tillotson CD 11 - Del Rey

Communication from Public

Name:	Adrienne Dreiling
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:37 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, Adrienne Gardena

Communication from Public

Name:	Debbie Dreiling
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:38 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, Debbie Gardena

Communication from Public

Name:	Yaquelen Davila
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:39 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contact in the 2016-27 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 every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. The DPFL contact costs less than 1/100thof 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Cutting it coasts 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:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:39 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Karina Jimenez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Karina Jimenez, and I work with ACE in Community Violence Intervention . I'm here to urge the City of Los Angeles to increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention programs. This work is essential to public safety and has played a direct role in the historic reductions in violence we've seen in Los Angeles in 2025. As federal and state funding sources continue to decline, it is critical that the City step up to sustain and expand this proven, violence-reducing approach. Continued investment in Community Violence Intervention is necessary to protect our progress, prevent future violence, and ensure safer, stronger communities for all.

Communication from Public

Name:	Andy R.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, There is so much pain and suffering in the world that the wellbeing of our shelter dogs may not seem worth your time. However, it is in the moments of greatest suffering that we must summon our deepest humanity. That’s why, 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, Andy Rindlisbach Van Nuys

Communication from Public

Name:	Karen Myron
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please support the collaboration with Best Friends Animal Society and the ASPCA. The City of Los Angeles has proven time and time again that it lacks the ability to IMPROVE the lives of animals, or often times even give them a chance to stay alive. There are two animal welfare powerhouses offering to help. TAKE THEM UP ON IT. It would also behoove everyone if some effort went into spay and neuter programs. You can't put out a brush fire with a squirt gun - get the hoses out and spray the source of the flame.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jane
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 07:18 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, Jane m DTLA

Communication from Public

Name: Naomi Fabe
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:39 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not give up on these dogs!!

Communication from Public

Name:	C.McCormick
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 07:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm writing as both an Angeleno and someone who volunteers with animals — so this isn't abstract for me. For shelter dogs, the Dogs Playing for Life program is genuinely a matter of life or death. Playgroups are the only time most of these dogs leave their kennels all day. That time isn't just about their wellbeing — it's how staff learn how each dog behaves with others, and that information directly drives adoption, rescue pulls, and lifesaving decisions. Without it, dogs who could have found homes won't and will be euthanized as a result. The DPFL contract is a tiny fraction of the city's budget, but cutting it costs countless lives. Please prioritize restoring this funding before the budget locks.

Communication from Public

Name:	Christina
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 07:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I spoke during public comment and was unable to complete my remarks due to time limits. I am providing this statement in my personal capacity as a former Animal Care Technician with Los Angeles Animal Services from 2013 to 2016, and I have training in veterinary technology, including sanitation and disease control. I want to reiterate my request to protect and increase funding for adequate staffing, spay and neuter programs, and enrichment. From my experience, staffing levels directly impacted our ability to properly clean and disinfect kennels between animals. Without sufficient time for sanitation and proper disinfectant contact time, there is increased risk of disease transmission. I personally experienced situations where animals were placed into kennels that had not been fully cleaned or disinfected due to time and staffing constraints. Volunteers were essential, and I relied heavily on them. However, they cannot replace trained, consistent staffing. I also want to emphasize the importance of Animal Control Officers responding to injured or at risk animals in the field, which is a critical public safety function. I respectfully ask that you prioritize funding that supports safe, humane, and effective care for animals and the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, 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. 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, behavioral histories undocumented, adopters unwarned). 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.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:59 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: As a city as large of ours, it’s shameful that we’d cut vital funding and services for our vulnerable pet community. Where are our taxes going that funds are being redirected? Do better!!

Communication from Public

Name:	Lindsey
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:08 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I'm writing as a constituent, an Angeleno, and a proud adopter of three dogs from LA shelters. Watching my dogs play and interact with other dogs told me everything I needed to know about who they were and that information only existed because the shelter had the tools to observe them in real, social settings. It is also an essential way for dogs to be seen on social media to get them adopted. That's what the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program provides. These playgroups are often the only structured time shelter dogs get outside a concrete kennel, and they're how LA Animal Services learns the most essential thing about every dog in its care: how it behaves with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue decisions, and every meaningful lifesaving choice the shelter makes. It is also, simply, the humane thing to do. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 billion budget. Cutting it doesn't save the city money in any meaningful sense, but it does cost the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Please restore DPFL funding before the budget is locked on June 6. Don't let this program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Lindsey

Communication from Public

Name:	Trinity Tran
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:17 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	FULLY FUND THE PUBLIC BANK FEASIBILITY STUDY. The public bank feasibility study was approved, consultants were selected through a public RFP, and partial funding is in place. The only thing left is to restore the public bank feasibility study funding this body unanimously voted to fund. Not funding it now leaves the process halfway done. This is a small, one-time cost to figure out how the City can lower its long-term financial obligations, especially when over half a billion dollars leaves the city every year in interest and fees to Wall Street. This should move forward immediately. Fully fund the public bank study.

Communication from Public

Name:	Hannah Kegler
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:19 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's 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:	Sandy R.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:02 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, an Angeleno, and a volunteer at the South LA Animal shelter 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, Sandy Reynoso West Adams, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Sabina Wood
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:20 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore funding for DPFL playgroups in the 2026-27 budget! Don’t abandon the well-being of LA animals!

Communication from Public

Name:	AJ CYNAMON
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:46 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 $14,858 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 LAPS JULY 1ST.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren DRosario
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:46 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, Lauren D’Rosario Downey

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela Alvarenga
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: File attached. Support Day Labor Funding.

CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT
POLICY CENTER
1225 8th Street, Suite 590
Sacramento, CA 95814
Ph: 916.448.6762 Fax: 916.448.6774
www.caimmigrant.org

4/27/2026

[FILE NUMBER: 26-0600]

Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members,

The California Immigrant Policy Center is 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,

Daniela Alvarenga
California Immigrant Policy Center
634 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, 90014
Dalvarenga@caimmigrant.org

Communication from Public

Name:	Juli Shamash
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:49 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut the animal services budget. The shelters are already overcrowded, and the dogs barely get walked or have playtime. If you cut the play program, less dogs will distress and less will be seen and get adopted. Please do everything you can to make sure shelter. Animals are taken care of.

Communication from Public

Name:	Heather Gomez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:55 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, Heather Loraine Gomez City Boyle Heights

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Kahn
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:57 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Paula Kahn and I've worked at Community Health Project Los Angeles for the past three years. We are a harm reduction organization leading Los Angeles City and County's efforts to reduce drug overdose deaths through compassionate, nonjudgmental, non-punitive health interventions to fulfill the human needs and health rights of diverse street based communities in Los Angeles, including unhoused Angelenos, Angelenos who use drugs, and Angelenos struggling with physical, mental and behavioral health. Our community health workers and case managers are on the front lines of the City and County's unarmed crisis response.Through CHPLA's partnership with the Office of Diversion and Reentry, our dedicated case managers have had a remarkably high success rate in rehousing clients referred to us through our Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program. The Mayor and City Council must not increase LAPD's costly budget and instead prioritize funding for evidence based programs that center meeting basic human needs met - a holistic and non carceral approach to the restabilization and healing paths of Angelenos struggling with having their basic needs met. We know that every dollar misspent on increasing LAPD's budget is a dollar stolen from Angeleno's housing, food, water, economic security and climate resilience which creates more despair, exacerbating risks for climate catastrophe, increases homelessness, substance use disorder, mental health crisis and fatal overdoses- unnecessary deaths of despair. Please make the responsible decision and prioritize funding for evidence based community-based systems of care that meet the basic human needs and fulfill the health rights of ALL Angelenos. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:58 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am a Hollywood resident and LA taxpayer writing in strong opposition to the proposed reductions to the Department of Animal Services (LAAS) in the Mayor's 2026–27 budget. I urge the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee to restore funding before the Council finalizes the budget. The proposed cuts are not trims — they are structural failures the City will pay for several times over. The cuts eliminate basic care. As LAAS itself has warned the Committee in writing, the proposed budget would zero out the department's animal food account entirely and reduce medical supplies funding from $388,591 to under $50,000. The department has called reliance on donations to feed and medicate sheltered animals "not a sustainable or reliable long-term solution." That is a city department telling the Council it cannot guarantee food and medicine for animals in its custody. That should stop the conversation. The cuts deepen a multi-year staffing crisis. The proposal eliminates another Animal Control Officer position and an Animal Care Technician Supervisor at the Harbor shelter — on top of 7 ACO positions cut in FY 2025–26 and 12 cut the year before. LAAS now fields just 49 Animal Control Officers for a city of more than four million people. Further cuts mean slower response times to bite calls, cruelty reports, and stray-animal incidents that affect every neighborhood, including mine. The cuts shift cost, they don't save it. Since 2023, Los Angeles has paid more than $31.85 million in settlements to victims of shelter dog attacks — incidents directly linked to overcrowded kennels and the loss of behavioral enrichment programs. The proposed budget also eliminates the Dogs Playing for Life enrichment contract, which costs a small fraction of a single year's settlement payouts. Defunding low-cost prevention while continuing to pay seven- and eight-figure liability claims is not fiscal discipline. It is the most expensive way to run a shelter system. The burden falls on rescues, volunteers, and taxpayers. When the City underfunds intake care, private rescues and volunteers absorb the gap — until they can't. Overcrowded shelters with sick, under-socialized animals produce more euthanasia, more returns, more bites, and more lawsuits. Every Angeleno ends up paying, just through worse channels. I respectfully ask the Council to: Restore the animal food account and medical supplies funding to at least FY 2025–26 levels.

Reject the elimination of the Animal Control Officer and Animal Care Technician Supervisor positions and halt further field-staff reductions. Restore the Dogs Playing for Life contract, which costs a tiny fraction of the City's annual liability exposure from preventable shelter dog incidents. Treat LAAS funding as public-safety funding, because it is. Animal Services is a small line item with outsized consequences for public safety, public health, and the City's legal liability. Cutting it now guarantees larger costs later. Please restore the funding. Thank you for your time and your service.

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:01 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 Burns

Communication from Public

Name:	Shelley zagars
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:01 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am begging you to reinstate the program DPFL for dogs to continue to have outdoor activities in the shelters. This allows them time out of their kennels to mingle with other dogs & the volunteers. This saves their mind & bodies from going stir crazy being locked in a cage 24 hrs per day. I am a networker doing my best to have dogs promoted & seen on Next door app to hopefully find them loving homes. I beg you to reconsider & continue to allow this. Also, the shelters were given a substantial donation of 14 million dollars, this can buy more kennels, pay for more staff to alleviate the practice of euthanizing healthy dogs too frequently & so quick after they have arrived at shelters

Communication from Public

Name:	Jiyoung Carolyn Park
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:04 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a lifelong LA resident and am a former Silverlake Neighborhood Council board member. The Council has already approved the public bank feasibility study, selected consultants through a public RFP, and committed funding to move it forward. At a time of decreased federal dollars flowing to the city's coffers, one way to harness the city's dollars and reinvest them locally is to move forward with a public bank. It would be run by financial professionals with input from the community to ensure that the city's money benefits us instead of being siphoned off to Wall Street. I urge the council to include the remaining $325,000 to complete the public bank feasibility study funding in the budget. Invest in our city and fund the public bank study.

Communication from Public

Name:	Claudia García
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:06 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please continue to fully fund & support Dogs Play For Life contract 2026-2027 in our city shelters. I have been a Volunteer on and off for the past 15 years and this program is essential not optional for the well being of staff, volunteers, the public and dogs. Our shelters are busting at the seams. DPFL is the most cost effective strategy for the safety of staff, volunteers, public and dogs. There is no way to downplay the crisis that we are in and making this cut would negatively impact our communities. DPFL is an organization that has proven to be professional, knowledgeable, flexible, and most importantly, demonstrated the importance of playgroups. Please do not take away this highlight in a such dim situation.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rose Bauguess
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 05:09 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear council Members , Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the city of Los Angeles, including those that support the city wide cat program m shelter pets, mobile clinics, and RABBITS specifically, and low income families. Reimbursement rates for RABBITS in particular must be increased. Clinics are taking a loss, for spay and neuter services. Only one or two are currently willing to do the surgeries at current reimbursement rates. THIS WILL COST THOUSANDS OF RABBITS THEIR LIVES. PLEASE, add at least 4 million to animal sterilization fund to have a meaningful impact. Sincerely Rose Bauguess 91302

Communication from Public

Name:	Alesia Carter
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Alesia Carter Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Melinda
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:31 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello Office of the City Clerk, I'm writing as an Alameda CA resident and Friends of Alameda Animal Shelter (FAAS) volunteer who cares deeply about the wellbeing of shelter dogs. I am a canine volunteer who walks dogs weekly in order to prepare them for adoption into a forever home. I will not turn a blind eye to any shelter dog across our state of CA who needs the help of caring people to step up/advocate for their humane care! Programs like Dogs Playing for Life are not optional luxuries. They are essential. For many dogs, these playgroups are the only time they get to leave their kennel, move their bodies, and experience anything close to a normal life. Without this kind of enrichment, dogs deteriorate mentally and emotionally, which directly impacts their health, behavior, and chances of adoption. Cutting this program doesn't just remove "extra" activity. It takes away their only relief from confinement. Dogs like Ruby, who have already spent months in the shelter, rely on these moments of freedom and connection. Taking that away is not humane, and it does not reflect the values our communities expect from our shelter systems. Please restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life and prioritize the quality of life for the animals in your care. They cannot advocate for themselves, so we must. Please give these shelter dogs a second chance at the love and life they deserve! Thank you, Melinda

Communication from Public

Name:	Corinne Bradney
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:41 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please keep funding the dogs outside time, this is absolutely ridiculous that we can’t give them the stability of a little time outside of their cement kennels. Please keep funding and allowing them time to be doggies.

Communication from Public

Name: Christy Lambertson
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:48 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: As a LA City resident, I am urging you to support LA Forward's three current budget requests: 1. Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of $18.3 million to $30.7 million to expand UMCR's reach from 9 to 15 police divisions, with a plan to finally fund and operate UMCR citywide in all 21 divisions by 2028. It is particularly vital that this expansion be complete by the time of the 2028 Olympics. 2. Increase the Mayor's Proposed Budget of $1 million to $3 million to support RepresentLA's provision of life-saving legal services for immigrant Angelenos and their families – via a dedicated, permanent line item. 3. Ensure CF# 24-0600-S37 (exploring options for liability insurance) comes back to Council for implementation by the 2027-78 budget. We believe these budget requests are in line with the Mayor's vision to keep Angelenos safe and bolster crisis response. These investments amount to less than 0.5% of the City's unrestricted budget funds. With this funding, UMCR can continue expanding towards citywide coverage, immigrant Angelenos can access life-saving legal services, and the City can work to reduce police liability costs. At LA Forward, we understand that the City's annual budget is the ultimate statement of what it values. With an erratic federal government flooding our streets with masked agents, multiple mega-events approaching rapidly, and a continuing budget deficit, it is time for our City government to invest in community safety programs that protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name:	Tracy Abbott
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:49 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am urging the city council of los angeles to put back the million dollars into the animal service budget that was cut by the Mayor's office. LA Animal Services is already operating with overcrowded shelters and limited staffing. The proposed budget includes cuts that will end humane programs. Additionally, when you reduce funding to a system that’s already at capacity, the outcomes are predictable. There will be fewer resources, slower response times, and increased euthanasia rates. Our animals deserve better. I am asking this city council to put the money back into animal services and shelters. God, this is so wrong.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sophie Shekarchian
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:51 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, Sophie Shekarchian 90039

Communication from Public

Name:	Luz Castro
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:08 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Luz Castro with Inclusive Action for the City. We are an economic justice organization and Community Development Financial Institution. I'm writing in support of the Public Bank Feasibility Study. The Council has already approved this study. It ran a public process to select consultants, and even voted unanimously to fund the study. Additionally, a majority of 9 council members have put in their own discretionary dollars to fund it. The City needs to stop stalling and fund the remaining $325,000 so the public bank feasibility study can move forward. Especially when the City continues to spend billions of dollars year after year on interest and fees, it makes sense to follow through on a study designed to cut those costs. Please fund the public bank study now.

Communication from Public

Name:	TinaMarie Nyquist
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:43 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, TinaMarie Nyquist Ontario, Ca.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kimberly Renfro
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:44 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am flabbergasted to see a budget proposal that doesn't REDUCE the already enormous amount of tax dollars being spent on the LAPD. We need to fund public service programs that can actually benefit people like me (a mother who needs libraries and playgrounds and safe roads for pedestrians. For the love of all Angelenos, PLEASE undo the slush money currently given to police departments paying out lawsuits over brutality. We need to focus on keeping all people in our city safe, and the cops aren't the solution. Community care and social safety net programs are. We must have the collective courage to stand against the ultra-wealthy who wish to maintain an awful status-quo. Tax the rich, fund the city programs that make a positive difference to us all! A rising tide will lift all boats, and we can lead the way. Starting here, with how we distribute our funding and focus.

Communication from Public

Name:	Cynthia De La Cruz
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:44 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Cynthia De La Cruz and I work for Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE) in Canoga Park. I am submitting this comment to strongly urge the City Council to protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention (CVI) in the current budget. 2025 was one of the safest years in Los Angeles since the 1960s, a success that is directly linked to the dedicated work of organizations providing CVI and GRYD programming. However, with over $800M in federal funding cuts and a lack of state-level CalVIP support for LA-based groups this year, our community safety infrastructure is at a breaking point. As other funding sources decline, it is essential that the City steps up to sustain and expand this life-saving work. For these reasons, I ask you to prioritize and increase investment in GRYD and CVI to ensure we don't lose the progress we've fought so hard to achieve.

Communication from Public

Name:	Vivian Ritter
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:45 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, Vivian Van Nuys

Communication from Public

Name:	Margo Guffin
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:46 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, 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, Margo Guffin Eagle Rock

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Chamberlin
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:46 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 Los Angeles 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. I personally adopted both my dogs at the South LA shelter, and the only way I was able to find out any information about the dogs I was interested in was through the playgroup and the volunteers who run it. I had a little terrier at home and didn't want to risk bringing home a dog who was not small-dog friendly. I stood at the front desk counter asking questions and a nice woman tried to help me for about 30 minutes but she wasn't able to decipher any notes about the dogs. I made an appointment with the shelter and the guy who cleaned the kennels was late and grudgingly took out some of the dogs for me, he was very rough with them and the dogs didn't react well to him. When I finally found the playgroup on one of my seven visits, a volunteer gave me her cell phone number and texted me all the notes about each dog, advised me as to which ones were not good with other dogs, etc. Without this playgroup, I am convinced both of my current wonderful dogs would have been euthanized. 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 Los Angeles. PLEASE FULLY FUND DPFL's CONTRACT IN THE JUNE 6 BUDGET. DO NOT LET IT LAPSE JULY 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jackie Rindlisbach
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 12:46 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, Jackie Rindlisbach Van Nuys

Communication from Public

Name:	Madison
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:13 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. My sweet dog, Margaret, was in a South LA shelter and it pains me that other dogs like her may not be able to have outside time if the funding is stopped. Dogs deserve to have a break. This is mandatory. 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, Madison Rodriguez

Communication from Public

Name:	Laurie Mark
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:14 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	PLEA TO FULLY FUND ALL SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER TYPES Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing as a plea to please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles. This should include rabbits, the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, and low-income families. Right now clinics are taking a financial loss in order to neuter and spay rabbits and very few (1-2 clinics) are willing to perform these essential and life-saving surgeries at the current reimbursement rates and this is killing thousands of rabbits! So please, the reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular MUST be increased! To see any significant effect or impact please add at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund. Sincerely, Laurie O. Mark, MD Zip Code 90025

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren Respicio Rueff
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:15 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a born & raised Angeleno who cares deeply about our city's shelter dogs, I am writing to request full funding of 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 June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Lauren Boyle Heights

Communication from Public

Name: Union Station Homeless Services
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:15 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We wish to highlight the overall downward trend in the City of Los Angeles' homelessness spending. Just a few years ago, the City approved roughly $1.3 billion in homelessness funding for FY 2023–2024. Today that number has dropped to under $800 million. That represents roughly a one-third reduction in overall investment in the City's homelessness response system. At the same time, we're seeing increasing pressure to concentrate limited funding into a narrower set of interventions, particularly Alliance interim housing beds. Interim housing can play an important role, but homelessness is not a one-size-fits-all issue. The system needs a balanced range of responses that serve people across the full spectrum of need, from lower-acuity individuals who may need rapid housing assistance, to people with complex behavioral health needs who require intensive and long-term support. When resources become concentrated in too narrow a set of interventions, it reduces the system's ability to respond effectively to the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness. And to be candid about an additional issue affecting nonprofit providers. Because of excessive delays in City payments, many organizations, including ours, have become increasingly cautious about accepting City contracts. Nonprofits cannot operate indefinitely while carrying large receivables for months at a time. Reliable and timely payment systems are essential if the City expects providers to sustain programs at scale. If the City wants a strong and stable homelessness response system, it requires both adequate overall investment and a balanced portfolio of interventions that meet people where they are. Thank you. Union Station Homeless Services

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:15 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: RESTORE DPFL Funding to the 2026-27 budget I am so shocked to this this even being considered, this is blatant animal cruelty. We pay more than enough taxes to fuly fund not only this progrma but so much more. Poor management is the reason this is on the table and as a voterI urge you to reconsider cutting funding for this essential program. Thank you, Nicole Lupu

Communication from Public

Name:	Alexandra Cauley
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:16 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I would like to respectfully request approval of funds to spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. These vouchers not only save animal lives, but lighten the burden of work/overcrowding in city animal shelters and related institutions. While I believe care for animals is a moral concern, it also makes economic sense. Reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular MUST be increased. Clinics are taking a loss to neuter rabbits and only one or two are currently willing to perform surgery at the current reimbursement rates. This will cost thousands of rabbits their lives. Rabbits in particular are vulnerable due to their biology and lack of education leading to many rabbits being "released" into the wild. Please add at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund to have a meaningful impact. While this amount may see high, it is a relatively modest amount in relation to the massive impact it will have on our local ecology. Thank you, Alexandra Cauley

Communication from Public

Name:	Sabrina Ramirez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:16 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. They deserve to have a moment of sunshine in an otherwise tough experience. 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, Sabrina Ramirez Silver Lake

Communication from Public

Name:	Fabian Diez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:17 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, I am writing to express strong support for the continued funding of Safe Parking LA. This program delivers dignity, safety, and real solutions for people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. My mother when she was a teen experienced what it is to be homeless living in a car and we all know how important it is to have a safe place to park your car and feel safe! Safe Parking LA serves individuals and families who have no other shelter than their vehicle by providing secure overnight parking, access to restrooms, and connections to housing and social services. For many participants—often working individuals priced out of housing—this program is the difference between stability and crisis. Living in a vehicle without support exposes people to harassment, health risks, and instability. Safe Parking LA directly addresses this by offering safe, monitored environments and pathways to permanent housing, helping prevent people from falling deeper into homelessness. Beyond its humanitarian impact, the program also strengthens neighborhoods. By organizing where people can safely park, it helps reduce disorder, improve sanitation, and create a more structured and compassionate approach to homelessness . Since its founding, Safe Parking LA has already assisted thousands of people and continues to operate across multiple areas of the city using underutilized spaces efficiently . It is a scalable, humane, and practical solution that deserves continued investment—not cuts. I respectfully urge the City Council to maintain and expand funding for Safe Parking LA. Supporting this program means supporting both vulnerable residents and the overall well-being of our communities. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Britt Kapec
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:18 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. Thank you, Britt Kapec El Sereno, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Alesa Dunnbar
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:19 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, We need to do better and what we are pushing for below is the bare minimum (which is somehow, shockingly, up for debate). I don't know how we got to a place where providing the basic essentials for our LA dogs is up for comment, but they deserve more. 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. This is inhumane and shouldn't be a question - sitting in concrete kennels 24/7 should not be up for debate - they did nothing to deserve to be in the shelter. They are there at the fault of humans and now we are trying to take away their only precious outdoor playtime and joy? Shame on us/shame on Los Angeles. 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. We need to do more for our LA dogs, and this seems to the bare the minimum we can do....how this is even up for discussion is disheartening and appalling. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Alesa Dunbar Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name:	Kathleen Graham
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:20 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing in regards to the funding cuts for safe parking programs in LA. These programs are life-saving resources that deserve to be funded.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sandy Pattison
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:20 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, volunteer of local animal welfare organization Angel City Pit Bulls, 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. I have retrieved many dogs from LA City Shelters and seen them move through an organization through adoption - these notes make an immediate difference in the ability to place and save dogs. 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, Sandy Pattison Silverlake, District 13

Communication from Public

Name:	Danielle Chupa
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:21 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	FULLY FUND ALL SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER TYPES Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, Please fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, including those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. Reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular MUST be increased. Clinics are taking a loss to neuter rabbits and only one or two are currently willing to perform surgery at the current reimbursement rates. This will cost thousands of rabbits their lives. Please add at least $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund to have a meaningful impact. Thank you, Danielle Chupa Sincerely,

Communication from Public

Name:	Kimberly Gomez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:21 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. Thank you, Kimberly Gomez Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Karen
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:21 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 urging 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. 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. In LA we always always hear about the homelessness crisis but what is the city actually doing to assist? What is the incentive behind cutting Safe Parking? Have you guys looked at any of the recommendations from the City Controller? The proposed budget quite literally LOOKS ridiculous. The LAPD budget keeps going and increasing but everyone else has to take cuts. It's not even remotely fair. You're telling me we can't divert any of the proposed $125 MILLION increase to LAPD to effectively address homelessness? We can't use ANY of that money to help the controller's office to keep the entire city on a realistic and sustainable budget? We can't touch ANY of that money to help the overcrowded shelters? LA doesn't need more police. We need more community services, non-armed responders, and just overall more care in our communities. It is blowing my mind that the City doesn't even want to maintain Safe Parking which would literally keep people off the streets. How is LAPD keeping people off the streets? How is LAPD making living in Los Angeles more affordable? Please look into the work of the NYC mayoral office, they have just gotten into office and are achieving things that LA city politicians have been promising us for years. Please look at our budget and genuinely look through where our tax dollars are going to and ask yourself if they are genuinely going to help us. Please follow the recommendations of the LA City Controller who is an actual CPA, and has uncovered unspent budgets, as well as fraud, waste, and abuse Thank you, Karen El Sereno

Communication from Public

Name:	Allison Stewart
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:22 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I'm writing as the mom of a shelter dog named Wally (Aussie mix) and a lifelong Angeleno (currently mid-Wilshire) 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, Allison Stewart Wally Biscuit Stewart Mid-Wilshire

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:24 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. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name:	Sylvia Carrera
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:24 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 please July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Corinne gerard
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:02 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. Thank you, Corinne Gerard Culver City

Communication from Public

Name:	Shreya R.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:26 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. There is no reason that this funding needs to be cut and further harm innocent beings from being able to survive the shelter environment, let alone have any chance of ever leaving it by removing their only opportunity to showcase their personalities through DPFL playgroups. The result of this vote will directly be influencing my future ballot votes. 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, Shreya Ramanujan Valley Village resident of LA County

Communication from Public

Name:	Meghan Fitzgerald
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:27 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. Thank you, Meghan Fitzgerald East Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:	Robert O.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:02 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Removing the funding that gets shelter dogs out of their kennels would be cruel and inhumane. We have certain moral responsibilities to people and animals, and we aren't meeting them as it is. Cutting this funding would simply be unconscionable. We need to be looking at the structural issues in LA/CA and ask ourselves why it is that we cannot afford the things that matter when we have some of the greatest sources of revenue in the nation. It is not the dogs -- shivering, shaking, with their tails between their legs in a miserable kennel; it is grift -- consultants, lawyers, contractors, etc. Those are the things that need to be cut, not the "where the rubber meets the road" programs that actually help the community. The fact that this is even being considered is shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Noreen Goldner
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:03 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I implore you to secure funding for Dogs Playing For Life in the Animal Services/LA City Budget. Without it, dogs will simply languish 24/7 with little to no interaction or enrichment. It is tantamount to animal cruelty. When I first started volunteering at LA Animal Services in 2022, dogs would get out of their kennels every 10 - 14 days for 20 minutes. Yes, 20 minutes only, every 10 - 14 days. The outings they got, with a volunteer were/are documented this in the volunteer notes portal. I am not exaggerating. When DPFL started, and up to now, dogs get out of their run every 1-3 days depending on the shelter. They engage with other dogs, get to run and play, get some sunshine. It's a beautiful thing to see, especially in contrast to the wet shaded, cold kennels where they spend the other 23 hours. Without this funding, things will return to what they were because there are not enough volunteers (or training) to get dogs out more frequently and staff does not do it. The volunteers will work tirelessly and even then, we will only be able to get them out once every 10-14 days. The rest of the time they will lie there, jump at the walls, bark. THEY HAVE NO TOYS, no bones, nothing to chew on. They'll get their 20 minutes, and that's it. I know the citizens of our city want more for these discarded animals. LA loves their dogs. I mean really, DPFL is all they get. It helps them keep their sanity. You can't take that away. BEFORE YOU VOTE ON IT, WHY DON'T YOU STOP BY AND SEE THE PROGRAM? Honestly, it's equally heartbreaking and frustrating to think we have to convince our elected officials to fund this (or the food or the medical care.) I really hope you will visit the program before you vote on it. Seeing it firsthand and the plight of dogs in the shelter will be the best convincer. Noreen Goldner Granada Hills, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Alein Y.
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:04 AM
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:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:11 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. Thank you, Mychelle H Culver City

Communication from Public

Name:	Jaclyn Nagel
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:13 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. Dogs are inherent to what makes Los Angeles special, especially dogs that are saved from our shelters. 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 is what makes fostering possible and adoptions successful - to take this away would result in the deaths of thousands more innocent dogs. This is not the fault of the dogs, but the fault of the people in power. 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, Jaclyn Nagel Culver City

Communication from Public

Name:	Rebecca
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:14 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. Thank you Rebecca Ellis

Communication from Public

Name:	Brittany Battisti
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:15 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno of 12 years, rescue dogs are our babies and our lifelines. We walk past people every day who rescue dogs from the shelter and none of that would be possible without these dogs receiving the proper socializing until they find their forever home. 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. Can you imagine a life like that after being separated from your family? 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. If you cut this budget you are cutting these dogs second chance at a better life. By restoring this budget, you are making this city a better place. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Please don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Brittany Battisti West Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:16 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. Thank you, Lisa Cornell

Communication from Public

Name:	Liliana Stone
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:16 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:	Patricia Larson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:19 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Council members, I am commenting as the Spay/Neuter Grants Coordinator (volunteer) of an animal advocacy group called Who Will Let The Dogs Out whose mission is to raise awareness and resources to save homeless dogs. I urge you NOT to approve Best Friends and ASPCA's $14 million grant to LASS as it is currently written and to reallocate at least half of the funds to prevention, including spay/neuter and other programs to prevent dogs from coming to the shelter — not on faster adoption, foster and transport after dogs are already in the shelter. It's unconscionable that the plan provides zero funding for spay/neuter. There is a strong consensus among rescue practitioners outside of the big organizations— who by virtue of their size and resources dominate the rescue conversation and investment priorities — that intervention before a dog comes to the shelter should be the number one focus of our work. Only 8% of rental housing is truly pet-inclusive when you count for breed and size restrictions. Two thirds of pet owners say a thousand dollars is the most they can pay if their pet needed lifesaving care. If we're truly serious about addressing the problem of dog overpopulation, we need to address these issues. Spay/neuter should be free and widely available. My organization has visited over 220 shelters and seen firsthand the damage done by policies promoted by Best Friends and ASPCA that put the emphasis on improving the numbers rather than the actual problem. Thank you for consideration of my comments. Please do the right thing and modify the priorities in this grant. $14 million is a lot of money that could be better spent to address the underlying causes of overcrowded shelters. Sincerely, Patricia Larson

Communication from Public

Name:	Dylan rupert
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:20 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. What is an absolutely measly rounding error on the City's budget means the absolute world to dogs in LA shelters. We all know LA is suffering a horrendous shelter animal crisis right now — but what everyone needs to understand is the link between socializing and exercising dogs and their candidacy for adoption. Shelter dogs will NOT present well when completely cooped up with no relief. Dogs without exercise or socialization will become traumatized in their crate alone. They are already under so much stress and overstimulation; DPFL is their ONLY release valve while they endure their kennel time hoping to find their forever home. Imagine any amazing dog you know in your life, and how they would act after being cooped up in a loud, uncomfortable cell after weeks with zero exit or exercise. They would be out of control; and who wants to adopt that dog who's broken down, or out of their mind with restlessness? Don't let this lapse, it is the absolute make or break it for these dogs. My own rescue dog's spirit (and body) would simply not survive life in a kennel without any play time. It's unconscionable. Please do the right thing, these animals are our friends, our responsibility, and they don't have agency over their outcomes. This is the simplest thing we can do to prevent the shelter dog crisis from getting WORSE. Thank you, Dylan Rupert from CD14

Communication from Public

Name:	Jennifer Sparks
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:20 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. This issue is near and dear to me as an adopter, foster, and former shelter vlunteer. I have seen firsthand what a difference these programs can make, and it is life or death for many animals. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Jennifer Sparks Silverlake CD13

Communication from Public

Name:	Dylan rupert
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:20 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. What is an absolutely measly rounding error on the City's budget means the absolute world to dogs in LA shelters. We all know LA is suffering a horrendous shelter animal crisis right now — but what everyone needs to understand is the link between socializing and exercising dogs and their candidacy for adoption. Shelter dogs will NOT present well when completely cooped up with no relief. Dogs without exercise or socialization will become traumatized in their crate alone. They are already under so much stress and overstimulation; DPFL is their ONLY release valve while they endure their kennel time hoping to find their forever home. Imagine any amazing dog you know in your life, and how they would act after being cooped up in a loud, uncomfortable cell after weeks with zero exit or exercise. They would be out of control; and who wants to adopt that dog who's broken down, or out of their mind with restlessness? Don't let this lapse, it is the absolute make or break it for these dogs. My own rescue dog's spirit (and body) would simply not survive life in a kennel without any play time. It's unconscionable. Please do the right thing, these animals are our friends, our responsibility, and they don't have agency over their outcomes. This is the simplest thing we can do to prevent the shelter dog crisis from getting WORSE. Thank you, Dylan Rupert from CD14

Communication from Public

Name:	Shannon Pesicka
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:22 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The city budget put forth by the mayor is unacceptable. LAPD is receiving nearly 50% of our total budget while much-needed support is being cut for animal shelters (e.g., canine enrichment program), homelessness (e.g., safe parking program), not to mention the constant lack of funding put towards keeping our city clean and repairing street and sidewalk hazards. Our city is so much more than just our police force, and it's infuriating to see so many other necessary programs getting left behind when there is more than enough to go around. If our police force requires nearly half of the city budget, then maybe the force as its currently designed needs to be restructured with greater accountability and oversight of fiscal spending.

Communication from Public

Name:	Julia Mathews
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:23 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. Thank you, [Your name] [Your neighborhood]

Communication from Public

Name:	Marie Snyder
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:27 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services in the FY 2026-27 budget. I urge the City to approve the full LAAS operational request of $31,869,100 with no cuts and to protect the core lines that directly affect animal welfare and public safety. Shelter medicine, medical supplies, food, enrichment, and adequate staffing are not optional. LAAS has already faced chronic underfunding, and donations should not be used to backfill basic medical and food costs year after year. I am especially asking the City to protect funding for veterinary and medical care, food, and shelter for sheltered animals, while also strengthening prevention through spay/neuter funding and the Citywide Cat Program. A new general manager and outside partnership do not replace the City's responsibility to fund humane sheltering. Please do not balance this budget on the backs of sheltered animals. Fund the basics. Protect prevention. Give LAAS the resources it needs to care for animals humanely and safely.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michael Freeman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:27 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I respectfully urge you to allocate critical funds for the dogs in our shelters to provide adequate food, medical supplies, and socialization, including funding the Dogs Play For Life Program. The dogs in our shelter deserve basic care and funding. This is important for the dogs and also for their future families and to the Los Angeles Community.

Communication from Public

Name:	Killian
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:28 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. Thank you, Killian Eagle Rock

Communication from Public

Name:	Kylie Woodall
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:28 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a canine behavior professional employed at the largest municipal shelter in Maryland, and someone with an intimate knowledge of municipal shelter operations who cares about your 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. I have seen DPFL single-handedly save the lives of countless dogs right before my eyes. It is and has been the difference between euthanasia and a positive, live outcome for dozens of dogs. Those live outcomes are integral not just for the animals and the community, but also for the shelter system as a whole. Without high live outcome rates, shelters lose their grant funding from third party foundations and fail to serve the city and its people. 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, Kylie Woodall, CTDI, ABCDT, CGC Evaluator, Certified Pet Loss Grief Coach Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter Training and Enrichment Coordinator (Foster Support)

Communication from Public

Name:	M G
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:29 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Y'all - why you trying to cut the little miniscule bit of money that is a shred of joy for these animals who are stuck in a system that us humans have failed them in? Surely we can keep these playgroups going to ensure socialization, destressing, and a shred of joy for these animals who are trapped in the shelters. And fund more spay and neuter programs! Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Kala
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:29 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. Thank you, Kala West Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:	Vanessa L Nilsson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:31 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As Jane Goodall said, our treatment of animals reflects the best of our humanity and cruelty is the worst of human sins. 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 life saving 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Torene Svitil
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:32 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a Los Resident concerned about the ballooning costs of liability payouts, I urge you to increase the Mayor's proposed budget of $18.3 million for the City's Unarmed Model of Crisis Response teams, (which cuts $1 million from the program's proposed budget), to $30.7 million in order to expand the program from 9 to 15 police divisions. In addition, there should be a plan to fully fund and operate UMCR in all 21 divisions by 2028, when the City will host the Olympics . This expansion of a proven effective program would free up police officers, who are generally not trained to deal with mental health issues, for example, to handle more serious situations, and would undoubtedly result in lower liability payouts and money savings. The City Administrative Office found that dispatching a UMCR team costs an average of $35 compared to $85 for an equivalent LAPD response. Expanding UMCR to the entire city can be part of a more sustainable strategy to deal with mounting liability payouts which deplete City funds that could be used for vital services. Also immigrant communities are under attack as we have seen in the past few months. As a sanctuary city, we should be providing much needed legal representation to immigrant Angelenos and their families. Please increase the Maiyor's Proposed Budget of $1 million to $3 million to support RepresentLA's porvision of life-saving legal services.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:33 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. Thank you, Vanessa

Communication from Public

Name: Kris Mesner
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:34 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: To the Los Angeles City Council: Los Angeles has announced a new General Manager for Animal Services. A new partnership with ASPCA and Best Friends. What sounds like significant investment. But announcements are not accountability. There is one question that demands a direct answer: Is this city fully funding the core of humane sheltering — or are animals, staff, volunteers, and donors still being left to absorb the consequences of chronic underfunding? Medicine is not a luxury. Food is not optional. Spay and neuter is not extra. Prevention is not something we get to when the budget allows. These are not enhancements. These are the foundation. And right now, that foundation is cracking. A new leader cannot do their job without the resources to do it. A partnership cannot save animals that are already suffering inside our shelters today. A budget full of unanswered questions is not a budget — it is a deferral of responsibility. The public hears “no-kill” and believes the crisis is over. It is not over. Animals are suffering right now, in facilities this city is responsible for, because the basics remain chronically underfunded. This Council has the authority — and the obligation — to change that. Fund the medicine. Fund the food. Fund prevention. Fund the staff. I am asking this Council to commit — on the record — to fully funding the core operations of LA Animal Services in this budget cycle. No more gaps filled by donors and volunteers. No more animals paying the price for decisions made in this chamber. I have been advocating for the animals of this city for many years. I am not affiliated with any rescue organization at this time. I am simply a person who refuses to look away — and I am far from alone. Do not make us keep coming back with the same ask. Do right by these animals. Now.

Communication from Public

Name:	Justin Hetzel
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:38 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Message for comment: Please restore DPFLFunding - 2026-27 Budget DPFL are the only structured 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 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 is less than 1/100th of the 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 6th budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Angelica De La Torre
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:28 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, I was born in Los Angeles & have been a lifelong resident, business owner, and neighborhood advocate; residing in 90032 and currently working in 91601 area codes. This is the first time I am commenting on the Mayor's budget. PLEASE protect the canine enrichment program for our animals in the shelters. Most of the dogs that my family has adopted have been shelter dogs, and I have seen the sad state of our Los Angeles shelters. The least that can be done for these animals is maintaining the canine enrichment program. Eliminating this will cause longer shelter stays and higher euthanasia risks for these animals, so the costs are ultimately higher! We need to help these dogs socialize and get exercise. It hurts my heart that this is being considered. So many Los Angeles residents adopt dogs to help with their mental well being. Please keep this program in place. In addition, as a former Neighborhood Council member, and working with many nonprofits that rely on neighborhood council funds, PLEASE restore Neighborhood Council funding. Los Angeles is enriched by its various unique neighborhoods and we need the councils to advocate for their residents. Many people are looking for a way to participate and neighborhood councils provide that opportunity. Our nonprofit lost a large amount of funding this year to do our annual wellness event. And we have only been able to maintain because of the support of the neighborhood councils. They are essential to keeping our neighborhoods feeling empowered. Thank you for listening.

Communication from Public

Name:	Erica Ivy Clemons
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:39 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, I’m a seasoned veterinary technician who has worked in the most high volume, high quality veterinary emergency hospitals all over LA County and I now work for CA Animal Rescue Emergency Services because the burden of shelter budget cuts hurts our community’s animals SO deeply. 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Mike Stoever
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:29 AM
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 (and who adopted their best friend from the North Central Shelter last year), 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, and no contact outside the steel door of their kennel. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services (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 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". That phrase is simply a marketing line if shelter dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. "Humane LA" is on LAAS's website, in press releases, and in the Mayor's talking points. It cannot mean anything without DPFL. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6th. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1st. Thank you, Mike Stoever Hollywood Hills West Resident

Communication from Public

Name:	julius kim
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:39 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. Thank you, Julius Kim

Communication from Public

Name: Justine Smith
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:39 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent living in Venice, and an animal services volunteer at West LA Animal Shelter 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. 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. I have watched dogs come in to the shelter scared and afraid and blossom with the interactions they get to have in playgroup. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. When a potential adopter comes in, being able to look at the notes and say they do well in playgroups is of critical importance in that person's decision-making. 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. I remember a time when Los Angeles was proudly moving towards a no-kill shelter city. Those days are now behind us but we can still do what we can to help the dogs in our shelter system have a enrichment, play and a better chance of adoption. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Do the right thing by these animals who look to us for their care when everyone else has failed them and caused them to end up in the shelter system. Thank you, Justine Smith Venice, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Kadoety
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:40 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Safe parking program is designed for families and individuals who are constituents of Los Angeles to have a safe place to sleep in their vehicles. A place to hygienically shower and use the bathroom. It includes security and wraparound social services. Why would we want to end this program, these are people that work and go to school in Los Angeles. They pay taxes in Los Angeles and they are voters.

Communication from Public

Name:	Mary Ritti
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:42 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	When I moved to Los Angeles, the city prided itself on No Kill shelters, now we are fighting for the right to allow these poor animals the opportunity to stretch their legs and play after hours of confinement in cold wet cells?!?! What has happened to our city. Why is this leadership so incapable of taking care of the people and the animals in a city that has the highest taxes?!? Do the right thing and DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO PASS - these dogs need the ability to socialize. They did nothing wrong. Don’t punish them for human failure and don’t fail them again.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:46 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. THE ANIMALS DESERVE BETTER. WE MUST DO BETTER FOR THEM. Thank you, Patty E.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:46 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. Thank you, Lauren Valley Glen

Communication from Public

Name:	Kathleen MacKay
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:48 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please make sure that the shelter dogs of Los Angeles are not left to die without adequate resources and care! This is our duty as citizens to take care of the weak and innocent. The problems of dogs in shelters is one of our own creation and we need to provide life supporting change and care.

Communication from Public

Name:	Mary Wassink
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:51 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. Thank you, Mary Wassink

Communication from Public

Name:	Christian LaMond
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:54 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To Whom It May Concern: I am a volunteer and Board member of the Hollywood Food Coalition, a nonprofit that distributes food to over 100 organizations and provides a nightly meal and various wrap-around services to those currently unhoused. We have been operating in Hollywood for close to 40 years. We have collaborated with Safe Parking since its inception. This is sent in the hopes that the proposed funding cuts to Safe Parking will be reconsidered. I met founders Scott Sale, M.D., Pat Cohen, and Ira Cohen several years ago. Safe Parking was in its infancy but, given the passion of these 3 people and their commitment to helping those forced to live in their cars, it was clear Safe Parking would have a huge impact on the unhoused. And, in fact, it has. Many of the people we serve have benefited from Safe Parking's much needed services. Knowing they have a safe place to spend the night without fear of being harassed, getting a ticket or being towed provides a vital sense of security. Pat Cohen recently passed away. Her obituary set forth her unwavering commitment to Los Angeles through the arts and serving the most vulnerable in our community. We hope her dedication to the City will continue to be honored. Maintaining Safe Parking's funding would do just that and, more importantly, allow Safe Parking to continue serving those most in need. Christian LaMond

Communication from Public

Name:	Viviane Haywood
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:54 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. Thank you, Temma Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Agie Sharp
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:55 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. Thank you, Agie Sharp Westchester, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Fox
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:58 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I AM A HARBOR SHELTER VOLUNTEER. I am writing to tell you that WITHOUT Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) our dogs will have nothing to break up suffering of isolation and stress of spending 24 hours everyday, all day, FOR MONTHS AT A TIME. YOU ARE NOT AT THE SHELTERS LIKE WE ARE. YOU DO NOT SEE WHAT VOLUNTEERS SEE. We see first hand how crucial it is for our dogs to get out of their kennels, to receive enrichment, compassion, attention, and the opportunity to play and be carefree. Our animals NEED A RELEASE to be mentally and emotionally well in an otherwise terribly stressful environment. If the voice of volunteers who work directly with our animals means anything at all, WE BEG of you to acknowledge the importance of DPFL by fully funding the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Please know that DPFL Playgroups are how LA Animal Services gleans insight to dogs' personalities - generating the information needed for successful adoptions. What is a dog's energy and play level? Does a dog have a rambunctious or gentle play style? Does the dog play well with others? How does the dog respond to corrections? These are all crucial questions asked by the public seeking adoptions and answered by DPFL. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. FROM A HEALTH standpoint, volunteers seize the opportunity to clean the filthy, feces strewn kennels during DPFL. Dogs come back from DPFL to fresh bedding, a sanitized kennel, and a treat. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Cutting the budget costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. So please, PLEASE FULLY FUND the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Take a stand for our dogs. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Thank you, Paula Fox, Harbor Shelter Volunteer & Rescue Photographer San Pedro, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Kristine Souza
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 09:59 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear City Clerk, Please help the animals of LA, they deserve a better life!! 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. They deserve better!! 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, Kristine Souza Miracle Mile

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:59 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 and who has adopted from the shelter in the past, most recently a year ago, 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 essential to dogs. 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 life saving decision the shelter makes. Please do not let them down. 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, Cynthia Balderas South Los Angeles (Gramercy - District 8)

Communication from Public

Name:	Thea
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:00 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hi, please don't cut funding to homelessness intervention services like Safe Parking LA. Safe parking is one of the few interventions designed specifically for people living in vehicles. It provides a safe, legal place to stay while maintaining connection to work, services, and housing pathways. Without it, there is no alternative system response at night, when the risk of harm is highest, especially for women and queer clients. Interventions like these keep people who are at risk from slipping further into homelessness from ending up on the street. It is an investment in public safety and an investment in our community. Housing is necessary, but preventing people from becoming unhoused is crucial. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name:	REBECCA DINGILIAN
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:01 AM
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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Amy Salke
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:03 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent, an Angeleno, a shelter dog foster and former adopter 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. It’s critical for decompression, and without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are also critical for staff to understand personalities, they help get these dogs adopted, and have proven to be a main reason for shortening the time between shelter and adoption. It is also the humane thing to do. These animals are under our care and they deserve kind, humane treatment and a chance at a new life, and the playgroups help give them that chance.

Communication from Public

Name:	Goldie
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:04 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services in the FY 2026-27 budget. I urge the City to approve the full LAAS operational request of $31,869,100 with no cuts, and to protect the core lines that directly affect animal welfare and public safety. Shelter medicine, medical supplies, food, enrichment, and adequate staffing are not optional. Donations are supposed to help expand care, improve services, or support special projects. They should not have to function as a backup plan for basic medical necessities. I am especially asking the City to protect funding for veterinary and medical care, food, and shelter for sheltered animals, strengthen prevention through spay/neuter funding and the Citywide Cat Program, while also fully funding the Dogs Playing for Life contract. A new general manager and outside partnership do not replace the City's responsibility to fund humane sheltering. Please do not balance this budget on the backs of sheltered animals. Fund the basics. Protect prevention. Give LAAS the resources it needs to care for animals humanely and safely. Thank you, Goldie

Communication from Public

Name: Rikki Dianto
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:28 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: ?? The Silent Cost of “No-Kill” ?? “No-kill” sounds beautiful. It feels good. It feels safe. It feels like success. But behind that label, there is often a story that doesn’t get told. Across the country, many so-called open-admission shelters are quietly becoming limited-admission shelters. What does that mean? It means animals are turned away. It means doors are closed. It means “we’re full” becomes a death sentence. Not inside a shelter, but on the streets. When shelters refuse intake to protect a “no-kill” statistic, animals don’t magically disappear. They starve. They get hit by cars. They suffer from untreated disease. They reproduce. They add to the cycle of overpopulation. And no one counts those deaths. ?? They don’t show up on a report. ?? They don’t affect a save rate. ?? They don’t threaten a label. They are invisible. Another uncomfortable truth: In some systems, dangerously aggressive dogs are being adopted out, not because it’s safe, but because euthanasia threatens a “no-kill” number. That puts adopters, families, neighbors, and other pets at risk. We have seen the injuries. We have seen the lawsuits. We have seen the heartbreak. Saving lives should never mean gambling with human safety. Then there is animal warehousing. Dogs and cats sitting in kennels for months… Years… Waiting. Not living. Surviving. Pacing. Shutting down. Developing severe anxiety. Losing social skills. Losing hope. A cage is not a life, no matter how clean it is. Prolonged confinement causes real psychological damage. That is not rescue. That is slow suffering. I’m proud to work at a “kill shelter that takes in every stray. We do not close our doors when it’s inconvenient. We do not hide suffering behind a statistic. Sometimes the outcome is heartbreaking. That is the reality of animal welfare in an overpopulated world. But we will never pretend that turning animals away is kindness. If you want fewer euthanasias, the answer is not closed doors. The answer is: ?? Spay & neuter ?? Responsible ownership ?? Adoption ?? Foster ?? Education ?? Support for open-admission shelters I am proud of the work we do. I am proud to stand in the hard places. I am proud to fight for every life, even when it hurts. Because every animal deserves a chance. Not a statistic. ????

Communication from Public

Name:	Deirdre Perez
Date Submitted:	04/25/2026 10:16 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a Los Angeles resident of district 14 and an LA City animal shelter volunteer. Please do not cut the funding to the Dogs Play for Life program. I see every week how the lack of funding to Animal Services leads to horrific neglect of the dogs in the city's care. The Dogs Play For Life playgroups are one of the only times the dogs can escape their concrete kennels and have fun. The City desperately needs to reprioritize the budget to take care of the most vulnerable, including animals, instead of giving more money to a police force that refuses to assist the citizens of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela
Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 08:16 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funds for animal services.

Communication from Public

Name:	Liz
Date Submitted:	04/26/2026 11:29 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Resident of CD4 urging the City Council to keep the Dogs Playing for Life program FUNDED AND OPERATIONAL. It is the humane thing to do. Without it -- dogs sit in their kennels 24 hours a day -- no walks, no socialization, no stimulation for their brains. Worst of all -- without a better understanding of the dog's behavior out in the world -- it's even harder to connect them with hopeful rescues/fosters/adopters. And if they don't find a safe home in which to land -- they never make it out of the shelter. Period. This is a life or death issue. These sweet animals need a lifeline. They need MORE resources not less. Their survival depends on it. Please keep this vital program going.

Communication from Public

Name:	Angela Springer
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:30 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 I am a Harbor Shelter Volunteer . I primarily with the large dogs helping Dpfl run the dogs back-and-forth to play group & taking videos for the LAAS website which helps them get adopted. . Without Dpfl, our dogs would get none to minimal enrichment outside their kennel. Dpfl is at the Shelter five days a week. We have so few volunteers at the shelter who can take out level two and three dogs. Without them, the dogs are not exercised mentally or physically. many of them would have high fear, anxiety, and stress (fas) without Dpfl 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: Manon huetter
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:30 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: 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. Shelter pets have no rights in California and Los Angeles shelters are “Auschwitz for pets”. I know because I am one of those now broke rescuers who attempts along with many others to right the wrong that the county has been inflicting on shelter pets for decades. Now Karen Bass has the audacity to not only strip them of food but also cut in it’s entirety the very limited outdoor activity time shelter pets get. How dare you pay yourself these blown up salaries while doing “ nothing” for these pets. I demand that you reinstate the DPFL program that is supposed to be cut out of the proposed 2026/2027 budget for L.A. county Animal Care. Rescuers are going broke to spay and neuter shelter pets bec the county does not follow the law which is neuter and spay pets that leave the shelter. You are actively breaking the law! Instead you hand adopters and rescuers a piece of worthless paper called a “voucher” which is is garbage and not usable. The county allows pets to leave unvaccinated! I have proof of that! And now you dare to cut the DPFL program! Mark my words , there will be a reckoning! Frankly the county shelters need to be taken over by rescuers and funded by the county! The city, the county, and state are only interested in paying themselves fat paychecks. Most of the budget never reaches the animals. They live in filth and are exposed to parvo and distemper all the time bec shelters don’t quarantine. Spend money on expending shelters, and making them truly no kill. I am done with the excuses. Sadly I have to work and cannot attend the public hearing but I hope my voice will be heard. Respectfully Manon Huetter

Communication from Public

Name: Maile Chock
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:58 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I emplore you to decline the proposed changes to the budget to eliminate the cage free time that is given to shelter dogs. It is astounding to me that you are even considering taking the only reprieve they get from their cold, caged, high stress environment away from them. If the goal is to get more pets out of the shelters, and in to loving homes, then it shouldn't even be a consideration to remove the little time they have to decompress, and socialize away from them. These are living beings with high intelligence and emotional connection, and the isolation and limited interactions they receive already make the jobs of the staff and volunteers almost impossible. Without this time outside, the animals will suffer, and the communities that are meant to help alleviate the burden put on shelters, would be irreparably damaged. When so few things are going right in this world, this is one of those moments where your decision can have lasting impact on the beings that rely on us to do better. Please do not remove the one bright light these animals have from them.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Woods
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:30 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I am asking you to please add funding for Dogs Playing for Life in the 2026–2027 FY Budget for LA Animal Services. Cutting funding for DPFL will immediately worsen conditions for dogs in our Los Angeles shelters. LAAS facilities are already documented as understaffed and over capacity. Without DPFL, many dogs will go days without any outdoor time or behavioral enrichment. This concern has been repeatedly reported by volunteers, staff, and community members. DPFL is currently one of the only reliable systems moving large numbers of dogs out of kennels for structured exercise and socialization. These playgroups reduce stress behaviors, slow kennel deterioration, and provide behavioral information to make safe placement decisions. Municipal shelters across the country use this model because it works at scale, especially when staffing is limited. Removing DPFL would have predictable consequences: more stressed dogs, faster behavioral decline, longer stays, and higher operational costs. It would also leave staff with fewer tools to safely evaluate dogs, which affects both adoption outcomes and public safety. LAAS cannot replace what DPFL provides right now. Eliminating this funding would knowingly create a deeper operational gap in a system already under strain. Thank you, AW

Communication from Public

Name: Marcie Polier Swartz
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:33 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass, As a 38 year resident of Council District 11, and founder of Village for Vets, I am writing to express our strong support for continued funding of Safe Parking LA and to respectfully urge reconsideration of any proposed reductions to this critical program. Safe parking LA provides critical shelter for homeless individuals living in their cars and provides a vital bridge between homelessness and permanent housing. We have seen firsthand how this program: • Reduces exposure to violence, law enforcement interaction, and unsafe conditions • Creates a consistent point of engagement for case management and housing navigation • Builds trust with homeless individuals who may otherwise disengage from traditional systems • Serves as a critical interim solution while permanent housing is secured Eliminating or reducing funding for Safe Parking LA would not eliminate the need — it would instead lead vulnerable individuals, back into confrontation with residents and law enforcement. Los Angeles has made meaningful strides in addressing homelessness through a range of interventions that meet people where they are. Safe Parking LA is a key component of that continuum. Its flexibility, low barrier to entry, and cost-effectiveness make it an essential tool in our collective response. We respectfully ask that the City preserve funding for Safe Parking LA. Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to addressing homelessness in Los Angeles. We welcome the opportunity to share additional data and examples from our work in partnership with Safe Parking LA.

Communication from Public

Name:	Nikki Moreno
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:33 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. "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. 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, Nikki Moreno Hawthorne, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Lynn Umzam
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:16 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Council Member, 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. We need to do more, not end it. Thank you, Lynn Umzam Los Angeles County

Communication from Public

Name:	Zlata Zukanovic
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:42 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. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:43 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. Thank you, Tammy Gorokhov Van Nuys

Communication from Public

Name:	Jonathan Jacobs
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:53 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, 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, Jonathan Jacobs Playa Del Rey

Communication from Public

Name:	Erin
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:54 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. Thank you, Erin Reis Anaheim, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Jennifer Djavadi
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:56 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The current proposed cuts to the animal welfare budget, specifically to food and medical, borders on abusive. Balancing the budget by not feeding animals?? Disgusting. Between this and the absurd tax proposal to fund new street lights there is NO way I will consider voting for Bass. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Gandhi Bass - you have failed this most baseline of tests.

Communication from Public

Name:	Devinn
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:57 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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, Devinn Paige Encino CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie L
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 08:58 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. Thank you, Stephanie L

Communication from Public

Name:	Alexis Saenz
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:36 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Los Angeles Animal Services has been underfunded for far too long, and the animals in our city shelters are the ones suffering because of it. I am asking the City to fully fund LA Animal Services in the FY 2026–27 budget and approve the full operational request of $31,869,100 with no cuts. Veterinary care, food, medical supplies, enrichment, and adequate staffing are not extra expenses. They are the absolute minimum required to operate a humane shelter system. For years, the City has allowed LAAS to depend on rescues, volunteers, and private donations to cover basic needs that should already be built into the budget. That should not continue. Essential care for sheltered animals is the City's responsibility, and it is long past time for that responsibility to be taken seriously. Funding must be protected for medical care, daily shelter operations, spay and neuter services, and the Citywide Cat Program because prevention matters just as much as emergency response. Cutting these programs only creates a bigger crisis later while animals continue to suffer in the meantime. A new general manager will not solve a system that continues to be denied the resources it needs. If the City says animal welfare matters, the budget should reflect that. Please stop treating humane care as negotiable and fully fund LA Animal Services now.

Communication from Public

Name:	Giuliana McClure
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:38 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I strongly urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Our city has a lot of pressing issues, so I understand that making budgetary decisions can be challenging. However, anyone who has ever set foot inside one of LAAS's shelters can attest to how inhumane the conditions there can be. Without DPFL playgroups, most dogs in our city's care sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day, without any human interaction, toys, walks, or other mentally stimulating activities. Volunteers can only help so much when they are limited to taking out one dog at a time. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get, and they provide valuable insight into each dog's behavior, providing data that drives adoptions and rescue pulls. 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. I compel the council to show compassion for "man's best friend," and restore DPFL funding before the budget locks on June 6. Please don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Giuliana McClure

Communication from Public

Name:	Robert McClure
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:41 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I strongly 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 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, Robert McClure

Communication from Public

Name:	Steve Lopez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:42 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 BILLION dollar budget. Cutting it costs the CITY every claim of being a Humane LA. Dogs are part of our lives. They need us and we need them. Cutting this program will not be a good look for the city.

Communication from Public

Name:	Miriam
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:43 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: Aja Nikiya Estro
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:44 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, As someone deeply involved in animal rescue, foster placement, and pulling dogs from all of our county shelters, I am asking you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. I have seen firsthand what happens when dogs are left sitting in kennels day after day without enrichment, movement, or socialization. Shelter stress changes them. Dogs shut down, deteriorate, become harder to assess, and too often end up overlooked or euthanized simply because they were never given the chance to decompress and show who they really are. DPFL playgroups are not a luxury, they are a lifesaving necessity. For many dogs in LA shelters, this is their only opportunity to leave a concrete kennel, interact naturally, and be evaluated in a real and meaningful way. Playgroups help staff and rescuers understand which dogs can thrive in foster homes, live with other dogs, and successfully transition into adoption. As rescues, we rely on this information to make safe and responsible placement decisions. Without it, more dogs fall through the cracks, more lives are lost, and the burden on rescue organizations becomes even greater. The cost of this program is incredibly small compared to the impact it creates. Cutting DPFL would be a devastating step backward for a city that claims to care about humane treatment and lifesaving outcomes. Please restore full funding for Dogs Playing for Life before the budget is finalized on June 6. These dogs deserve more than survival, they deserve a real chance at life. Thank you for your time and leadership. Sincerely, Aja Nikiya East LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Kat
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:44 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I was informed that Karen Bass is trying to eliminate the funding to Safe Parking LA and I firmly stand against this action. SPLA exists to make sure people do not end up on the streets in the first place by investing in our community directly and supporting public safety for everyone. Cutting funding to a program that actively helps those who need it most, in a city that is currently in a housing crisis is shameful. I urge that this funding to be reinstated to SPLA.

Communication from Public

Name:	Megan Scully
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:46 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I'm sure you're a dog lover, right? Please, please consider this. It's such a small piece of the budget. 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, Megan Scully Fairfax District

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:48 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. Thank you, Bri T. East LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Vaccine Vets
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:50 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To the Los Angeles City Council, I’m writing on behalf of Vaccine Vets, a mobile veterinary service serving communities across Los Angeles. We regularly meet pet owners who want to care for their animals but face barriers to basic services. When care is accessible, people take that step for their pets. When it’s not, preventable issues lead to surrender and overcrowded shelters. This investment matters because it supports solutions before animals ever enter the shelter system. We’ve seen how accessible, community based care keeps pets in homes and reduces strain on shelters. It works. We support this funding and the goal of making Los Angeles a no kill city, and we urge you to move it forward. Respectfully, Vaccine Vets

Communication from Public

Name:	Armine Havani
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:51 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. These beautiful animals deserve so much better. Thank you, Armine Havani San Fernando Valley

Communication from Public

Name:	Kelsey McKean
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:52 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. Thank you, Kelsey McKean District 13

Communication from Public

Name: Andres O
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:53 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the City Council to continue and expand funding for Safe Parking LA, a proven, cost-effective program that addresses one of the most urgent realities of our homelessness crisis—vehicular homelessness. Safe Parking LA provides a safe, legal place for individuals and families living in their vehicles to sleep overnight, while also connecting them to case management, housing assistance, and supportive services . This is not just temporary relief—it is a pathway toward stability and long-term housing outcomes. Importantly, this program benefits not only participants but also the broader community. By offering designated, supervised parking areas with security and hygiene facilities, Safe Parking LA helps reduce unsafe street parking, improve neighborhood cleanliness, and minimize public health concerns . It creates an orderly, humane alternative that works for both housed and unhoused residents. With over 23,000 people in Los Angeles County living in vehicles on any given night, programs like this are essential infrastructure—not optional services . Cutting funding would not eliminate the need; it would simply push vulnerable individuals back into unsafe, unmanaged conditions. Safe Parking LA is a smart investment that improves public safety, supports working individuals in crisis, and strengthens our communities. I respectfully ask the Council to protect and continue funding this vital program.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ximena
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:53 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. Thank you, Ximena Sherman Oaks [Your neighborhood]

Communication from Public

Name: Priscilla Johnston
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:54 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello Budget Committee: I am reaching out about the 2026-2027 Budget. Widespread and enduring access to affordable SPAY & NEUTER + enforcement of existing spay & neuter laws is the only way the overpopulation crisis will ever improve. The cycle of euthanizing hordes of shelter animals will never stop unless you prevent unwanted animals to be born. It is not only less cruel, it also saves money in the long term! It is baffling why LA leadership continues to ignore this very simple to understand concept. You must invest heavily in spay/neuter NOW in order to get ahead of the problem. The City Council's motion to increase spay/neuter voucher amounts for pet owners but not expand the spay/neuter fund overall was truly devious - I will not forget this when I vote this year. LA Animal Serviecs (LAAS) requires adequate funding and the continued partnership with Dogs Playing For Life (DPFL) in order to meet its minimum duty of care and responsibility of humane care. LAAS has been chronically underfunded and staffing shortages and inadequate supplies have become routine, and now the Mayor's budget wants to further reduce medical and food budgets. It is utterly shameful that LA leadership can hand over billions of dollars to the LAPD but cannot appropriately provide for the animals in its care and continues to take money from donations that should be going to animal enrichment to instead plug the gap for absolutely necessary things like food and medicine. DFPL is not a nice to have program, they are absolutely necessary to the well being of shelter dogs, shelter staff and shelter volunteers and by extension the greater LA community of pet adopters, fosters and rescue organizations. DPFL provides a lifeline to dogs with basic needs like enrichment & socialization and a necessary outlet when they are confined to kennels every day, for months and sometimes years. DPFL also provides safety, skilled handling and education for human handlers - the volunteers and staff who interact with stressed shelter dogs. When dogs' basic needs are met, they are also safer to handle! DPFL are tasked with assessing and handling dogs that LAAS staff (including vet staff!) cannot safely handle! Without DPFL, staff and volunteers are left at high risk of injury - further ballooning the liability payments that already plague the City of LA. By investing in DPFL, you are investing in the safety and wellbeing of not only shelter dogs but of the entire

community of people who work with shelter dogs - LAAS staff, shelter volunteers, rescue organizations, and people who adopt and foster LAAS animals! Conversely, NOT fighting for an investment in DPFL will end in inevitable spikes in liability payments. DO NOT LET THEIR CONTRACT EXPIRE! It's nice that Best Friends and ASPCA are donating $14M to help fund positions that will help LAAS, but these are nice to have positions. IT DOES NOT REPLACE THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING for LAAS SHELTER OPERATIONS including staffing, food, medical needs and DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE. Lastly, the rampant abuse and negligence of dogs in the unhoused community needs IMMEDIATE action. Are you even paying attention to what is happening on our streets? Everyone but you is talking about this. Even if you don't care about animals, a stitch in time saves nine and LA needs you to step up and deal with the problem before this crisis gets any worse. I am watching and counting on you to LEAD. Your votes will inform my vote.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lynne Chao
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:54 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Written public comment for LA Animal Services: • South LA / Chesterfield Square Shelter conditions • $14M Best Friends / ASPCA proposal • DPFL funding restoration • Animal food funding restoration

Submitted by:
Lynne Chao
April 27, 2026

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I have submitted over 50 fact-based, time-stamped public comments to the LA Animal Services Commission (ani.commission@lacity.org) documenting conditions at the South LA / Chesterfield Square Shelter.

I support the $14 million proposal from Best Friends and ASPCA. However, it includes adding district supervisors, and based on conditions at the South LA Shelter, this approach should be reviewed. This is not just about capacity—it is conditions and accountability.

At the South LA Shelter, under district supervision since September, a Giardia and diarrhea outbreak began January 22. Dogs were confined to their kennels for approximately 60 days without Dogs Playing for Life for most of that time. At a Commission meeting, it was stated there were no written kennel cleaning logs.

Dogs Playing for Life provides essential enrichment. It has been removed from the proposed budget, and funding should be restored without lapse. Without it, dogs are often evaluated behind kennel doors, which may not reflect their true behavior.

Animal food has been reduced to zero in the proposed budget and should be restored.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Lynne Chao

Communication from Public

Name:	Jessica Stringer
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:56 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	For 10 years, I've followed various Los Angeles dog rescues on Instagram, pledging money or commenting for a boost, hoping that the algorithm will do its thing and show that dog to the right person who will adopt. I've cried over dogs that did not make it out. I live in North Carolina. I have no connection to California, but I'm a dog lover who know how many people in LA are working tirelessly to advocate for dogs who deserve more than what most get... a life locked up in a concrete pen going mad inside and likely a compassionate death. Please do right by these dogs and restore the DPFL contract (just 1/100 of 1% of the city's budget). The playgroups are important and are these dogs' only lifeline and break.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rachel c
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:56 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. Thank you, Rachel Chistyakov

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:56 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Stop increasing the LAPD budget and divert it towards solving the LA animal shelter crisis

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicolas Schlosser
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:56 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please increase budget for animals and make all of our shelters no kill! I am fully supportive of the collaboration between Best Friends Animal Society and the ASPCA

Communication from Public

Name:	Kristin
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:58 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Kristin Stahlke Sherman Oaks

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:58 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: 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.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rhia Kelsey
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:00 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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, Rhia Kelsey Long Beach, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Barbara Raymond
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:10 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Public Comment – Budget & Finance Committee – Restore Safe Parking Funding Dear Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I am writing to urge you to restore funding for Safe Parking programs in the City of Los Angeles. It is important to understand the Angelenos we are talking about. Over 6,600 of us are sleeping in their cars tonight. These are women, with jobs, and short term homeless. We can help them. Four in ten have a job. Most have been homeless for only a few months. Many are women. Black Angelenos are significantly overrepresented in Safe Parking compared the broader homeless population. These are working parents, essential workers, gig drivers, people newly pushed out of housing who are still holding on to everything that makes a return possible: a paycheck, a phone, relationships, routines. But they are holding on by a thread. One towed car is the end of the job. One night in an unsafe place is the end of the sleep that makes the next shift possible. The research is unambiguous: the longer someone stays unhoused, the harder it becomes to get back. Every month of delay is a month in which someone loses their job, their savings, their footing — and becomes a far harder case for this City to help. Safe Parking is the intervention that meets people in that window. It is already full — 84% utilization. Defunding it does not reduce the need. It closes the door at the exact moment it matters most. I am asking the Committee: please do not be the reason a working Angeleno loses everything this year. Restore Safe Parking funding. Thank you. Sincerely, Barbara Raymond

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Escobar Guevara
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:12 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, I am reaching out to express my disappointment with the preliminary budget shared for 2026. Not only is the day laborer budget included for the same amount as last year, but there are cuts being made to other programs like RepLA and animal shelters. 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. I have seen these horrors myself firsthand. I am tired of funding that should be going back into community programs being funneled to the LAPD. Year after year, we see this increase to the LAPD budget, yet we see none of the solutions and benefits we are promised this will bring. I strongly urge you to consider increasing the funding to the day labor community centers in this year's budget and to programs like RepLA, animal welfare, and other community programs that have proven to have real positive outcomes for us Angelenos. Respectfully submitted, Amy Escobar Guevara

Communication from Public

Name:	Melody Rabbani
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:32 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. This is unjust & cruel to these sweet animals, who have already been through so much. 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. Please think about the impact this will have! 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. I am urging you to please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Melody Rabbani Brentwood, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Kate M.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:12 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. 2 rescued shelter dogs from LA shelters have saved my life over the last year. Please save theirs. Don't be heartless to take away something so basic. Thank you, Kate M Marina del Rey

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:32 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. Thank you, Laura Alvarez Redondo Beach,, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Theresa Edwards
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:12 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. Sincerely, Theresa Edwards Palms

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarena Snider
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:13 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services in the FY 2026-27 budget. I urge the City to approve the full LAAS operational request of $31,869,100 with no cuts and to protect the core lines that directly affect animal welfare and public safety. Shelter medicine, medical supplies, food, enrichment, and adequate staffing are not optional. LAAS has already faced chronic underfunding, and donations should not be used to backfill basic medical and food costs year after year. I am especially asking the City to protect funding for veterinary and medical care, food, and shelter for sheltered animals, while also strengthening prevention through spay/neuter funding and the Citywide Cat Program. A new general manager and outside partnership do not replace the City's responsibility to fund humane sheltering. Please do not balance this budget on the backs of sheltered animals. Fund the basics. Protect prevention. Give LAAS the resources it needs to care for animals humanely and safely. Sincerely, Sarena Snider

Communication from Public

Name: Greg P.
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:14 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I appreciate the leadership of Karen Bass in advancing a budget that prioritizes homelessness, public safety, and infrastructure. These are critical investments for our city. However, I want to highlight a gap between funding commitments and the everyday experience of residents particularly in South Los Angeles. While the budget increases funding for street cleaning, sidewalk repair, and street lighting, it does not include clear service standards, response times, or neighborhood-level accountability. For many of us, the issue is not whether funding exists, it's whether services are delivered consistently, quickly, and equitably.In South L.A., illegal dumping can sit for days or weeks, sidewalks remain broken long after being reported, and street lights stay out far too long. These are not minor inconveniences, they are public safety risks and sources of city liability. I respectfully urge the City Council to strengthen this budget by adding: 1. Guaranteed service timelines, such as a 48–72 hour response for illegal dumping and streetlight outages, or at minimum a 72-hour assessment with a clear repair timeline provided to residents 2. Defined sidewalk repair timelines, so reported hazards are addressed within a reasonable and predictable window. 3 Neighborhood-level transparency, so residents can see how services are distributed across communities. 4. Targeted prioritization for high-need areas like South Los Angeles, where delays have the greatest impact. If we are serious about public safety, we must recognize that clean streets, safe sidewalks, and working lights are foundational, not optional. This budget is a strong step forward, but with clearer accountability and equity measures, it can truly deliver the quality of life improvements that residents across Los Angeles deserve. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Rueli
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:15 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Restore DPFL contract - Dogs Playing for Life NOW! This is such a vital program for the dogs to get out of their kennels and DPFL works with organizations all over the country and is a great organization. Please restore now.

Communication from Public

Name:	Mary Standfier
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:15 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Good morning Councilmember, As an Angeleno who cares deeply about our shelter dogs, I urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program in the 2026–27 budget. DPFL playgroups gives dogs essential connection, movement, and a chance to be seen. This social interaction not only lifts their spirits but makes them far more adoptable, reduces stress-related health risks, and gives them a real second chance at becoming part of a loving family. For many, it's their only time outside a kennel. These moments also help staff understand each dog's behavior, leading to more successful adoptions and placements. This program costs very little, yet its impact is profound. Please restore DPFL funding before the June 6 deadline so these dogs don't lose their chance at a better life. Thank you, Mary Standfier Picfair/ Midcity neighborhood

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:15 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. Thank you, Christina Jaimes Montebello

Communication from Public

Name: Riley Stenstrom
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:16 AM
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, Riley Stenstrom

Communication from Public

Name:	Gramercy Block Club
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:16 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	To the City of LA's Budget and Finance Committee, I write this letter as President of Gramercy Block Club, a grassroots community organization that represents over 800 families in the South LA area. I'm writing to you today with an urgent plea from our residents -- your constituents -- to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Our community members have volunteered at shelters and they know first hand how CRUCIAL time to exercise, play, and socialize is for dogs. Depriving animals of this basic freedom is cruel. The city's budget should reflect the values of its citizens. And even though it falls short of that goal all too often, we should still take a moment like this to affirm this basic, needed, and humane program. Fully protect the DPFL funding. Thank you for your consideration, Harry Frishberg Gramercy Block Club

Communication from Public

Name:	Joseph Garcia
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:17 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. Thank you, Joseph Garcia South LA

Communication from Public

Name:	Kylah
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:18 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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. There are lives at stake!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Pett
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:34 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. I hope you care about animals as much as I do and will use your voice to make sure they are cared for to the best of your ability. DPFL playgroups are essential to the well being of these dogs stuck in shelters. it makes no sense to defund this critical program, with everything already happening at our city shelters. 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 Pett West Los Angeles #26-0600

Communication from Public

Name:	Bridget Bojorquez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:19 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a born and bred 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, Bridget Bojorquez

Communication from Public

Name:	Diego Gavilanes
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:19 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Mayor Bass's proposed budget overlooks a growing crisis in Los Angeles' animal shelters. Intake is surging, cruelty and abandonment are rising, and LAAS is already stretched beyond capacity—often leaving animals in overcrowded and under-resourced conditions while response times lag. In this reality, reducing funding or staffing would only deepen the crisis. The only sustainable path forward is prevention: enforcing existing spay/neuter laws, cracking down on illegal breeding, and expanding access to low-cost services across the city. Without meaningful investment in both prevention and care, the system will continue to collapse under demand—at the expense of the city's most vulnerable animals. For all animals.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jackye Tobar
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:19 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. Thank you, Jackye Tobar North Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Rueli
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:21 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, My name is Sarah Rueli, and 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. DPFL works with shelters all over the country and is an amazing organization. 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, Sarah Rueli 90046 neighborhood

Communication from Public

Name:	Ilana Szkolnik
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing in support of the collaboration between BFAS, ASPCA, and LA Animal Services. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a no-kill city and I am hopeful this investment will be put to use properly.

Communication from Public

Name:	Brenda Rodriguez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:23 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 that most shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day – no walks, no play, no joy. Play groups are how 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 life-saving decision. The Dogs Playing contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of LA‘s $14.85 billion budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to be a Humane LA. I ask that you fully fund DPFL‘s contract in the June 6 budget. Don’t let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Gloria Stewart
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:34 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, dog mom to rescue pup Humphrey, 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, Gloria Stewart Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name:	Chris Bartenstein
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:23 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a LA Animal Services volunteer, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. The shelter wouldn't be the same without Dogs Playing for Life playgroups. The dogs need time outside of their kennels, and the information we learn from DPFL, especially behavior notes makes the shelter safer for volunteers and staff. In addition to helping dogs maintain their mental health and get out their energy, which data shows reduces bites in shelters, knowing how dogs do with other dogs and having accurate information about them outside of their kennels also helps prevent lawsuits against the city. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Chris Bartenstein Northridge

Communication from Public

Name:	Cara c
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:36 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Do the right thing. Do the humane thing. Do what the people of Los Angeles want and the what is best for the innocent animals who can’t speak for themselves

Communication from Public

Name:	Alexa Metrano
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:24 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. Thank you, Alexa Metrano Marina Del Rey, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Patricia Lara
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:37 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	We need your support, there are families in need in this program because we don't have a stable home and we feel more safe in this program than being out of the program where there's been vandalism and violence. Any one of us can suffer from these situations and easily become a victim of the atrocities being committed in the streets. Please help us, do not remove your support.

Communication from Public

Name:	Caitlin Murphy
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:37 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. Thank you, Caitlin Murphy Mid city, Los angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Jeffrey Torres
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:24 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Hi I live in North Hollywood and I support Safe Parking in LA. In a city where homelessness is rampant and continues to grow, as the cost of living skyrockets through inflation and rising rent, it is necessary to have Safe Parking. Without it you are asking someone who potentially has lost a roof over their head to give up the shelter of their vehicle. That vehicle can keep them safe, close to work, mobile, and with autonomy. Without safe parking they risk getting parking tickets or other violations that will only further exacerbate their economic hardship and funnel them directly to the streets. Aside from it being inhumane to force people out of their vehicles, it's incredibly inefficient to combat the unhoused problem in Los Angeles. Not only do I support safe parking, I think it should be expanded. Keep these 11 sites open. Wondering where to get the funding for safe parking? The LAPD has half our city budget. Cut that down so there can be actual services to help support Angelenos instead of funneling our citizens to jails/prisons just for being poor.

Communication from Public

Name:	Heather
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:24 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. In this current climate it is MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER to show the rest of the country what it means to be a resident of Los Angeles city and county. We are a people of compassion, hard work and tenacity. We are not showing these qualities by stripping away money that goes to helping the helpless. These animals did not choose to be in the situation they are in. There is MUCH MORE WORK needing to be done to protect our animal residents and DPFL is part of that. It is the duty and obligation of elected officials to listen to their constituents and prioritize bettering the city they represent and this is clearly an issue of importance. 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. And please be a part of the solution in improving the quality of Los Angeles for all its residents, human and animal alike. Thank you, Heather Johnson

Communication from Public

Name:	Arianna Toji
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:25 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I am a student at Da Vinci Science Charter High School, I am concerned about the future of LA city shelter dogs. I am writing to you to urge you to provide full funding for the Dogs Playing For Life program (DPFL) contract in the 2026-2027 budget. This program provides lifesaving enrichment for shelter dogs. DPFL is the only structured time shelter dogs spend outside of their kennels. Without DPFL playgroups, dogs would otherwise stay in their kennels for extended periods, days, sometimes weeks, leading to mental deterioration, therefore making them unsuitable for adoption. DPFL playgroups also increase adoption odds by providing information about dog's behavior with other dogs and people, which can be used to promote them to adopters. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.58B budget. DPFL is essential to creating a more "Humane LA". Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget on June 6th, for the betterment of the lives of shelter dogs and the city. Thank you for your time and consideration, Arianna Toji Hawthorne

Communication from Public

Name:	Aaron Golub
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:25 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. Funding will help the dogs and teh people in the city find their dream family member. Dogs have value and we need to see that. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Aaron Golub Marina Del Rey

Communication from Public

Name:	Mel Devoney
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:37 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. Thank you, Melina Devoney Los Feliz, Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:26 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, longtime dog shelter volunteer, and an Angeleno who has a sense of decency, 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, which is not proper caretaking of these animals. 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. As you are already aware, the DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85B budget. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Jon Skuldt Garvanza

Communication from Public

Name:	Monse Palacios
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:26 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I was born and raised in Los Angeles city. I am proud of every resident that makes up our beautiful city, both people and animals. I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Shelter dogs are some of the most neglected animals with some going months at a time without leaving their kennels just to then be euthanized for “kennel stress” and “behavioral problems”. We are setting up these dogs to fail. 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. I urge you to please approve funding for this great program and give our dogs a chance to find a loving home. Thank you, Monserrat Palacios Zip code: 90018

Communication from Public

Name:	Bianca Anes
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:38 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please renew the contract for Dogs Playing for Life. It is absolutely heart breaking to think that they may lose the only time they get access to the sun. Please consider these little innocent souls when reviewing the contract! I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard and hope that you all consider the wishes of the public and the health & happiness of these dogs. Give the people continued hope and trust in their elected officials! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Silamith Maclean
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:26 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent and an Angeleno 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. It is inhumane, unethical and cruel - period. 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. Restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Joseling
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:27 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. Our animals aren’t second to us, they are part of our community and they MATTER. Do the right thing otherwise it’s animal neglect and abuse.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Torres
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:27 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As your constituent and an Angeleno who cares deeply about the welfare of our city's shelter dogs, I am urging you to fully restore and fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. For many dogs in LA shelters, DPFL playgroups are not an "extra"—they are the only time these animals ever leave their kennels. Without this program, dogs are confined to concrete cages 24 hours a day, with no walks, no enrichment, and no relief from the stress of constant isolation. This is not humane, and it is not acceptable for a city that claims to value animal welfare. DPFL is also critical to public safety and responsible placement. Playgroups provide the single most important behavioral data point the shelter has: how a dog interacts with other dogs. That information directly determines adoptions, rescue placements, and lifesaving decisions. Without it, dogs are more likely to be overlooked, misjudged, or unnecessarily euthanized. The cost of this program is negligible—less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 billion budget. Yet the impact is enormous. Eliminating it undermines both humane care and the integrity of our shelter system. The timeline is critical. The budget will be finalized by June 6, and the DPFL contract will lapse on July 1 if action is not taken. I urge you to act now to ensure there is no gap in this essential program. Los Angeles cannot call itself a Humane City while removing one of the few programs that gives shelter dogs relief, dignity, and a real chance at life. Thank you for your attention and for taking swift action on this urgent matter. Sincerely, Pamela Torres Westchester, 90045

Communication from Public

Name:	Anahi Aguayo
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:28 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. Thank you, Anahi Aguayo Lawndale, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Caroline Hanson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:28 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. Thank you, Caroline Hanson Hyde Park

Communication from Public

Name:	Devin Brom
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 10:30 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. Thank you, Devin Brom Eagle Rock

Communication from Public

Name:	Rachel H
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:13 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, Rachel Harris South Los Angeles resident and animal shelter volunteer

Communication from Public

Name:	Parmis Pouya MD
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:14 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, I deeply care 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. This is unacceptable! 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, Parmis Pouya, MD Studio City

Communication from Public

Name:	Stephanie
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:38 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	This structured out-of-kennel time for many dogs, raising concerns about increased anxiety, reduced adoption rates, and higher euthanasia risk. This is disturbing and we want our tax payers money to help animals at the shelter for out of kennel time program to continue.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:39 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. Thank you, Gabz Lee Culver City

Communication from Public

Name:	Theresa
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:41 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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. Shelter dogs die every single day, let's not cruelly torture them as well. Thank you, Theresa Bateman Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarah Kinney
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 11:42 AM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent who cares about LAs 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, Sarah Kinney

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashley Knox Patto
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:09 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 play groups are the ONLY structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs site in concrete kennels 24 hours a day- no walks, no play, no joy. Dogs are social animals, such isolation is inhumane and cruel as well as detrimental to their wellbeing and health. We should prioritize humane treatment of animals, anything less is unacceptable in a modern world. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog; how they behave with other dots. That single data poit drives adoptions, rescue pulls and every lifesaving decision. Denying this opportunity is a failure to complete the mission of LAAS. The DPFL contract cost less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 Billion budget. Cutting is costs the city every claim they can make to being Humane LA. Council must fully fund DPLF's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let is lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Chatfield
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:01 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts affecting animal welfare services in Los Angeles, particularly those impacting organizations like Dogs Playing for Life and other programs that provide food, medical care, and enrichment for shelter animals. These programs are not luxuries—they are essential. They directly reduce euthanasia rates, improve adoptability, and support overburdened shelter systems that are already operating at or beyond capacity. Cutting funding for food, medical treatment, and behavioral support does not save money in the long term—it shifts the burden into more costly emergency care, increases liability, and leads to worse outcomes for both animals and the community. Organizations such as Dogs Playing for Life have demonstrated measurable success in improving animal welfare through structured playgroups and behavioral rehabilitation. These efforts make dogs safer, more adoptable, and more likely to find permanent homes. Removing support from proven programs like this undermines years of progress and places vulnerable animals at even greater risk. Beyond the practical implications, this is also a reflection of our city's values. Los Angeles has long positioned itself as a leader in progressive animal welfare. These proposed cuts move us in the opposite direction. I urge you to reconsider these reductions and instead prioritize funding for programs that demonstrably improve outcomes, reduce long-term costs, and reflect the compassion of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Sarah Chatfield Los Feliz 90027

Communication from Public

Name:	Pauline L.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:03 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 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, Pauline L. Hollywood, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Hollywood Dog Lover
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:04 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: ?? You're about to submit this comment: Dear Councilmember, I am a resident in CDC 13 and I'm writing to EARNESTLY 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. Our shelters are already overpopulated, understaffed, and even with volunteers it isn't enough to get each dog out for a brief moment a day. Without the DPFL program, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. For DAYS ON END. Dogs are living beings. I'm sure many of us, many of you have pets, maybe even a dog. Can you imagine what it must be like for dogs in shelters what it's like to live between four concrete walls for days on end without ANY interaction, let alone, caring or socialization to help them stay sane while they wait for a foster or a forever family? We are already killing amazing dogs and living beings within a couple of weeks just for lack of space. We HAVE to do better than this for human's best friend. 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. I know the information that the rescue where I got my sweet dog companion gave me invaluable information about her because of playgroup times like this. 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 is good for the dogs, good to set up dogs in fosters homes, good for adopters, and good for the city. I pay taxes to this city and I want my tax dollars to be put to use, not only for things like streets, the police, or salaries for my elected representatives. I want my money to also be used to do the right, humane, and moral thing. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Tax payer and dog lover Hollywood, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Leandra Kreshek
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:08 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please do not cut this program from the animal shelters! Too many adoptable dogs and puppies are euthanized due to space because they are not getting proper exposure and the volunteers can’t speak to the dogs behavior. Due to previous and constant budget cuts, this is their only chance to play and actually live for a few minutes on occasion. Removing this from the budget is inhumane and short sighted and heartbreaking! How about we spend time exposing the fraud in this city and recoup that money for our animals and people in need?!? WAKE UP - THIS IS INSANITY!

Communication from Public

Name:	Amy Mandel
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 04:08 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, Can you imagine what it would be like being trapped in a cage, in an unknown environment, with non-stop noises around you and never getting a break? That's what life would be like for these poor innocent dogs. Life is "ruff" enough for them. Don't make it worse. Amy M.

Communication from Public

Name:	Aditi Pradhan
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:51 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, Aditi Resident of Hollywood 90038

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:51 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: As a volunteer at an LA animal shelter, I am writing in to emphasize the importance of fully funding the Dogs Playing For Life contract in the 2026-2027 budget. LA animal shelters have been experiencing an inhumane level of overcrowding for years, and the rate of adoption has not been able to keep up. In the first 4 months of this year, we've already euthanized over 500 dogs, largely for lack of resources or space. Many dogs will wait 2 weeks for a 15-min walk outside of their concrete kennels. This level of confinement, isolation, and stress for the dogs makes it incredibly hard for them to get adopted, as they are not getting the humane treatment and level of enrichment they require. It makes them more fearful, reactive, and likely to bite out of stress or anxiety. This results in more liability payouts for the city to shoulder, more euthanized dogs, and fewer adoptions. The cycle continues. The Dogs Playing for Life program is an extremely cost-effective and holistic way to tackle this problem. It costs less than 1 percent of 1 percent of LA's $15M budget, and it provides professionally monitored playgroups for the dogs so that they stay socially healthy and maintain the dog-social and human-social skills that make them easier to adopt. It has truly been a godsend for both the dogs and shelter staff – we've noticed firsthand how the dogs stay healthier, are easier to handle, and present better to adopters when their basic needs are being met. Cutting the Dogs Playing for Life program endangers my personal safety and that of other volunteers in the LA shelter system. Without the Dogs Playing For Life program giving these extremely stressed animals the much-needed enrichment they require, our dogs do not get a fair shot at staying healthy, getting adopted, and leaving the shelter system. The LA budget already relies so heavily on our unpaid labor to provide humane treatment to the dogs in their care. The least they could do is to enact proactive measures like this one that save lives and lower the potential of liability lawsuits for the city. Please do not let funding for the Dogs Playing For Life program lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Josh Becker
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, 12 years ago this June, I adopted my dog, Guinness, from the West LA animal shelter on Pico. That was one of the most impactful days of my life. Because of the simple descision to adapt a dog, I've become a better person all around. I urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget because these dogs need help and can't help themselves. 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. if you have a dog of your own, you can only imagine how horrible that sounds. 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, Josh Becker Pasadena

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:56 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelters and wants to help see improvement for not only the shelter dogs, but also the shelter staff and volunteers, I'm writing to request you consider fully funding the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. We know the circumstances and challenges our shelters face and we want to support and help our shelters succeed. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. As an organization with a Fear Free certified trainer as well as having a background as a Certified Behavior Consultant via the IAABC, playgroups are how LA Animal Services learn the most important thing about every dog: their temperament and how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every life saving decision the shelter makes. We see the positive impact enrichment makes on a daily basis in our own daily operations - whether through outdoor activity, walks, play, social time with staff, etc. and it's significant, especially for dogs who show a lot of fear, anxiety and stress. 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 for your time and consideration and all that you do for us. Rashi Wiese the WRARE Foundation Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Sam Lutzker
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:56 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Good afternoon. My name is Sam Lutzker, and I'm a UCLA researcher studying vehicular homelessness and a volunteer with Safe Parking LA. I'm here to urge the Council NOT to defund safe parking. The 2025 Greater LA Homeless Count tallied over 44,000 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, of which nearly half slept in vehicles. People call Safe Parking LA's warmline looking for a safe place to sleep in their vehicle — somewhere with a bathroom, some security, a little stability. Generally, these are not people living in encampments. They're dispersed, mobile, and often newly homeless after a job loss, eviction or divorce. Research shows that people experiencing vehicular homelessness are more likely to be employed, older, living with children, and female than those in tents/makeshifts, and they're also less likely to be chronically homeless. Encampment resolution programs like Inside Safe aren't designed for many of those experiencing vehicular homelessness. It may seem easy to cut a million dollars here or there when the embattled mayor's Inside Safe program costs tens of millions for arguably disappointing housing outcomes. However, I urge you to rethink her budget and fund safe parking, thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Gia Allen
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:57 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Restore DPFL Funding. This is a disgrace to these animals and to this city. The city of LA, and in particular Mayor Bass, has created this nightmare with allowing of all the backyard breeder permits during covid and throughout her tenure. This overwhelmed the shelters because if the animal wasn't up to spec or didn't get sold on the streets it would get dumped at the shelter, or even worse, just dumped anywhere. Homeless people are breeding/selling pets for drugs, testing drugs on animals, dumping animals at shelters or letting them run free without a care in the world. The shelters have to step up and do their best to house these "unwanted" living creatures to the best of their ability and by defunding DPFL you are not only creating animals with behavior issues, you are giving the green light to euthanize for space which is unacceptable. DPFL provides invaluable time with the animals to let them be "free" for a little bit of time, experience the outside world beyond the concrete walls and chainlink fences. It allows for them to get ADOPTED into loving homes because they are SEEN. Please stop taking money away from invaluable services that are being provided for those that cannot speak for themselves. There are better options and this is just cherry picking from the most vulnerable. Yes, I said it, these animals are THE MOST VULNERABLE. RESTORE DPFL FUNDING!

Communication from Public

Name:	Chase Sampson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:59 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. 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, Chase Sampson Eagle Rock

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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 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. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name:	Carlos Ortiz
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Restore DPFL!

Communication from Public

Name:	Bruno
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:20 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Los Angeles has the chance to lead with compassion. Funding LA Animal Services and supporting this partnership will directly save lives, reduce shelter overcrowding, and improve care for vulnerable animals. This is the kind of investment our city should be making. I urge you to approve and prioritize this funding.

Communication from Public

Name:	David Anderson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:23 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, I am writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. The Animal Welfare Data Center has collected significant data via FOIA requests that shows many dogs throughout the LA County Shelter System receive an inadequate amount of exercise. 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, David Anderson

Communication from Public

Name:	Lori Buendorf
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:24 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. 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, Lori Bonnet Torrance

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura S
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:26 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am begging you to fully fund Dogs Play For Life for 2026-2027. None of these shelter dogs are homeless by choice. They are living, innocent, breathing beings that deserve the joy this program provides. It is inhumane to be locked up without exercise or play at no fault of their own. Happy, well exercised dogs are more likely to find an adoptive home as they won't have such a crazy amount or pent up energy (which can result and behaviors) esp when meeting potential adopters. The amount of cost to fund this is minimal considering LA's nearly $15 billion budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services in the FY 2026-27 budget. I urge the City to approve the full LAAS operational request of $31,869,100 with no cuts and to protect the core lines that directly affect animal welfare and public safety. Shelter medicine, medical supplies, food, enrichment, and adequate staffing are not optional. LAAS has already faced chronic underfunding, and donations should not be used to backfill basic medical and food costs year after year. I am especially asking the City to protect funding for veterinary and medical care, food, and shelter for sheltered animals, while also strengthening prevention through spay/neuter funding and the Citywide Cat Program. A new general manager and outside partnership do not replace the City's responsibility to fund humane sheltering. Please do not balance this budget on the backs of sheltered animals. Fund the basics. Protect prevention. Give LAAS the resources it needs to care for animals humanely and safely.

Communication from Public

Name:	Niki Agrawal
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:34 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Please restore funding for Dogs Playing for Life. I volunteer with the city shelters 3x a week, and have witnessed the implorable conditions of the shelter. This is their one bright light in a 23.5 hour gloomy day. PLEASE!! This program is the primary enrichment keeping LA shelter dogs adoptable. The cost is negligible.

Communication from Public

Name:	Denise Resendez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	PLEASE FULLY FUND he DPFLcontract for JUne 6 budget DON"T LET IT LAPSE JULY 1 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. PLEASE PLEASE HELP OUR SHELTER ANIMALS HAVE A REAL CHANCE!

Communication from Public

Name:	Charlene Valdovinos
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, Save all LA pet shelters! 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, Charlene Valdovinos Los Angeles, CA 90011

Communication from Public

Name:	Judy Levitow
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	The fact that City Council is considering cutting the budget for shelter dogs outdoor time is absolutely egregious. Things are bad enough for these defenseless animals in overcrowded shelters. How a government treats the most vulnerable is a reflection of their morality. While you're at it, you should find money to fund spay and neuter. Litters of puppies are being killed, as well as perfectly healthy adoptable dogs. How about a government that actually cares. Dont call them shelters anymore because they are overcrowded killing factories…where a handful of dogs manage to escape to a real home. When is the last time you went to one of the city or county shelters? Go see for yourself what a hell hole it is. A short time in a play yard with other supervised dogs can change a dogs life. Don't take that away!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:38 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 do the right thing for the animals and restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. We hope the right thing is done with the funding we as taxpayers provide. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Paulette Jolliffe
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	For Gods sake, give these animals a chance and fund them enough money!!! Feed them! They need more money!!! LA is fast becoming the worst city for dogs and cats with thousands being killed. Shame!!!

Communication from Public

Name:	JayJ
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:42 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, JayJ Fuhr Fort Pierce

Communication from Public

Name:	NAOMI
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:43 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	PLEASE!! PLEASE! HAVE MERCY ON THE ANIMALS! THEY HAVE NEITHER A VOICE NOR A VOTE; THERE IS A BUDGET FOR THAT AND MORE! The United States Is The first world, we are a CITY FULL OF TOURISTS EVERY DAY, OF COURSE WE CAN MAINTAIN THE BUDGET, HAVE MERCY PLEASE

Communication from Public

Name:	Lisa J.
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:45 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Good afternoon, my name is Lisa and I'm an LA resident. We've seen that the current approach to our existing staff levels and budget is not delivering the results our city and our shelters need. Animals, staff, and the community are all feeling that strain. The $14 million grant gives Los Angeles Animal Services the opportunity to do something different. This is exactly the kind of partnership we should be saying yes to. If we don't invest in systems upfront, we will pay for it more later, in emergency care, overcrowding, and inefficiency. If we keep doing the same thing, we can expect the same results. But this is a chance to create lasting, system-wide change that works better for everyone. I urge you to approve this investment. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Russell Harrison
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:47 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear City Council Members, My name is Russell Harrison, and I serve as the Operations Director for Beit T'Shuvah, a nonprofit substance abuse treatment program in Los Angeles. For approximately eight years, Beit T'Shuvah has partnered with Safe Parking LA (SPLA), and I have personally served as the primary point of contact for this collaboration. During that time, I have witnessed firsthand the profound and tangible impact SPLA has had on the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness. SPLA provides far more than a place to park overnight. It offers safety, dignity, and stability to individuals who would otherwise face the dangers and uncertainty of sleeping on the streets. Their services—including access to food, clean and secure restrooms, vehicle support, and compassionate counseling—address both immediate needs and long-term recovery. Most importantly, SPLA actively assists participants in securing permanent housing, helping them transition out of homelessness with guidance and support. Through countless interactions with program participants over the years, I have heard directly how critical SPLA's work is. In a system that can often feel overwhelming and impersonal, SPLA stands out as a responsive and human-centered organization. For many, it represents the difference between despair and hope—between instability and the first real step toward rebuilding their lives. At a time when Los Angeles continues to confront a severe homelessness crisis, organizations like SPLA are not just helpful—they are essential. Their work keeps individuals off the streets at night, reduces strain on public resources, and creates pathways toward long-term housing and recovery. I respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to allocate funding to Safe Parking LA so they may continue—and expand—their critical work. Supporting SPLA is an investment in safety, compassion, and practical solutions for some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Respectfully submitted, Russell Harrison

Communication from Public

Name:	Kayla Nadel-LaMotta
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:02 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	OUR CITY IS AN EMBARRASSMENT when it comes to treatment of dogs and other animals in our care, among other issues we embarrass ourselves with. Our dogs need more, not less. And i say OUR dogs because they are in our city's care. They are our responsibility, collectively, and the responsibility of those in power, namely, YOU. We must be their guardians and do right be them, not make their situations harder and worse and less survivable. The real way to make this less of a problem is to crack down on backyard breeding HARD, and put money into spay and neuter programs, dont take it out on the dogs and make their lives worse. They didnt ask to be in this situation. Play groups are the MOST VITAL way the underpaid staff determine a dogs personality, which is the MOST VITAL part of getting them adopted or fostered, and the most vital in keeping the dogs emotionally and physcially less stressed, which also makes them more fosterable and more adoptable.. and that most important part aside, it costs LESS THAN ONE ONE-HUNDREDTH OF ONE PERCENT OF THE CITYS BUDGET, you have absolutely no right to touch it. In fact it deserves more money. That's the only way you can claim a HUMANE LA.

Communication from Public

Name:	Paige A. Wynne
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:04 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, Paige A. Wynne

Communication from Public

Name: Enrique
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:05 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, 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. Removing that budget will leave the shelter with less information about their dogs, making them less adoptable. Which in turn will increase shelter occupancy, thus increasing the overall cost that this budget cut seems prevent. 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

Communication from Public

Name:	Tracy Hurtado
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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, Tracy Hurtado Palms neighborhood

Communication from Public

Name:	Brian Branstetter
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a property owner on Kinney Street in Glassell Park, Council District 1, and I urge the Budget Committee to restore funding for Phase 2 of the Kinney Street improvement project in the FY 2026-27 budget. I purchased my lot here over seven years ago when the city had approved funding for street improvements. The lower section of Kinney Street has been deteriorating the entire time I've owned property here. Phase 1 was completed after being classified as an emergency repair — but it stopped at the upper section. The lower stretch, which is the bigger problem, remains unfunded. This is a safety issue, not just a road quality issue. Kinney Street is one of only four access points into the Glassell Park hillsides, a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The LAFD has stated that some fires in these hills can only be fought from the air due to the narrowness of these roads. Leaving the lower section in its current condition is an unfinished obligation to this community. Please fund Phase 2. Brian Branstetter Kinney Street, Glassell Park

Communication from Public

Name:	Victoria Calteaux
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Victoria and I am writing you, Angeleno to Angeleno, to urge you to think clearly and big picture on DPFL funding. Well socialized and exercised dogs are adopted more quickly and successfully, and the longterm impact of cutting this funding could be disastrous to the already overcrowded and poorly funded shelters in LA. Furthermore - societies can be best understood and evaluated by how they treat their most vulnerable. Do you want cutting the minuscule fraction of the budget that allows these dogs their only enrichment and humane treatment to be your legacy? My dog Luna is my best friend in the world, and the notion of her being trapped in a cage with no access to outdoor play and exercise is an absolutely unbearable thought. ANY animal lover should agree and find this unacceptable. I urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lauren Miles
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:13 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, Lauren Miles Tarzana

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Hegedus
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to reconsider portions of the budget as it pertains to Los Angeles Animal Services. I saw that the "Dogs Playing for Life," contract was not included in the City's budget, which is incredibly disheartening. As you are aware, the shelters in LA City are overcrowded and understaffed. Without adequate staffing or enough volunteers--getting animals enrichment (such as dogs getting to go on walks, or even just playtime) is incredibly hard to achieve. Organizations like Dogs Playing for Life provide this enrichment and training-- which can help pups become more adoptable. I implore you to restore their funding so that dogs at city shelters have an opportunity to leave their kennels for a bit to engage with folks that want to help them become more adoptable and ready for life outside the shelter. Animals cannot advocate for themselves, therefore, it is up to us to speak up and ask for their needs to be met. Please restore this funding or consider partnering with organizations like Best Friends to help with funding so that our animals can have the best chance at a life beyond the shelter. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Frida
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:15 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. Every shelter dog-bite settlement the city has paid traces to the same conditions: dogs decompensating in kennels without structured enrichment, behavioral histories undocumented, staff stretched too thin to safely assess them, and adopters sent home with dogs no one could reliably evaluate. DPFL is the program that most directly addresses those conditions. Please restore DPFL funding before June 6 Frida Eagle rock

Communication from Public

Name:	Nicky Mirahmadi
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:15 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, Nicky Mirahmadi Beverly hills

Communication from Public

Name:	Olivia Riopelle
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:15 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a taxpayer, I am writing to express my strong belief that LA has a responsibility to community cats and all animals in the LA Animal Services budget for next year. Please protect and fully fund Los Angeles Animal Services in the FY 2026-27 budget. I urge the City to approve the full LAAS operational request of $31,869,100 with no cuts and to protect the core lines that directly affect animal welfare and public safety. Shelter medicine, medical supplies, food, enrichment, and adequate staffing are not optional. LAAS has already faced chronic underfunding, and donations should not be used to backfill basic medical and food costs year after year. I am especially asking the City to protect funding for veterinary and medical care, food, and shelter for sheltered animals, while also strengthening prevention through spay/neuter funding and the Citywide Cat Program. A new general manager and outside partnership do not replace the City's responsibility to fund humane sheltering. Please do not balance this budget on the backs of sheltered animals. Fund the basics. Protect prevention. Give LAAS the resources it needs to care for animals humanely and safely. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:	Hannah Lewis
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a LA-area resident, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Every week, I see shelter networkers' urgent pleas for foster and rescue commitments for dogs who have been placed on shelters' euthanasia lists due to kennel stress. By removing already-meager opportunities for exercise and play, we are setting good, adoptable dogs up for kennel stress and euthanasia. Dogs have been bred by humans to be intelligent, feeling beings--domesticated and dependent upon us. As such, it's our obligation as a society to provide humane treatment, recognizing that constant confinement in a small cell is not healthy for any thinking, feeling being. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Thank you, Hannah Lewis

Communication from Public

Name:	Ashley
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:18 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, As a pet parent of a two-year-old rescue dog, 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. This is absolutely heartbreaking that confining dogs to a small space is our solution for our budget issues. Severely affecting the quality of life of a living thing which will absolutely have a major affect on their adoptability chances is beyond reproach. 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. These rescue dogs are also life saving themselves, bringing important companionship to Veterans suffering from PTSD. I attached a photo of my rescue dog doing just that so you can place a human and furry face to those you are about to hurt. 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, Ashley Hernandez Sherman Oaks



Communication from Public

Name:	Mericka Lehman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:19 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, Mericka Lehman District 8, Hyde Park

Communication from Public

Name: MARTHA M IRIARTE
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:20 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 Iriarte LOS Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: MARTHA M IRIARTE
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:22 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 Iriarte LOS Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Loria Roberson
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:24 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, I understand the city budget will be decided on in today's meeting. I'm a huge animal lover and have adopted bunnies in the past. I'm writing to ask that the City Council to please consider fully funding the all spay and neuter vouchers for Los Angeles shelters - not just for the bunnies but those that also support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics and low-income families. I know the reimbursement rates for rabbits in particular are in dire need of more funding. I've heard that the clinics are taking a loss to neuter rabbits and only one or two are currently willing to perform surgery at the current reimbursement rates. This will cost thousands of rabbits their lives if not increased. The ability for low-income families to have their new family bunny (or other shelter pets) safely neutered and spayed will go a long way in deterring more animals from entering our already overburdened shelters. Neutering and spaying works! Can the Council consider adding $4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund? I'm also very concerned with Mayor Bass's proposed cuts to the animal shelters - reducing medical supply funding to under $50,000, the proposed $29 million vs the department's request of $31 million and eliminating…ELIMINATING the animal food account. What? And, on top of that, no funding for the "Dogs Playing for Life" enrichment program. That's program is the only way some dogs get outdoor time and socialization, both things needed for successful adoptions. They can't stay couped up in small pens all the time. The shelters are already overflowing with animals and there has been increased numbers for euthanasia for perfectly fine animals that would make great pets. Please do not go down the proverbial rabbit-hole of cutting more funding for them. THEIR LIVES MATTER. The city needs to reconsider and fully support the shelters. Thank you in advance for taking the budget modifications under consideration. Sincerely, Loria Roberson Santa Monica Resident

Communication from Public

Name:	Joshua Wirth
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, As a resident of CD 5 and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you and your colleagues 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. If any of you have been to any of the City's animal shelters, you know how devastating the conditions are for these animals. And they did nothing to deserve being put there, abandoned. They sit in concrete cages all day long, their ears ringing with never-ending noise, one foot away from their own excrement because they have no bathroom, just waiting, hoping, praying that someone will come along and take them out of there, if even just for a little while. This is all these animals have to look forward to, as they hold on dearly to life as long as they can. 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 videos and photos of these out-of-kennel behaviors drive would-be adopters to the dogs. Adoptions will plummet without this vital service. 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, Josh Wirth CD 5

Communication from Public

Name:	Denna Mulverhill
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Denna Mulverhill, and I work for ACE in Workforce Development, supporting youth through programs like YouthBuild that intersect closely with Community Violence Intervention. I am asking the City of Los Angeles to protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention. The work being done through CVI is not theoretical, it is real, relationship-based, and life-saving. I see firsthand how consistent support, mentorship, and access to opportunity can redirect young people away from cycles of violence and toward stability and success. The progress we've seen in Los Angeles, including historic reductions in violence, did not happen by accident. It is the result of intentional investment in communities and programs like GRYD. With over $800 million in federal funding cuts and a lack of CalVIP support for LA-based organizations this year, it is critical that the City step in to sustain this momentum. Without continued and increased investment, we risk losing the trust, relationships, and progress that have taken years to build. For these reasons, I urge you to protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention to continue saving lives and strengthening our communities.

Communication from Public

Name:	Taryn
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:25 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Allow the funding so dogs can play out of their kennel. Perhaps stop the Hospice and Homeless fraud going on and give the money to the dogs who really need it and don’t have capabilities of Fraud!!!

Communication from Public

Name:	Patrick Hernandez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:26 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Patrick Hernandez and I work for ACE. I am asking that you protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention. Protecting an increasing GRYD's budget matters to me because I've seen what happens when those resources aren't there. Protecting an increasing GRYDs budget means more opportunities for youth to be guided instead of lost, more support for families, and more boots on the ground, preventing violence before it starts. This work isn't theory to me-It's real life. GRYD isn't just a program. It's a lifeline.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kimberly Parker
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:27 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, Kimberly Parker Hollywood Hills

Communication from Public

Name:	Mayra
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:30 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, 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. As someone with their own companion dogs, enrichment for pets is essential for their well-being and a stressed dog is a more reactive dog. Playgroups are 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, Mayra Gutierrez

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:30 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Animals in a shelter have already endured a lot, are scared, disoriented, and even despondent. Staff in a shelter works hard, sees many sad things, but makes things better for those animals and the Angelenos who may adopt them. The volunteers whose love and labor powers this program with the walls they give these dogs brightens the animals' days, lightens the staff's load, and better socializes the animals for adoption — all at a fraction of the cost of that actual program because of the free labor given by the volunteers. Great good is gained at greatly discounted cost. Now, instead of expanded this and other programs which actually help while also helping stretch dollars, the City is considering scrapping it to take the pennies in question and throw away the free labor. This is backwards and shortsighted. Keep this and other programs which actually do good. Expand, don't scrap, programs which leverage volunteer contributions. Do not scrap or reduce this program.

Communication from Public

Name:	Alyson H Fox
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a city we do not care enough for the animals (dogs and cats especially) who by no fault of their own remain homeless or are forced into the shelters with terrible conditions (inhumane in my opinion). So many are euthanized due to poor management of actual available funds by the city of LA and the elected officials who are not doing everything they need to do. Things need to change immediately, but in the meantime, programs like DPFL help to bring the little bit of joy to these dogs by running, playing and being able to be a dog even without the homes they so desperately want and deserve. Please show you care for these animals and restore the DPFL contract.

Communication from Public

Name:	Lindsay Barnett
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I am an Angeleno who is passionate about animal welfare -- as are so many people throughout our city. Right now, the city is failing the dogs, cats, and other animals at the city shelters. But the City Council risks making an already-bad situation worse if it fails to protect the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program in our city shelters. It is absolutely VITAL that you preserve this program and ensure that it has the funding it needs to continue. Please fully fund the DPFL contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most L.A. 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 L.A. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. It takes so little to bring a dog joy. They suffer so much in our shelters, and that affects how they are when adopted, and indeed whether they get adopted at all. If a dog has ever brought joy to YOU, or if you know someone whose life has been impacted by a dog they love, PLEASE do the right thing and preserve DPFL funding! Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Karen G
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:35 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I’m writing this statement to say that this program has been helping my family members during their hardship.

Communication from Public

Name:	Katie Panza
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:36 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	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, Katie

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Bond
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:38 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, A constituent of District 14, I am writing to urge you to preserve funding for the Dogs Playing for Life program in the City's 2026–2027 budget. This program plays a vital role in improving outcomes for shelter dogs, supporting staff and volunteers, and enhancing public safety through better animal welfare practices. Dogs Playing for Life provides structured socialization and enrichment opportunities that allow dogs to engage in healthy playgroups. These activities reduce stress, improve behavior, and make dogs more adoptable. In a city as large and diverse as Los Angeles, where animal shelters often operate at or beyond capacity, programs like this are not optional—they are essential. This program is the only opportunity for dogs to leave their cages, get fresh air, and for a brief moment, be dogs. Cutting or weakening this contract would likely lead to increased kennel stress, behavioral decline, and ultimately fewer successful adoptions. That, in turn, places additional strain on shelter resources and staff while diminishing the quality of life for animals in the City's care. By contrast, maintaining this program supports more efficient shelter operations and better outcomes for both animals and the community. Beyond the numbers, this is about setting a standard for humane, evidence-based animal care. Los Angeles has long been a leader in progressive sheltering practices. Continuing to fund Dogs Playing for Life affirms that commitment and ensures the City remains a model for others to follow. I respectfully ask that you prioritize and protect funding for this program in the upcoming budget. The benefits are clear, measurable, and deeply impactful. Protection of this program is the least we can as a City to protect the welfare of shelter dogs who have been failed by humans and are already suffering in underfunded and insufficient environments. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:	Phoebe L
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:40 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a constituent living in District 10. Please fully fund Dog's Playing for Life's contract in the June 6 budget and do not let it lapse on July 1. The cost to save the program is less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's $14.85 billion budget. Let's keep this program so we can truly be able to claim to be Humane LA!

Communication from Public

Name:	Quinrina Hubbard
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:44 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. Quinrina Hubbard District 5

Communication from Public

Name:	William Blinky Rodriguez
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:44 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Blinky Rodriguez and I work for Champions In Service. I am also with the Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition (LAVIC).” Request: “I am asking that you protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention.” GRYD funding is essential to protect public safety and our community resources. For these reasons, I ask you to protect and increase funding for CVI to continue saving lives

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:45 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, Sharon Clawson City of Glendale

Communication from Public

Name:	Meagan Yip
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:48 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, I am a small business owner of a pet treat brand based in Los Angeles. Time and time again, I have seen that rescues and volunteers outside of the shelter system are not enough to bolster the efforts needed to take care of the animals in Los Angeles. We must do more for the shelter animals we claim to care about. As a constituent and an Angeleno who deeply 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. It is embarrassing, and frankly disappointing, to see such a high benefit and payout program be cut from the budget. 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. 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, no ability to be rehabilitated in the system that is supposed to help save animals. 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. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Meagan Yip Van Nuys

Communication from Public

Name:	Allisan Aulert
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:50 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	As a constituent and an Angeleno who deeply cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to 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. It makes it immensely harder for them to get adopted when they spend all of their time in a concrete cell with no socialization. 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. The community and so many dogs are counting on you. Thank you, Allisan Aulert West Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Zehra Qazi
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:50 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. Animals deserve more rights and freedoms, not LESS. 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, Zehra Qazi Koreatown

Communication from Public

Name:	Tiffany London
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:54 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, My name is Tiffany London and I’m a born and raised Angeleno from Santa Monica, CA. I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Dogs in our LA overcrowded shelters are already suffering more than ever as a result of overcrowding and lack of shelter staff. Without the help of DPFL playgroups, these animals could be stuck in their kennels for weeks or months on end. This means no socialization with other animals or a way to relieve their stress in these already horrific environments. This is animal cruelty. These playgroups are not only vital to their health, but also for LA Animal Services to learn how they behave with other dogs. That is crucial for adoption placement and rescue pulls in order to set up dogs and families for success. It is crucial to safely place animals in homes. Our mayor and officials claim to care about animal welfare, but taking this small amount out of the budget directly contradicts that claim and will result in immeasurable suffering. If you have ever visited a shelter, you will hear the endless howls and cries of animals who get little to no relief outside of their kennels. Because of this, we are asking that the DPFL funding be restored before Council locks the budget June 6. Do not let this lapse in July 1. Thank you, Tiffany London Santa Monica, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Ryland Kallman
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:54 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, Ryland Kallman Los angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Hing
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:56 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, Matthew Hing, 2652 S Garth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034, mhing@mednet.ucla.edu

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:57 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, Alison Wilson Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name:	Afreh khazaee
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 02:59 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. 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, Dr. Afreh Khazaee Los angeles

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:59 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. 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, David Godon Los Feliz

Communication from Public

Name:	ZG
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:00 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmember, As a constituent, dog shelter 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 2026-27 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, Zeynep Goral Inglewood/South LA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:02 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, Diego Carrera Baldwin Park, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Joy Wingard
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:05 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	Dear Councilmembers, Words can not express how IMPORTANT the DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE (DPFL) contract is. TRULY. 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, Joy Wingard Hancock Park Resident

Communication from Public

Name:	Courtney Davis
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:07 PM
Council File No:	26-0600
Comments for Public Posting:	I am disappointed that this city council would ever consider taking away the outside time - this is beyond cruel and unusual punishment. The animal crisis in LA is beyond a crisis. Be on the right side of this issue. This is non partisan; being a decent human is least we ask of you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Simone Rojas
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:07 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, Simone Rojas Mid City, Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name:	Janet Nilsson
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:10 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 that 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 LASS 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 Thank you, Janet Nilsson

Communication from Public

Name:	Rosario
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:11 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, Rosario Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:	Debbie Kim
Date Submitted:	04/27/2026 03:11 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, Debbie Kim Lomita, CA

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:12 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, Madison Tate

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:15 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, Rebeca P.