

Communication from Public

Name: Arizandy Rios
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 09:29 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We need to be the voice for animals they are helpless and need us to speak up for them neuter and spay can help save so many animals

Communication from Public

Name: Karina
Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:41 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Studio City

Communication from Public

Name: Lara Shea

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 01:44 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Harbor shelter volunteer I could walk 5 dogs a shift. One shift a week. That's all I could do. And almost every shift I was the only volunteer at the Shelter. I'd come back the next week and the 5 dogs hadn't been walked since I last walked them. And they were the lucky ones. DPFL gets almost every dog out, every day. As well as provides invaluable feedback about their personalities and play styles that help make them more adoptable. This program is crucial. 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, Lara Shea San Pedro, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Leul Fecadu

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:28 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Budget cuts for Safe Parking for the unhoused is ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS and reasons like this is exactly why people believe Karen Bass is a plant. Pretended to care about the unhoused, yet has barely done ANYTHING to control this problem, and now wants to cut spending on programs that PROTECT the unhoused. Wow.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Revell

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 02:44 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. We are symbiotic species, dogs contributed to the survival of humankind and we owe them our care in return.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 03:23 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Zimmerman

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, Our society will be judged on how we treat other living animals. The state of the LA shelters is unacceptable. But the latest news about the possible defunding of the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget is devastating. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most 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.

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Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 115 Ron Johnson Extremely Low Frequencies (ELF) can penetrate mountains and oceans due to the physics of their propagation, even in their un-weaponized form. Virtually nothing, and we do mean nothing, can stop them if they're being used as a weapon. I already stated this following paragraph: In 2008, the Army gave the University of California Irvine a 4 million dollar grant to study Synthetic Telepathy, defined on synthetic telepathy. com as "the art of electronically transferring thought directly to and from a brain. The brain computer interface would use a noninvasive brain imaging technology like electroencephalography (EEG) to let people communicate thought to each other. For example, a soldier would "think" a message to be transmitted and a computer based speech recognition system would decode the EEG signals. The decoded thought, in essence translated brain waves, are transmitted using a system that points in the direction of the intended target Since I only have 60 seconds I might say in Spanish that R. Duncan says "you will not see EEG machines in hospitals. Why? Because it would become obvious that brain waves can be read (and manipulated.) If only 5 percent of people understood this, we would not be fooled

Communication from Public

Name: Dianne Bartolome

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 05:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Don't you dare cut funding for LA Animal Services. This would be considered animal cruelty. We don't have enough shelters as it is and private orgs have had to step in to do what the city cannot. That is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer House

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You can NOT cut funding for animal services and shelters!! We are already one of the least funded cities with the HIGHEST kill rates !! We need to be pouring money into spay & neutering , low cost vet care and funding and expanding our over crowded shelters!! Maybe spend less money on the Olympics and more on the problems our city already has.

Communication from Public

Name: Candace Rocha

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 06:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget fails to reflect the severity of the homeless animal crisis in Los Angeles. Shelters are already overwhelmed, with animals being surrendered at unprecedented rates. Reports of cruelty, neglect, and abandonment are increasing, and people who contact LA Animal Services about emergencies often wait hours—or even days—for a response. Facilities are over capacity, and conditions can become unsanitary and disorganized as staff struggle to manage the volume. Reducing funding and staffing under these conditions would only worsen an already critical situation. If the City intends to reduce spending at LA Animal Services, it must first address the root of the problem: the overpopulation of animals. That means enforcing existing spay and neuter laws and taking meaningful action against illegal breeding. Advocates have consistently raised concerns about these issues, yet enforcement remains lacking—even in areas like Skid Row, where unregulated breeding is well documented but rarely addressed. There is no effective workaround here. The City must fully fund animal services, including access to low-cost spay and neuter programs. Cutting resources now will only accelerate the decline and deepen the crisis.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:21 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: !!! PLEASE PLEASE 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 dogs will EVER get! Without them, dogs sit in the cold, lonely, dirty concrete kennels 24 hours a day everyday - no walks, no play, no interaction, no hope, no love, and no joy. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: it demonstrates how they may behave and interact with other animals. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every life saving decision. It is crucial and fundamental in the process of giving these animals the chance to be seen, and get adopted. The DPFL contract costs LESS than 1/100th of the 1% of LA's \$14.85 BILLION dollar budget. Cutting it costs the city EVERY claim to being a humane LA. So, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE FULLY FUND DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. PLEASE dont let it lapse July 1st, it is literally the least we can do for them.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Rose

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 07:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As an Angeleno who cares about all dogs, especially those without a 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 with no walks, no play, no joy in their lives. Playgroups are how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. This makes them easier to get adopted as it provides valuable information to the shelter. The DPFL contract costs 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, Anna Rose West Hollywood

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa A Ciccarelli

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Communication from Public

Name: Eve Valladares

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 10:36 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: joseph coriaty

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 07:11 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Joseph Coriaty, and I am a board member of Haven Hills, a domestic violence organization serving survivors and families across Los Angeles. I am writing in support of full funding for survivor services in the City's FY 26–27 budget. I urge you to adopt the proposed \$12.3 million in General Funds for CIFD Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. These services are critical, especially as many individuals experiencing homelessness have a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, LAHSA will be unable to sustain key programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources. Additionally, I encourage the City to: • Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire • Maintain strong workforce development programs like LA: RISE Los Angeles has made meaningful progress in expanding services for survivors, and this is a critical moment to protect and build on that progress. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services and LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Joseph Coriaty Gratefully,

Communication from Public

Name: Miranda Gooding
Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 09:13 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Monique Lopez
Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 09:20 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: This is vital to humanity. Do not keep taking from people.

Communication from Public

Name: Marjorie C Gray
Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 11:32 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing with serious concern about the proposed 2026–27 Los Angeles Animal Services budget. The budget appears to eliminate the dedicated Animal Food/Feed and Grain line item, reducing it from \$200,000 in 2025–26 to zero in the proposed 2026–27 budget. It also appears to reduce Medical Supplies from \$388,591 to \$48,968. These are essential care items, not optional expenses. Animals in City custody depend on Los Angeles for adequate food, medical treatment, and humane care. A budget that removes dedicated food funding and sharply reduces medical supply funding places unacceptable strain on shelter operations and increases reliance on donations for basic necessities. I am also deeply concerned that the Dogs Playing for Life program was not funded. This program supports behavior, safety, adoptability, and humane handling for shelter dogs and provides real operational value to staff and volunteers. I urge you to restore: dedicated funding for animal food, adequate medical supplies funding, and funding for Dogs Playing for Life.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 09:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider defunding Safe Parking LA in the upcoming budget for next year. This program is crucial in the fight against homelessness. What will become of the people who rely on this program?! It's critical to keep these folks housed before they fall on even harder times. This is not what I voted for when I supported the Mayor and City Council in the election.

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Name: Beatriz Franklin
Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 09:28 PM
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Name: Jimmy Can
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[Your neighborhood]

Communication from Public

Name: Celestina Lucero

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:54 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an LA resident and tax payer. I am extremely concerned and strongly opposed to the proposal to cut funding for Dogs Playing For Life contract at our animal shelters. Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6th budget. Don't let it lapse July 1st

Communication from Public

Name: Gary Cohn

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 09:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a former board member of safe parking LA, I understand the need to make sure that people who live in their cars have a safe place to park at night as well as clean bathrooms and showers. Safe Parking LA operates 11 parking lots throughout the city. Where are these people supposed to go if you stop the funding. Please reconsider out of a multi billion dollar budget 4 million a year is a small amount to make sure that these people are protected and have a safe place to sleep at night.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Saldana
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:15 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Subject Line: Rainbow Services, Ltd. Urges Full Funding for CIFD Survivor Survivors and LAHSA CoC Planning Dear City of LA Budget and Finance Committee Members: My name is Valerie Saldana-Medina, and I'm writing as a staff member of Rainbow Services, Ltd., an organization serving survivors of domestic violence for more than 40 years. Rainbow Services is headquartered in San Pedro, within City Council District 15. We are encouraged by the level funding proposed for CIFD's Survivor Supportive Services budget, totaling \$12.3M in General Funds— this amount is essential for maintaining vital beds and services. Level funding ensures that the historic 32% increase in DV shelter beds in the City of LA is maintained. These beds are critically important, given that 41% of people experiencing homelessness in LA report a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. We urge the City Council to approve the full \$12.3 million in General Funds requested for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27. We are also greatly concerned about the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ability to perform critical functions for the broader Continuum of Care (CoC) under the current funding levels proposed. As it stands, the \$791.7M proposed for CoC Planning is inadequate to ensure LAHSA has the capacity to submit renewal requests to HUD, including DV Bonus funding, a crucial housing resource for survivors. The current proposal also does not fully fund the capacity needed to support work under the Domestic Violence Support Services Only Grant (DV-SSO); LAHSA DV staffing is instrumental in navigating the complexity of federal policy, as well as supporting DV Regional Coordinators in ensuring survivors access housing and shelter resources. Their collective expertise is essential. We are grateful for the City of LA's firm commitment to survivors, including expanding DV shelter beds and launching programs like Survivors First that offer rapid rehousing with flexible financial assistance and long-term support tailored to their needs. We urge the City to adopt the \$12.3M in General Funds proposed for CIFD Survivor Services in FY 26-27 and adopt LAHSA's requested funding for Continuum of Care planning (\$1.5M) to ensure continuity of HUD funded homeless services for survivors. This is a critical moment to protect and strengthen LA's response to gender-based violence. Please stand with survivors and ensure full

funding for CIFD Survivor Services as well as LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Valerie Saldana-Medina

Communication from Public

Name: Tushar Patel
Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 11:03 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: “Public Comment #2 — Chatsworth Courthouse 7-Day Pilot | Tushar Patel, CPNC Budget Representative”

PUBLIC COMMENT — LA CITY BUDGET FY 2025–26

Submitted by: Tushar Patel, Budget Representative, CPNC

To: Office of Mayor Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles

Subject: Full Utilization of City Resources — Chatsworth Courthouse 7-Day Pilot

Net Savings: \$19.9 Million Annually | Zero Additional Budget Required

Dear Mayor Bass and Office of the Mayor,

My name is Tushar Patel, and I serve as Budget Representative for the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CPNC). I am submitting this public comment in strong support of a fiscally responsible and humanitarian proposal: the **Chatsworth Courthouse 7-Day Operations Pilot Program** — built entirely on full utilization of existing city resources, requiring **zero new budget allocation**, while delivering an estimated **\$19.9 million in net annual savings** to the City of Los Angeles.

The Problem: Underutilized Assets and the Monday Surge

Los Angeles courthouses, including Chatsworth, operate Monday–Friday. This creates a damaging "Monday Surge" — an overwhelming flood of cases, arrested individuals, and legal paperwork that crashes onto City Attorneys, Court Staff, and LAPD every Monday morning. The backlog drives up overtime costs, increases liability exposure, burns out city workers, and denies Angelenos timely access to justice. The infrastructure and staff already exist. The only thing missing is smarter scheduling.

The Solution: AWD 7-Day Pilot at Chatsworth Courthouse

Our proposal uses an **Alternate Work Schedule (AWD) framework** to divide existing staff into rotating shifts, making Chatsworth Courthouse accessible all 7 days — at zero additional cost. This is voluntary, not mandated. Staff seeking 4x10 schedules or better work-life balance can opt into weekend shifts. The benefits include:

- Smoothing workloads across 7 days, eliminating the Monday backlog for LAPD, City Attorneys, and court staff
- Optimizing space utilization through staggered shifts, reducing crowding and improving safety
- Reducing staff burnout, sick leave, and costly turnover
- Increasing access to justice for working Angelenos who cannot attend court on weekdays

The Savings: Six Categories, Zero New Spending

All savings derive from better scheduling of existing staff and resources — directly supporting Mayor Bass's "hold-the-line" budget:

LAPD Overtime: Spreading court appearances across 7 days reduces involuntary officer overtime. Savings: **\$180k–\$480k/year per courthouse**

Arrestee Custody: Reduced weekend holding time lowers per-diem custody costs. Savings: **\$60k–\$180k/year**

City Attorney Backlog: Eliminating the Monday surge reduces emergency overtime. Savings: **\$120k–\$300k/year**

Liability Risk Reduction: Better spacing and less rushed processing reduces legal exposure. Savings: **\$60k–\$180k/year**

Staff Burnout & Turnover: A flexible, healthier workplace reduces absenteeism and attrition. Savings: **\$24k–\$96k/year**

Pro Rata & Maintenance: Spreading usage across 7 days reduces peak maintenance costs. Savings: **\$8.4k–\$15.6k/year**

Total: ~\$600,000/year per courthouse (median). Scaled to 10 locations: ~\$6 million annually. Combined with the broader Full Utilization of Assets framework applied across city facilities and maintenance budget cycles every 3rd and 5th year, total net benefit reaches **\$19.9 million annually.**

A Humanitarian Case

Beyond fiscal savings, this proposal is about people. Working families in the San Fernando Valley — hourly workers, caregivers, small business owners — must currently take unpaid time off to access justice. Seven-day courthouse access gives every Angeleno equal access to city services they pay for and deserve. Staff worn down by Monday chaos deserve flexibility and dignity — reducing the turnover that drains institutional knowledge and taxpayer resources.

Our Request

I respectfully urge Mayor Bass and the Office of the Mayor to:

1. Authorize a formal **Chatsworth Courthouse 7-Day Operations Pilot** using AWD scheduling at zero additional budget cost
2. Direct LAPD, the City Attorney's Office, and General Services to develop a **6-month implementation plan**
3. Establish **measurable benchmarks** for savings, staff satisfaction, and public access
4. **Scale successful outcomes** to additional courthouse locations citywide

This is smart, compassionate government — and it costs nothing. I am available to present this proposal in detail at any budget or policy meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tushar Patel

Budget Representative, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CPNC)

City of Los Angeles | April 2026

Supporting Infographics

Chatsworth 7-Day Courthouse Pilot – Estimated City Savings (Zero Additional Cost)

Better scheduling of existing staff & resources – Supports Mayor Bass “hold-the-line” budget

Category	Monthly Savings	Annual Savings (per courthouse)
Police Overtime (LAPD)	\$15k–\$40k+	\$180k–\$480k+
Arrestee Custody	\$5k–\$15k	\$60k–\$180k
City Attorney & Backlog	\$10k–\$25k	\$120k–\$300k
Reduced Liability Risk	\$5k–\$15k	\$60k–\$180k
Reduced Staff Burnout/ Turnover/ Sick Leave	\$2k–\$8k	\$24k–\$96k
Pro Rata & Maintenance	\$700–\$1.3k+	\$8.4k–\$15.6k+
Total	\$30k–\$80k+	~\$600k (median)

Scaling to 10 similar locations: ~\$6 million annually

Figure 1: Chatsworth 7-Day Courthouse Pilot — Estimated City Savings (Zero Additional Cost)

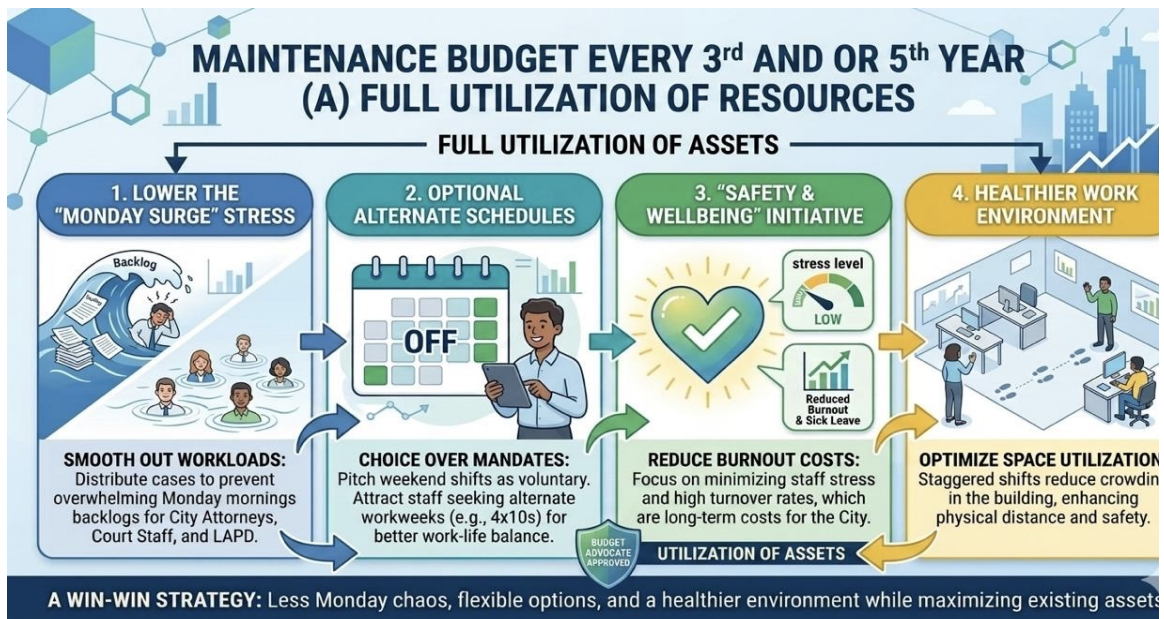


Figure 2: Full Utilization of Assets Framework — Maintenance Budget Every 3rd and 5th Year

This public comment is submitted as part of the LA City Budget Advocate Program.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Bazile
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:35 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning/Afternoon Councilmembers, My name is Jonathan and I work in District 10. I am here to speak in support of the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative, a \$4 Million investment over 2 years into Transgender, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex CBO's. The TransLatin@ Coalition, alongside community members has repeatedly asked the city of Los Angeles to make meaningful investments in the lives of transgender gender, expensive and intersex people throughout the city with dwindling federal funding for services and programs flagged as DEI initiatives. We look towards our local government officials to support these already underfunded services and programs. Space the TGI community has long faced, criminalization and discrimination, and now more than ever in light of the escalating, federal administration's attacks on general firming care and fundamental freedoms. It is essential that we raise an awareness and stand in solid. Space the TGI community has long faced, criminalization and discrimination, and now more than ever in light of the escalating, federal administration's attacks on general firming care and fundamental freedoms. It is essential that we raise an awareness and stand in solidarity. Space at the local state and national levels. TGI people continue to experience this proportionate rates of homelessness violence, and a lack of access to essential services. Funding TGI lead and TGI serving organizations to care for TGI community members is vital to advance equity and align with the city initiatives towards a more inclusive Los Angeles. Space we uplift those within the city who recognize the equity racial justice and TGI rights are interconnected and who support us in this fight. We need the city to build capacity to accurately address the issues impacting TGI people! Space, we invite you to support us in breaking cycles of a ratio and violence and help us improve the lives of all marginalized people throughout the cities budgeting process.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Price

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in NY but this has received national attention. 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: Jesseca Lane

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:24 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello this is regarding the funding for Dogs Playing for Life, as a citizen and taxpayer I am urging to please keep the funding for this program. We must not do more harm to these animals than we already are in the shelters. Please do not defund this program! It will result in worse behaved animals and even more shelter issues. Thank you.

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Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:53 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:31 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, Alex Aguirre
LA County

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 11:54 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Stop cutting animal funding - the city is in a crisis!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:03 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Alex Felix

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:37 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our animals need us. As a long time Angeleno and dog lover, I'm urging you to fully fund Dogs Playing for Life. This contract is so small in the city's budget and so vital to the health, safety, and joy of our most vulnerable animal population. These dogs will sit in concrete boxes, not being provided any time outside at all. Imagine your beloved family pet subjected to this. Help save their lives and vote to find DPFL.

Communication from Public

Name: Alein Y. Haro

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:02 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the severely underfunded programs LA city has for animals. We are already facing a crisis of limited funds for neglected animals, and further cutting the budget is going to cause intolerable harm and conditions for these dogs.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Howard

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:48 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The fiscal case. Since 2023, Los Angeles has paid more than \$31.85M in settlements to victims of shelter dog attacks. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100 of 1% of the \$14.85B city budget — roughly one-thousandth of what the city has already paid in bite settlements. Bad math. Cutting DPFL doesn't save money. It converts a small, predictable, fixed cost into unpredictable, growing liability. That's not fiscal discipline — it's deferred cost. The cause of the bites. Every shelter dog-bite settlement the city has paid traces to the same conditions: dogs decomensating 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. Playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most shelter dogs get. Without DPFL, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. No walks. No play. No contact outside the steel door. Please don't only think of numbers. These dogs deserve our care and attention. And if we don't provide that, LA will become known in the media as a cruel, cost-cutting, inhumane city vs the inclusive, loving place we know it to be - a detriment to our Olympics reputation and beyond. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Taylor
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:37 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: You collect \$782 million a year in sales tax from small businesses in LA County area. There is absolutely no excuse for not funding animal control and animal shelters in this city. Gandhi said that you can judge a Country's greatness by the way it treats its animals. You should be ashamed of what you did with the elephants and with what you're trying to do now it is not going unnoticed. I will do everything I can to make sure you do not get back into office.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:48 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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[Your neighborhood]

Communication from Public

Name: Ashika G

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:41 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the city of Los Angeles not to cut funds for animal services. Thank you. Council File Number: 26-0600

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Gutterman

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I understand that Mayor Bass is cutting Animal services drastically in her upcoming budget. This will be a detrimental action by the Mayor. The animals that the services cover are already under funded to begin with and need no further cuts. We need to support these animals with their needs and do right by them.

Communication from Public

Name: Mayra

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:53 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The city of LA urges this council to NOT CUT DPFL funding. This leadership prides itself in caring for its angelenos.. well our furry friends should be NO exception. Our shelters are a disappointment and a heartbreaking scene to witness. Please find it in your hearts to put EMPATHY and COMPASSION first. These vulnerable beings should not be paying for the city's careless actions and SHAMEFUL priorities, losing and wasting finances on pointless things nobody asked for or care about. These animals have already been abandoned, mistreated, and forgotten. I can not fathom how the "leaders" of our great city of LA are even CONSIDERING taking away their 1 hour of happiness. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Cayla Turain
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:01 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Palms Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Alison Crist
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:06 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, As a volunteer at East Valley Animal Shelter I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Before DPFL I have walked into the shelter to volunteer only to find countless dogs who had not been out of their kennels for 10 plus days. Too many for one or even a couple volunteers to cover. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most 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 Crist

Communication from Public

Name: Debby Perkins
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:47 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please take care of the animals! This should be a priority.

Communication from Public

Name: justine arteta

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:49 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: please tell karen bass that the animal shelters are already over run and in need of help beyond anything she has been willing to do. the onus has fallen on rescues and the public which we are all happy to continue doing with help from our mayor ensuring that city shelters are run efficiently and kindly. her budget will further slash food, medicine, exercise and enrichment for these animals that we are responsible for. how does she think she holds no responsibility in this area. die to her ineffective ways regarding city shelters, they have never been in a worse situation. the answer must be kindness and help so that we can get a hold on what is happening in los angeles right now with dogs and cats. how about making it more expensive to get a breeding license so back yard breeders can not continue which is part and parcel of the problem. there are so many of us that are so tired of jaren bass decisions that are completely irresponsible and in my mind thoughtless. we were put her to care for others and animals - how about it karen bass. its time for you to do something good for los angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Lianna Mayer
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 02:50 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, Our animals have no voice—but they feel everything. Every day, more animals are neglected, abandoned, or forgotten. While the world moves on, they are left behind—hungry, scared, and unseen. The gap keeps growing: the fortunate thrive, while the most vulnerable, including our animals, are left without protection or care. We have to do better. We have to step up. We have to be their voice. These animals depend on us to advocate for them, to protect them, and to give them a chance at safety and love. But we can't do it alone—we need your help. Your support and funding go directly toward rescue, care, shelter, and rehabilitation for animals who would otherwise have no one. Every contribution makes a real difference in giving them a second chance. If you've ever felt that pull to help, this is that moment. Please join us in standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Be their voice. With gratitude, Lisa L Mayer

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. PFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day - no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are how LAAS learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Fully fund DPFL's contract in the June 6 budget. Don't let it lapse!

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Dalessandro Bonnema
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:08 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 these wonderful boys and girls (who we are responsible for - it is not the dogs' fault that no one is enforcing back yard breeding laws or spay & neuter) will sit in their kennels 24 hours a day. It's inhumane. Also playgroups are where LAAS learn how dogs interact with other dogs -- which in turn helps with behaviour assessments. This information leads to SUCCESSFUL adoptions and rescue pulls (not even mentioning helping to raise spirits and quality of life). We are experiencing such an overpopulation crisis with these shelters; we need to be doing more not less. It is less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's budget but worth SO MUCH. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do what is right for these incredible dogs who are under our care.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass's proposed budget doesn't reflect how bad the homeless animal crisis has gotten in L.A. Shelters are overwhelmed, neglect is rising, and emergency responses can take far too long, so cutting funding now would only make things worse. If the city actually wants to reduce costs, it needs to focus on prevention like enforcing spay/neuter laws and properly funding animal services instead of cutting them during a crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Eccles

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:27 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. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs spend nearly all their time confined to concrete kennels — with little to no opportunity for exercise, socialization, or enrichment. Playgroups are also essential for understanding each dog's behavior with other dogs. That information directly impacts adoption matches, rescue placements, and critical decisions about each animal's future. The DPFL contract represents a tiny fraction of the overall city budget, yet its impact on animal welfare is enormous. Losing it would be a major step backward for humane care standards. Please restore DPFL funding before the Council finalizes the budget on June 6. This program is too important to lose. Thank you, Emily Eccles

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandria
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:28 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: katherine ZOEY wang

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:33 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Zoey, and I'm here in support of Safe Parking LA. Before this, I had a stable life—over 14 years working in film. I'm also a survivor of domestic violence and sexual trauma. My life didn't fall apart overnight—it shifted gradually through experiences many people don't see or understand. I ask that you see me beyond assumptions. Homelessness doesn't always look the way people expect. People like me can be capable, self-aware, and actively rebuilding—while still living on the edge of losing everything. Right now, rebuilding looks different than most imagine. It looks like driving for shade, for water, for restrooms—constantly watching over my shoulder. There was a time a man followed me for three months. To this day, I wonder where I would be if I didn't have Safe Parking LA. It looks like nursing half haphazard thoughts into the mornings—and then grounding myself through yoga in a park. It looks like booking time just to access a shower or do laundry. It looks like finding places to charge my phone and power bank—basic things that take up hours of my day, things most people never have to think about. It looks like trying to find a quiet room or space just to take an interview—if I can even get there. It looks like having my cat in the car with me, always thinking about safety, about heat, about making it work. It looks like carrying this constant fear of being “found out”—like I'm a fraud—because I'm homeless, even while I'm doing everything I can to keep going. It looks like practicing interview answers at stoplights, while holding back tears from burnout, isolation, and the constant pressure of being one disaster away from another crisis. It looks like calculating every mile and every dollar of gas. It looks like donating plasma—twice a week, for three years straight—just to keep my car running. And still, it's not enough—sometimes not enough to get to an unknown interview, to keep searching for work, or even to move somewhere safer for the night. Holding my 5 year great plan in the glove compartment. It looks like living with hip pain after falling into an empty pool, yet still sitting in a car for hours because I have to preserve what little I have. It feels like my mental health and vitality are fading—and still, I keep going. The social consequences are severe. Isolation becomes normal. Connection becomes difficult. And as an Asian woman, there's an added layer of stigma and

implicit bias—a quiet expectation that I should have been more successful, that I shouldn't be here. That turns into guilt I carry for being abused, for being homeless. And yet—it also looks like gratitude. Quietly wiping away tears while watching the sunset at the beach—with my cat beside me. Walking, and walking, through Silver Lake—just to make it through another day. With fuel prices skyrocketing, where am I expected to go? Movement isn't optional when you live in your car—it's required, and every mile costs something I can't afford to lose. People say there are resources—but access isn't simple. Shelters can feel unsafe. 211 doesn't always have options. Housing takes time, and many of us are still waiting. That's where Safe Parking LA matters. It is not just a place to park. It is safety. It is dignity. It is the ability to rest without fear. It is what allows me to keep showing up—to interviews, to opportunities, to the possibility of rebuilding. Without it, this is not just the loss of a parking space. It is the loss of stability, safety, and the fragile progress I am working so hard to maintain. Safe Parking LA gives people like me a real chance—not just to survive, but to live again. Please don't tell me the budget can't include people like me. I'm asking you to protect one of the last lines of defense we have. Safe Parking LA is not a luxury—it's what keeps us going. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Hilary Lentini

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:36 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! For all animals, H Lentini

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: Stephanie Jaco
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:50 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. Thank you, Stephanie Jaco

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Ann Brill
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:54 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Angeles Mesa

Communication from Public

Name: Hardy Lansaw
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:57 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please keep all funding for animal care and control. Dogs need to be let out of confinement and whatever needs to be done to continue yard play MUST happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Wang

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:20 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Playa Vista, CA

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:20 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a constituent writing from Santa Monica in support of fully funding the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. I have three rescue dogs from LA shelters. I know what it means for a dog to have space to move, to play, to just be a dog. Shelter dogs don't have that — DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most of them ever get. Without this program, they sit in concrete kennels around the clock, deteriorating behaviorally, becoming harder to adopt, and more likely to be involved in the kind of incidents that have already cost Los Angeles over \$31.85 million in bite settlements since 2023. That is not a savings. That is a city choosing a larger, unpredictable liability over a fixed cost that amounts to less than 1/100th of 1% of a \$14.85 billion budget. DPFL also generates the behavioral data that drives every adoption and rescue decision LAAS makes. Cut the program and you don't just harm the dogs — you blind the shelter. Los Angeles calls itself Humane LA. That phrase has to mean something. Please restore DPFL funding before June 6.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Smura

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Erica Mora
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:30 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Montebello, California

Communication from Public

Name: Zehra Qazi

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE fund Spay and Neuter programs in LA. It is unacceptable that research clearly shows vouchers are not only saving lives but also SAVING MONEY — there are no excuses to indiscriminately euthanising animals who deserve to live healthy and safe lives. END THIS CRUELTY!!!! Make the City and County of LA a more humane and just place to live.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Heller

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:39 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: When we can't take care of those that are unable to care for themselves, we are failing as a society. "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." — Mahatma Gandhi

Communication from Public

Name: Katrina Sherwood

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:22 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The continued cuts to animal services are abhorrent. Shelters are already underfunded to such a degree that animals are being euthanized every day, and citizens already dealing with inflation, unemployment, and an everyday assault on their rights are forced to pick up the slack with inadequate resources. FUND ANIMAL SERVICES.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:44 AM
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Studio City

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa Dayoub

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 12:26 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for this opportunity. Having volunteered in animal welfare for a number of, I have learned and seen a lot. The homeless dog population is exploding, getting worse and perfectly adoptable dogs are being euthanized for lack of kennel space. It's heart breaking. Our organization, Who Will Let the Dogs Out.org, visits shelters all over the south. We see the numbers of dogs being dumped at shelters is growing. Five years ago, puppies were seldom seen in shelters. Now puppies make up one third of shelter dogs. What is needed is more money for affordable spay/neuter, dogs not being turned away from shelters for any reason, education for spay/neuter, and transparency of what is really happening in shelters. Rescues are nonprofit and popping up to take dogs that the municipal shelters will not. Can you see the absurdness of this? We can and must do better for communities. Best Friends and the ASPCA are big and can really make a positive impact here. WWLDO has been visiting shelters and sees first hand what is happening for over five years. We have proof of what has happened with the practices of Community Sheltering and Managed Intake. While in theory, the practices may sound good, in reality, they have attributed to the ten year high in homeless dogs. Please see our website and social media for data. WWLDO.org. Also, dog fighting is still very much alive all over this country. Backyard breeders should be licensed. Animal cruelty laws should be enforced for animal abuse, starving dogs to death and other repulsive acts.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Gruns
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:28 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please keep funding for Dogs Playing for Life at LA county shelters. DPFL is set to be cancelled and it must stay in place for the safety of staff, volunteers and most important the dogs in shelters. This is a life saving initiative. Please continue to fund animal welfare initiatives like DPFL, animal medical and food supplies. The city of LA must take care of their most critically vulnerable residents-it's animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy L

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 01:54 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I write to express strong support for continued funding for the Good Food Zone pilot from the City of Los Angeles for an additional 2 years. Los Angeles Food Policy Council has a long-standing commitment to advancing food justice, health equity, and economic dignity across Los Angeles communities. The Good Food Zone (GFZ) pilot builds healthier neighborhoods, stronger local economies, and greater stability for families. This strengthens small businesses, expands access to healthy food, supports fair wages, and promotes local hiring. We ask the City to stand with our communities by taking meaningful action in support of the GFZ pilot continuation by allocating continued funding to sustain and expand the pilot for an additional two years. Continued investment will ensure that the pilot programming can be completed in its entirety, while also continuing to uplift more businesses, dozens of workers, and the residents in the zone towards a more just good food economy. I proudly support the GFZ campaign and the vision of healthy food access, economic dignity, and thriving communities for all Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanette
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:47 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Ted Chandler

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:28 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm currently a senior advisor to the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, having previously served as its Chief Operating Officer and senior managing director for more than 15 years. The Trust has more than \$7 billion in assets, and has invested in construction of more than 600 rental housing developments across the country in our forty-two year history. I serve. On the LACAHSAs Citizens Oversight Committee, as its public and project finance designee, and on the LACAHSAs Investment Review Committee. I'd like to point out the basic flaws in the Mend It, Don't End It, data and arguments. 1. A 32% drop in multifamily homes built annually: this data point ignores that there's been a drop in multifamily homes built annually nationally, in California, and across the country, ranging from 20%-30%. It's completely disingenuous to look at deliveries in 2024: apartments delivered in 2024 began construction in 2021 or 2022. 2. 67% drop in transactions: this drop is attributable to the adjustment that landowners make to their sales prices in light of the enactment of ULA. Those owners require time to adjust - they respond to a tax the way people respond to a death: shock, denial, anger, and finally acceptance. The fact that more than \$1 billion has been raised by ULA shows that owners have adjusted. It's that adjustment period that the initial drop in transactions is attributable to; it's a mistake to think that an. Initial adjustment period continues, and the ULA revenue demonstrates the flaw. 3. It's absolutely false that lenders won't lend because of ULA. Lenders don't underwrite to the sales price of a project - they underwrite to the net operating income and the availability of permanent financing. There isn't even a line item in a lender's (or preferred equity investor's) pro forma. 4. Only a small fraction of new construction developers rely on the joint venture equity that actually looks to sales as part of its investment thesis. Investment funds that raise money from institutional investors such as pension funds, promise to return that money to their investors within 10 years, and so sales are element of their analysis. Academics assert a "huge drop" in multifamily construction, but the small fraction is borne out by the estimated drop of 1910 units per year. The City of LA has more than 700,000 apartments; LA County has an estimated 1.2-1.3 million. 1910 units is tiny and I'm confident is not a sufficient supply to affect market rent rates.

5. The property tax argument is bizarre, and literally doesn't add up. The asserted loss of property tax revenue is a fraction of what ULA has raised. 6. One claim is that ULA, by taxing new rental housing development, produces a net reduction in the number of income restricted units built. Of the 1910 units that are estimated foregone, 168 would be income-restricted. The amount that ULA raises from new rental housing development is estimated at \$29 million. The City of LA has been allocating about \$60,000-70,000 per unit. Opponents of ULA applying to new commercial construction claim that because affordable housing requires more than \$300,000 per unit subsidy, that \$29 million produces 70 units of affordable housing - less than the 168 units. In reality, because of the city's leveraging other sources, that \$29 million in ULA revenue produces more than double the amount of affordable housing. 7. It's clear that ULA is wildly successful as tax policy: it has raised more than \$1 billion for its intended purposes. It's crazy to suggest that exempting new construction of commercial projects (including rental housing) from ULA would produce more affordable housing - again, only a small fraction of developers of those projects use financing influenced by ULA. It's laughable to suggest that small amount of housing produced by that small fraction of developers has an impact on a market as large as LA's. It's disingenuous to look at transactions from the beginning of the enactment of ULA, and extrapolate to the future - best demonstrated by the growth in the revenue raised by ULA. Pointing to San Francisco is actually proves the point: San Francisco's transfer tax has been a failure, raising less than 10% of what ULA has raised. In the face of an affordable housing crisis, I find it bizarre to suggest that the solution is cutting the funding for affordable housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Ciscon

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 06:31 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The budget cuts to LA Animal Services seems unduly cruel and inhumane, especially since it doesn't leave money for food or medical supplies. Shelters shouldn't have to rely on donations to feed their pets. It seems like there is a way to reintroduce money to reduce the reliance on food donations while still keeping any necessary personnel cuts

Communication from Public

Name: Jo Marsden

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 06:56 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Pls do not end play time for shelter pups!!! It's so important for their mental health!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Taryn Ogden

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 09:07 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is an important program. Safe parking la should have never been canceled. It helps people that are in a hard spot. Please dont take this away.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Lacey Levitt
Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 09:37 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Properly fund Animal Services including animal food, and medical and the Dogs Playing for Life contract. Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts are completely unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Markelle Lambert

Date Submitted: 04/23/2026 04:36 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is an absolute travesty and must not be approved! Our sheltering system is already in a state of crisis! How can you justify zero budget for food? How can you justify cutting the budget for medical supplies back \$340,000? And completely cut out the dogs playing for life program?! That is some dogs only hope of getting out of our sheltering system alive! Instead of paying high salaries, overtime, pensions, retirement, cut back the fat, and let's focus on what really matters, the animals! I'm a homeowner in LA county, these are my tax dollars and I have a Voice! I will be a voice for these animals!

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:40 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You need to invest our tax dollars into more resources for animal care not just killing to make more space and build more shelters for them as well. The City of LA has gone to trash and even for animals to be getting drugs tested on in day and age is crazy. This current mayor isn't doing enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Emilie Pollack

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Communication from Public

Name: Enrique Sanchez

Date Submitted: 04/25/2026 01:59 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Official Statement from Spanish United Regarding the Expansion of Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) ?FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ?Contact: Enrique M. Sanchez, Director and Founder Organization: Spanish United Subject: Advocating for Ethical, Fiscal, and Moral Responsibility in Los Angeles Crisis Response ?Spanish United issues this urgent call to the Los Angeles City Council to prioritize and fully fund the Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) citywide. For too long, our Hispanic communities have borne the brunt of a system that defaults to an armed response for medical and psychological emergencies—a system that has proven, time and again, to be ill-equipped for the complexities of mental health crises. ?The Human Cost of Mismanaged Crisis ?In many of our neighborhoods across Los Angeles, the arrival of a police siren during a mental health episode does not bring relief; it brings fear. Law enforcement officers are trained for public safety and criminal interdiction, not clinical intervention. When police respond to a person in a psychiatric or emotional breakdown, the lack of clinical training can lead to unnecessary escalation, trauma, and in the most tragic cases, the loss of life. Our community members deserve to be met with a helping hand, not a handcuffed one. ?The Necessity of Clinical Expertise ?UMCR is not merely an alternative; it is a clinical necessity. By deploying clinically trained professionals, social workers, and peer specialists, we ensure that: ?De-escalation is the priority: Professionals trained in trauma-informed care can stabilize a situation without the presence of a weapon. ?Cultural and Linguistic Competency: In our Hispanic communities, having responders who understand cultural nuances and can communicate effectively is vital for building trust. ?Direct Connection to Care: Instead of a jail cell, individuals are routed directly to the healthcare services and long-term support they actually need. ?Our Triple Mandate: Ethical, Fiscal, and Moral ?Spanish United maintains that the City of Los Angeles has a clear obligation to expand UMCR based on three primary pillars: ?The Ethical Mandate: It is fundamentally unethical to criminalize illness. We must provide the appropriate level of care for the specific need presented. ?The Fiscal Mandate: Armed response and the subsequent legal and medical costs of escalation are a

drain on city resources. Investing in UMCR is a smarter, more sustainable use of taxpayer dollars that reduces the long-term burden on our emergency systems. ?The Moral Mandate: As a city, our greatest responsibility is the protection and well-being of all residents, regardless of their zip code. To deny Hispanic neighborhoods these life-saving services while others have them is a moral failure that must be corrected in this budget cycle. ?Spanish United stands with the advocates calling for an unarmed response. We urge our members and the greater Los Angeles community to make their voices heard at City Hall. The time to transition from a culture of policing to a culture of care is now. ?Enrique M. Sanchez Director and Founder, Spanish United

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:29 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. Sincerely, Jennifer Heaton Santa Monica, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 11:44 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think it is barbaric to cut the canine enrichment program. Los Angeles is failing these dogs in these shelters. To try and take away what might be the only bright spot in their day seems abusive and negligent. This enrichment time is a way to keep the dogs mentally and physically sane and adoptable. They are not prisoners, they have not committed a crime, they are innocent beings who have no autonomous control over their destinies. As their human keepers it is our duty to offer them the best environment to potentially find them a loving and secure home. Karen Bass is again failing the city of Los Angeles.

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Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Ceja-Winslow

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Communication from Public

Name: Megan

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:00 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: I have a rescue dog and also volunteer at a Pasadena rescue. I understand first hand how important it is for dogs to get outdoor exercise. It's great for both their physical and mental health. It brings much needed joy to animals who haven't always had a lot in their lives. Many dogs get stressed out in shelter situations and their only respite is outdoor play time. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. These dogs didn't ask to be in this position, we owe it to these sweet, special creatures to give them the best life possible before they meet their forever families. Thanks, Megan Mostyn-Brown

Communication from Public

Name: NAV

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in response to the Funding Dogs Playing for Life at City of LA Animal Shelters. Please go forward with another contact to continue with this project . This service will ensure that dogs get a chance to socialize with other dogs and are more than likely get adopted. Consider how many dogs are left in kennels and never have the chance to interact, on a consistent basis. Since its inception DPFL has made a huge difference in providing a home for these dogs that would otherwise be euthanized.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Castro
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:24 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Martinez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:28 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Cynthia Martinez, and I serve as the Director of Prevention and Intervention at the Alliance for Community Empowerment. I am also a member of the Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition. I am here today to urge you to increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention. In my role, I oversee programs that work directly with young people and families at the highest risk of violence. I've seen firsthand how sustained investment in intervention and prevention saves lives, stabilizes families, and creates pathways away from harm. The data reflects this—Los Angeles recently experienced its lowest levels of violence in decades, and that progress is not accidental. It is the result of intentional investment in community-based safety strategies. However, with significant federal cuts and the loss of state funding this year, our programs are now at risk of losing capacity at the exact moment our communities still need us most. I urge the City to protect and expand its investment in CVI by increasing the number of intervention workers, ensuring competitive wages, and strengthening the infrastructure that allows this work to be effective. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention so we can continue saving lives and sustaining safer communities. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Giuseppe Calabrese

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am against canceling the canine enrichment program. It's one of the only tools left for dogs to decompress from the stresses of being locked up in a cage. This program helps them become more adoptable.

Communication from Public

Name: S. Rhodes

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Communication from Public

Name: Maria Hudson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:39 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Ben Taco Owens
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:42 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon My name is Ben Taco Owens and I'm asking three things: Protect and INCREASE funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention Do NOT cut what is saving lives Invest in what is proven to work

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Anthony Altamirano

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 12:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Michael Altamirano from ACE. I strongly support increased funding for CVI because it allows my teenage daughters and son to feel safe in a neighborhood where gang infestation and gang culture is rampant. My family is thankful for this opportunity to speak out and support our CVI workers and their dedication to change the gang culture. We must invest in our communities and create safe, nonviolent environments, where our children can thrive.

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Ruffo
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Venice

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:02 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: David Steven Moskowitz

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: All spay and neuter voucher types in Los Angeles, need to be funded, including those supporting the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. It's especially important that you raise reimbursement rates for rabbits as clinics lose money doing it currently and only one or two will perform the surgeries at the current reimbursement rates. \$4 million to the Animal Sterilization Fund will be the most impactful money the city spends on animal welfare (and its associated benefits to humans). Full stop.

Communication from Public

Name: Jen Chavez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:23 PM

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Highland Park

Communication from Public

Name: Dominique P
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:27 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE restore the DPFL contract... these poor dogs in our shelters (and on the streets, but that's a separate issue) are suffering immensely and need and deserve outside time! Please do not let them suffer further. Thank you, Dominique District 13 resident, dog mom and animal lover

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Graham J. Pruss
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:32 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

Communication from Public

Name: Susanna Sage

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Susanna Sage and I work as a mental health therapist at ACE in collaboration Community Violence Intervention. I am asking that the City of Los Angeles increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention. 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: Elyse

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 01:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: ?? You're about to submit this comment: Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey Muller

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:00 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Los Angeles 90016

Communication from Public

Name: Lorena

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Charline Nunez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:02 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Investment in the Community Violence Intervention (CVI); program has, and continues to save the city of Los Angeles funds significantly! A recent GRYD evaluation found that their crisis response team saved the city of Los Angeles over \$150 million over the course of two years when adjusting for inflation! Violence intervention and prevention reduces polices calls, hospitalizations, and ER services tenfold! CVI needs more resources, and we employ this Council to support this effort. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:09 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Julia Pennington
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:12 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of Los Angeles City Council District 13. I have lived in Los Angeles for 27 years, own and operate a business here and have been involved in animal rescue in Los Angeles for over two decades. The rapid decline of services offered by Los Angeles Animal Services is deeply alarming. To now see a proposed budget that removes funding for the most basic needs of the animals is outrageous and unacceptable. Reducing the food budget to zero (0!), cutting already limited medical care support, and completely eliminating the Dogs Playing for Life program—the only consistent enrichment many dogs in the LAAS system receive—is not simply a policy decision. It raises serious concerns about neglect and the welfare of animals in LAAS' care. In the City's own proposed budget, page 48, Los Angeles Animal Services defines its role as follows: "This Department enforces all laws and ordinances regulating the care, custody, control, and prevention of cruelty to all animals, including wildlife, within the City; operates and maintains animal shelters; provides veterinary care; issues permits and conducts inspections for the operation of animal establishments; issues animal licenses as required by law; promotes and conducts spay and neuter surgeries; and participates in the County's rabies control program. The Department also offers educational programs." I ask you to consider how a budget that eliminates funding for food, significantly cuts support for basic medical care, and removes the only enrichment currently provided for some of the animals, aligns with this stated mission, particularly the Department's responsibility for the care of animals and the prevention of cruelty. These are not optional services. They are fundamental to meeting the standards to not inflict cruelty and fall into complete negligence/animal abuse. I respectfully urge you to refuse this proposed budget in its current form and to reinstate funding for food, medical care, and the Dogs Playing for Life program. At a minimum, our city must uphold basic standards of care for the animals within its own shelter system. Surely, the council can see that. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:18 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I'm not familiar with how written comment submissions work but here's hoping this gets read aloud at the meeting. I was a participant in spla's safe parking program from early 2023 through late 2025. Homelessness was a strange and hellish experience for me, and it is impossible to concisely articulate what homelessness is like to people who've never experienced it, but with SPLA's budget on the chopping block I feel moved to share a little about my time with the program I would imagine most people I shared the lot with would agree that vehicular homelessness is something you just kind of fall into. Without robust family support, one layoff - one medical emergency, one lost loved one, one bad decision - one bad week is all it takes. SPLA was of critical help to me, and it may well have saved my life. Other than simply providing a safe place to sleep - which is in itself a crucial lifeline - my case managers were able to provide financial assistance for auto repairs several times. This was at a time when my only source of income was doordashing, and my only home was my car. Without this assistance I'd almost surely be sleeping outside at this point. By now I've seen enough of the world to understand that there are undoubtedly factions within our city government who enthusiastically, if quietly, support the quiet social murder of the unhoused. There's a lot of money to be made there! But for those listening to this who value human life, don't cut spla. I don't love everything about how the program was run, but the answers here are in more funding, more efficiency, and quality oversight.

Communication from Public

Name: Josefine

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not take away shelter dogs only chance at happiness!
They are already suffering enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Misty Oka

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I am a constituent, an Angeleno, and a legal aid attorney 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. The annual contract for DPFL is less than 1/100th of 1% of the City of LA's budget. Although the amount is negligible relative to other line items in the budget, the impact is literally life-changing and life-saving not only for dogs but also for constituents such as myself who are fortunate enough to have the love of a rescue pound puppy. Significantly, the playgroups are a matter of public safety as well. Without the data from playgroups and without the outlet and positive interaction for the dogs, the number of dog bites will increase-- for volunteers and staff and for community members who are making decisions with less data about dogs with deteriorated mental health from being kenneled 24/7. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Don't let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1. Thank you,
Misty Oka

PLEASE Restore DPFL Funding in 2026-27 Budget

3 messages

Misty Oka <misty.oka@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 2:39 PM

To: councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org, heather.hutt@lacity.org, councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org

Dear Councilmembers,

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DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day -- no walks, no play, no stimulation, and no opportunity for lifesaving photos and videos to help network them. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs and humans. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every life-saving decision the shelter makes. Without the information and photos and videos from playgroups used to network the dogs, even fewer animals will make it out of the shelter safely to a rescue or adoptive family. On a personal note, my two rescue dogs (first from the Baldwin Park Shelter and then the Downey Shelter) were both saved after being networked with photos taken during a playgroup. Both were rescued on their put-to-sleep date. I cannot imagine my world without them, and I can say with near complete certainty that they would not have made it out alive but for the DPFL playgroups.

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Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Please, please, please do not let this lifesaving program lapse on July 1.

Thank you,
Misty Oka



Teddy (rescued in September 2024 from Downey)



Mona Bear (rescued from Baldwin Park in 2010. My best friend for 13 years)

Councilmember Blumenfield <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>
To: misty.oka@gmail.com

Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 2:40 PM

Thank you for your e-mail. I appreciate hearing from you and welcome your comments, questions or concerns. My staff and I will review your message and will work to address your concerns in a timely manner.

Due to the high volume of e-mails my office receives, it is difficult to respond immediately to each one, but we will respond to every constituent contact in a timely manner. If you would like to speak to a member of my staff regarding an urgent concern, please don't hesitate to contact my office by phone. My Reseda office can be reached at (818) 774-4330; my City Hall office at (213) 473-7003.

Please check my website (blumenfield.lacity.org) for information you may find useful and stay-up-to-date with news from our office through Facebook www.Facebook.com/BobBlumenfieldSFV and Twitter www.Twitter.com/BobBlumenfield.

Thank you again for taking time to contact me.

Sincerely,

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District
City of Los Angeles

Heather Hutt <heather.hutt@canned.response@lacity.org>
To: misty.oka@gmail.com

Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 2:40 PM

Hello,

Thank you for contacting our office.

Constituent services are the most critical function of public service. Below are the point people for the various issues and geographical Grid deputies for your specific area of concern or need.

[Alisa Rivera](#) (South-West Area): Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Historic Leimert Park Village, Kinney Heights, Gramercy Park, West Adams Avenues

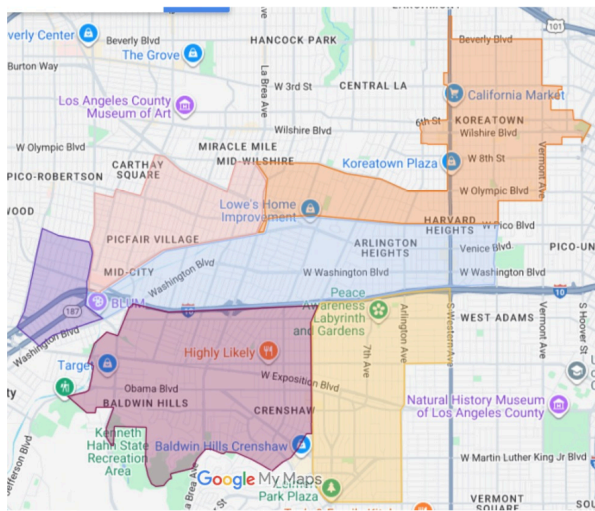
[Jonathan Mitchell](#) (South-West Area): West Adams, Baldwin Hills, Baldwin Village, Crenshaw Manor

[Terrence Gomes](#) (West Area): La Cienega Heights, South Robertson, Reynier Village, Helms, The Arts District, La Cienega Heights, Crestview, South Robertson Neighborhoods

[Mayra Guevara](#) (West Area): Little Ethiopia, Wilshire Vista, Faircrest Heights, South Orange Area, PicFair Village, Pico Boulevard (between Fairfax & Cochran), Redondo Sycamore, Pico Del Mar, Miracle Mile, Longwood Area

[Alan Antonio & Diane Cho](#) (Koreatown): Kingsley Manor, Wilshire Center/Koreatown, Little Bangladesh, Country Club, Oxford Square, Olympic Park, Rampart Village, Oaxacan Corridor, Byzantine Latino Quarter

[Danielle Mero](#) (Mid-City): Harvard Heights, West Adams Heights- Sugar Hill, Western Heights, Arlington Heights, Angelus Vista, Wellington Square, Lafayette Square, Victoria Circle, St. Elmo Square, Mid City, Mid City Village, Mid-City East, Mid City West



If you need any further assistance from our office, please don't hesitate to reach out:

- **Scheduling Requests:** Kimberly Valentine at kimberly.valentine@lacity.org
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- **CPRA Requests:** emily.adsit@lacity.org
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Have a great day!

With Hope,

Heather Hutt

Heather Hutt
Councilwoman, Tenth District

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Council District 10

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Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Bage

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 02:56 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. Not only is Dog Playing for Life essential for a dogs health and happiness but, its CRUCIAL to socializing them for adoption. The DPFL contract costs 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: callie A pegadiotes
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 03:47 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. This is NOT a negotiable item. It's sickening to know this is where cuts are being made. And frankly every single person in favor of this should be ashamed. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most 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!!!! This will ignite a LOUD movement for animal welfare. As it is, Los Angeles has some of the highest euthanasia rates on healthy dogs. These proposed cuts continue to show how out of touch LA officials are and how badly they need to be removed from office. Fix this and reinstate the funding. Thank you, Callie Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Akilah Gary

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I stand before you as a representation of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD)—a system that works. If ain't broke don't fix it, strengthen it! Do not cut the hands that hold the night together. Do not silence the voices that stop violence before it starts, that guide youth away from danger, that help grieving families heal. GRYD stands where fear once stood. It brings peace where trauma lived, and hope where despair once stayed. If you cut this funding, what replaces it? Another funeral? Another candlelight vigil? Another young life given over to the prison system? Another family broken by loss? Homicide Rate for 2025, are numbers that shows a system that works alone Budgets are more than numbers. They are choices. They show who matters. So let your vote speak clearly: Choose healing. Choose prevention. Choose communities. Do not cut hope when it is working, strengthen and secure funding with increase and not decrease. I'm Akilah Gary, an impacted citizen from District 9 of a system that works.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:13 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking the City Council to protect LA Animal Services funding. Please do not eliminate the animal food budget, cut medical supplies, or remove enrichment programs like Dogs Playing for Life. Shelter animals rely completely on these services for their basic survival and wellbeing. They need consistent access to food, medical care, and time out of kennels. These animals are part of our community and deserve humane treatment and protection. Please prioritize their safety and wellbeing when making budget decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Terrall E. Tillman

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE CONTINUE TO FUND THE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONIST & PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE OUT HERE ON THE STREETS MAKING A DIFFERENCE & SAVING LIVES. LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN NOT DO THE SAME TASK WE DO IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE THE LICENSE TO OPERATE & THE INTENTIONS OF HEALING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM ALL THE TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES THAT GO ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES ON A REGULAR BASIS. LESSONZ LEARNED PARTNERS WITH MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ON THE GROUND SAVING LIVES AND EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAUMA INFORMED CARE AND PRACTICES TO ALLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HEAL, BE SAFE AND EDUCATED AT THE SAME TIME.

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Mendez

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I work for volunteers Of America Los Angeles.I am also with the Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition (LAVIC) Oh sorry I am asking that you protect and increase funding for GRYD and Community Violence Intervention My work as a community intervention worker saves lives, we deserve better pay! For these reasons, I ask you to protect and increase funding for CVI to continue saving lives.”

Communication from Public

Name: Pratima raizada
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:39 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Emily Ridley-Zecos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:41 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Community Animal Medicine Project

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: ** Fully Fund All Spay/Neuter Voucher Types - Animals and Families Deserve Better ** Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, We are writing to urge you to take immediate action to fully fund all spay and neuter voucher types in the City of Los Angeles, not just the Free Voucher for owned pets, but also those that support the Citywide Cat Program, shelter pets, mobile clinics, rabbits, and low-income families. After ten years without an increase, the City Council's recent decision to raise reimbursement rates for only one voucher type--for just one year--leaves behind tens of thousands of animals who urgently need care. This limited increase fails to support the high-volume, cost-effective programs that have proven to reduce shelter intake and euthanasia rates. As you know, LA faces an escalating animal welfare crisis: our shelters are overcrowded, adoptable animals are being euthanized, and veterinarians cannot afford to participate in the voucher program because the outdated reimbursement rates do not reflect the real cost of providing care. Vulnerable animals need help. Every dollar invested in spay and neuter saves the City approximately four dollars in sheltering costs. At the South LA shelter alone, the City spends an estimated \$12,000 per day in animal care costs--more than \$4 million per year. Now multiply that by six LAAS shelters. Fully funding the voucher program is not just humane, it's fiscally responsible. Please don't leave our animals and the people who care for them behind. Fully implement the voucher rate increase across all voucher types so we can prevent suffering, reduce costs, and save lives. Sincerely, The Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP)

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Fondation
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:49 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to advocate for the Public Bank feasibility study to be included in the 2026-27 budget. The Council has already voted unanimously to move forward with the study. Nine Councilmembers have committed their funds to support the study (including 3 out of 5 Budget Committee members: Blumenfield, Hernandez, Hutt) We are \$325,000 short of finishing what's already been approved. Please include this in the final budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Danni Fry
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:53 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Boyle Heights

Communication from Public

Name: Gila Brown

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:28 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT cut funds for animal service in in LA County! Our animals deserve better than the city has been giving them.

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Todd Cunningham

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:58 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Todd Cunningham, Food and Wellness Organizer with the Los Angeles Community Action Network in Skid Row. I'm also the former co-chair of the LA Food Policy Council's Good Food Zone Working Group that helped shape this policy. At LA CAN, we operate a beautiful Rooftop Farm where our members grow fresh produce in the middle of downtown Los Angeles. I've watched people light up when they take home something healthy to eat or something they helped grow themselves. In those moments, food becomes something more, it's dignity, hope, and relief. But I also meet neighbors every day who are worried about their next meal. Even with places where people can access food for free, not all food is good food. Too many families are left choosing between what is affordable and what is healthy. Now, with looming cuts that could take away SNAP and CalFresh benefits, that pressure will only grow. California may help address some of that through AB-2299, but people need support now. Good Food Zones are a compassionate, practical response. They help trusted neighborhood businesses bring healthy, affordable, nourishing food closer to the people who need it most. They turn policy into something a parent can bring home for dinner tonight. Please vote yes to fund Good Food Zones. In a difficult moment, this is how Los Angeles shows people they matter. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Burns
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 04:59 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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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: Jamie Stone

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:12 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Paula Barrantes
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Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Zipp

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 03:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is not only penny wise pound foolish but irresponsible and inhumane to slash the budget LA Animal services especially when they are suffering a big crisis. Is LA going to keep increasing the amount of healthy and adoptable beautiful furry creatures that lack proper care and are murdered by LA? Shame on you. The numbers of voters who are animal lovers is vast and they will not forget when it's time to cast their ballots in elections if you do not amend this budget Debbie Zipp

Communication from Public

Name: Shellene

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Shellene Rains Long Beach

Communication from Public

Name: Peggy Lee Kennedy
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 05:48 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: Ogie Jackson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Antonella Lentini District 4

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Communication from Public

Name: Melanie

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: FOR DECADES, I have watched LA bungle animal care centers and the \$\$\$ involved. Since Brenda Barnette, I've seen catastrophic waste of these beautiful animals and ZERO assistance in the low income or CITY WIDE spay and neuter budget. want lower numbers??? SEE WHERE THEY ARE COMING FROM! PLEASE allocate a LOT of the budget to spay and neuter, and a 4 person task team to stop selling and breeding of animals! Honestly, Brenda said I could take this on, then she retired. HAVE people monitor Facebook and other media(Craigslist) and go after these for profit breeders with no licenses! If you MAKE a rule, ENFORCE IT!!! That would be \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ right there! Go, pose as a buyer, get the dogs, spay and neuter parents, take puppies and adopt out. Once the free for all subsidies, I'd bet my life, the number drop of 6month-2 yr old shepherd, pit, and malinois that didn't sell and are now not wanted. Honestly, it shouldn't be this hard!!! Rescues can make a dent, why can't LAAS? We need better facilities run by BETTER QUALIFIED PEOPLE! Make use of prison programs! They have GREAT Success and people want a dog that has a track record of training/socialization. I'm weary from all the endless fostering, constant flow of "24 HOURS until (INSERT ANY NAME OF LAAS ANIMAL HERE) DIES! and having to watch these gorgeous wonderful animals languish and die for no good reason except an UTTER LACK of helpful programs! GET WITH REPUTABLE RESCUES and get their help. THEY WANT TO HELP! Outta the Cage, Downtown Dog Rescue, Luxe Paws, Wags and Walks, and many others have ALL have managed HUGE numbers on TINY budgets. PLEASE INVITE THEM TO THE TABLE to TALK AND SOLVE THINGS! Very Clearly, LAAS does NOT know what to do anymore. PLEASE stop voting in money with NO PLAN. And PLEASE make use of the people who are ALREADY doing it successfully! WE NEED A BETTER VISION MOVING FORWARD!!!! PLEASE make spay and neuter WAY more available and affordable. MOST people want to do the right thing, but can't afford this city and a \$400 spay or neuter. The vouchers aren't enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Lane

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strenuously object to Mayor Bass proposing cuts to shelter animals welfare. All the money that is wasted and she proposes this terrible reduction in animal welfare. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anita

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In Mayor Karen Bass' current proposed budget, animal services food is cut to Zero Dollars. It also cuts the lifesaving program Dogs Playing for Life. Please ensure there is food budgeted. Please restore the Dogs Playing for Life program to the budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Miller

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

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 04:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You can not cut services to helpless innocent animals. The amount of money the city wastes should be eliminated and animals given what they deserve. If you cut service you are heartless and will most certainly lose my vote

Communication from Public

Name: Belinda Casas
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 06:26 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please, public accountability and financial penalties for City Departments that exceed their budgets. Especially for departments that consistently exceed their budgets due to liability payouts.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Without DPFL, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. No walks. No play. No contact outside the steel door. Please vote to restore funding before the Committee report on May 15.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Peterson

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:27 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm an LA native & citizen, 3rd generation, who deeply cares about our shelter dogs. All of our family dogs have come from LA shelters, and I visit the shelters often on the weekends. 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. The Department's own interim GM, Annette Ramirez, warned the Committee in writing on April 21 that cutting DPFL will negatively affect shelter dogs' physical and behavioral health, decrease adoptability, and increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget — a small fraction of what the city has paid in dog bite settlements over three years. Cutting it converts a small, predictable cost into unpredictable liability. Please vote to restore DPFL funding before the Committee report on May 15. Thank you, Andrea Peterson
Westchester 90045

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please restore funding for LA's shelter dogs. Without this they cannot be treated humanely.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:44 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Natalie and I'm a constituent in Los Feliz. I am calling as your constituent to urge you to fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. This isn't just about the animals — it's about who we are. In a letter to Chair Yaroslavsky on April 21, LAAS interim GM Annette Ramirez warned that cutting DPFL will negatively affect shelter dogs' physical and behavioral health, decrease adoptability, and increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. Without DPFL, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day. No walks. No play. No contact outside the steel door. Losing DPFL makes "Humane LA" merely 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. LA is a caring place that loves its people, city, and animals. Removing this program isn't us, we're better than that. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funds for Animal Services. Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Martinez
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:51 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Xander Long

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:51 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The citizens of LA urge and plea with you to not let the tiny budget it would require to keep the dogs of LA safe and happy. Spending money in keeping dogs happy and adoptable is the only way to reduce the spending and need for animal shelters. The dogs of LA do not deserve to be kept imprisoned in cages simply because they do not fit into our man made urban environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Ross

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:57 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not stop funding for the Dogs Playing for Life. The Los Angeles animal shelters are being so mismanaged and the animals of Los Angeles are paying with their lives for the mismanagement of Los Angeles budget. It should be the opposite. The Los Animal Shelter crisis shows what is really going on in this city. Do better !!

Communication from Public

Name: Rafael Chavez

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: my name is Rafael Chavez and I work for ACE alliance for community empowerment and increasing the budget for GRYD means safer communities and at risk youth can thrive when they feel seen and supported thank you and God bless you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:02 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Public servants of Los Angeles, Shelters and rescue dogs are already in crisis mode, it is imperative to step up and maintain one of the most important parts of a shelter dogs life: play and outside time (DPFL!). DPFL should remain a mandatory part of this budget. Our community is counting on you. We will vote every single one of you out of office if you fail our shelters and our shelter dogs. Don't fail us. Do the right thing. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Renee Felice Smith
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:06 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Villagomez
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:33 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Grant Initiative and Partnership Agreement The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) respectfully urges the Budget and Finance Committee, to support the proposed partnership and contract between Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS), the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society. Los Angeles is at a pivotal moment. The City has an opportunity to leverage a \$14 million, three-year grant, a first of its kind collaboration between two of the nation's leading animal welfare organizations to strengthen LA Animal Services and deliver meaningful, lasting improvements for animals and the communities they serve. LAAS is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the country, serving approximately 50,000 animals annually and responding to more than 20,000 emergency calls. Like many large systems nationwide, LAAS is experiencing sustained pressure from high intake, staffing shortages, and increased demand for services to help keep pets and families together. These challenges require both immediate support and long-term, sustainable solutions. This proposal directly addresses those challenges through a strategic, collaborative approach that strengthens LAAS from within. It is not a short-term intervention, but a comprehensive investment in people, programs, and operations designed to improve outcomes for animals and better serve Angelenos. Through this partnership the City will receive:

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This proposal reflects a shared commitment among the ASPCA, Best Friends, and LAAS to work collaboratively by leveraging complementary expertise, resources and on the ground experience to strengthen the City's animal services system. It is designed to support LAAS leadership and staff, enhance services for residents, reduce strain on shelters, and position Los Angeles as a national leader in animal welfare. The ASPCA has a longstanding commitment to Los Angeles,

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Michelle Villagomez
Senior Director, Municipal Affairs
ASPCA

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Mora

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:39 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: Tiffany
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:51 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please make the right choice and protect these sentient animals. They have a right to live with access to sun, food, water and nature just like us.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:51 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT cut funds for the LA Animal Services budget. Adequate funds must be allotted for food, medicine & programs providing vital exercise & enrichment to shelter dogs & cats.

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Levinson

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:53 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, As a constituent and adopter of a dog that was rescued, 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 know personally how important this is as information on my dog's temperament and behaviors helped me feel confident in going through with the adoption. The DPFL contract costs 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, Mia Levinson of Pico-Robertson

Communication from Public

Name: Katrina Schutte
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:58 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, As a City Employee, LA Animal Services (LAAS) volunteer, and an Angeleno who immensely 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. While working as a volunteer at LAAS Harbor Shelter in San Pedro, I saw firsthand how DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel 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 are not even removed from the concrete kennel when the kennels are cleaned; instead, they secured on either side of the guillotine door while the kennel is hosed down with water. Playgroups are also how LA Animal Services learns the most important thing about every dog: how they behave with other dogs. That single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every lifesaving decision the shelter makes. Additionally, DPFL personnel are professionally trained to handle stressed and fearful dogs; the city's dependence on volunteers who receive minimal training is inefficient and expensive. DPFL provides information about the dogs to us volunteers, so we have the vital information needed to safely handle dogs in the shelter environment. As a volunteer, without DPFL's assessment, the number of dogs available to walk would decrease because there would be very little behavioral information available about the dog, if any at all. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting it costs the city every claim to being a Humane LA. Also, if the city is serious about reducing liability payouts, DPFL is essential. The assessment's provided by DPFL personnel are essential to keep shelter staff, shelter volunteers, the public, and the dogs as safe as possible when under the care of LAAS. 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, Katrina Schutte

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine Araujo
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:02 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. The Department's own interim GM, Annette Ramirez, warned the Committee in writing on April 21 that cutting DPFL will negatively affect shelter dogs' physical and behavioral health, decrease adoptability, and increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget — a small fraction of what the city has paid in dog bite settlements over three years. Cutting it converts a small, predictable cost into unpredictable liability. Please vote to restore DPFL funding before the Committee report on May 15. Thank you, Elaine Araujo Rolling Hills Estates

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Sparks

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:11 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent living in the Silverlake neighborhood who loves animals and cares about the ethical treatment of our city's shelter dogs, I'm commenting to ask that our council restores funding for 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 shelter system is so underfunded right now and it's horribly cruel to keep animals in a small kennel or pop up crate with no access to the outside for months or longer. The Department's own interim GM, Annette Ramirez, warned the Committee in writing on April 21 that cutting DPFL will negatively affect shelter dogs' physical and behavioral health, decrease adoptability, and increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget — a small fraction of what the city has paid in dog bite settlements over three years. Cutting it converts a small, predictable cost into unpredictable liability. Please vote to restore DPFL funding before the Committee report on May 15. Thank you, Sam Sparks Silverlake

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmine Griffis

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 02:43 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Support Full Funding for Survivor Services in LA City Budget (Council File: 26-0600) Dear Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Jasmine Griffis, and I am a board member of Haven Hills, a domestic violence organization serving survivors and families across Los Angeles. I am writing in support of full funding for survivor services in the City's FY 26-27 budget. I urge you to adopt the proposed \$12.3 million in General Funds for CIFD Survivor Services. This funding is essential to maintaining life-saving shelter, housing, and support services for survivors of domestic violence. These services are critical, especially as many individuals experiencing homelessness have a history of domestic or intimate partner violence. I also ask that you fully fund LAHSA's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning request. Without adequate funding, LAHSA will be unable to sustain key programs and staffing that support survivors in accessing housing and federal resources. Additionally, I encourage the City to: Ensure survivors do not lose housing as Emergency Housing Vouchers expire Maintain strong workforce development programs like LA: RISE Los Angeles has made meaningful progress in expanding services for survivors, and this is a critical moment to protect and build on that progress. Please stand with survivors and ensure full funding for CIFD Survivor Services and LAHSA CoC core functions. Sincerely, Jasmine Griffis

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026 02:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fully fund Dog Play for Life in the 2026-27 budget. Do NOT let the contract lapse July 1. It's often the only out-of-kennel time dogs get. ??It directly impacts adoptions + rescue placements. It reduces stress + behavioral decline. It costs less than 1/100th of 1% of the city budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 05:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Paula

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 05:18 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Ramos

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:23 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, Jessica Ramos
Echo Park

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Phillips
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:22 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't take away dog's outdoor time. It's a big stress reliever in a very stressful shelter situation. They need sunshine to survive just like we do.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregory
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:15 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Rori
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:48 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Kilgus

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:49 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract for the 2026-27 budget. DPFL play groups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day - 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

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 03:58 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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: Rob Mattson

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 04:13 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I just want to start off by giving you a little background on myself I am a 58 year old MALE. I lost my employment last October . The program has helped me with items that needed to be taken care of with my car I suffered a stroke 5 years ago leaving me with a left side deficit. On a normal day (housed) you would not know this deficits now that I am homeless and have been homeless for 5 months now moving in my car the stress has multiplied this deficit by 1,000 times I have days when I need my game to watch. I recently suffered respiratory failure hypothermia hypoxia, hypoglycemia amongst a battery of less than perfect lab results . All this is due to my living situation I was told that the stress had a lot to do with it . Without safe parking I don't know what I would do. During the day it's bad enough getting kicked out of this parking lot getting kicked out of that parking lot dodging the cops I mean what do they expect us to do, maybe we should build some more encampments and dig in deep so they can't move us .I don't know. I would like to thank everyone that is involved with the Safe Parking LA program. I mean what a concept a safe place to sleep in your car and not have to worry or sleep with one eye open. I find myself very grateful for the program and being able to participate in it. I am enrolled in other programs throughout the county which have not rendered me much of anything such as safe parking has. The other programs I end up with phone numbers on top of phone numbers on top of phone numbers. Oh I may have misspoke and I believe they're called "resources" not phone numbers what a bunch of bullshit . I'm so sick of that word. Once again I would like to think everybody that works for and supports spla. What happens if this program got taken away and just one life got taken (murdered) because not having a safe place to park overnight. How would that make the council members feel? Just one never mind if it happened two or three..... times. Being homeless is no joke and it's not easy it's a 24-hour a day job let me repeat that being homeless is a 24-hour a day job.

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Communication from Public

Name: Meredith Vender

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 04:18 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Tsai

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:12 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Carrie

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA needs funding for its over populated animal shelters, especially the DPFL program that helps the dogs manage the stress and horrible conditions of living in a shelter so they came become adoptable.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:49 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno from District 4 who cares deeply about our city's shelter dogs. I strongly urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. Please do not let this vital and lifesaving program lapse on July 1st. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit isolated in loud, 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 others. This single data point drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and every other lifesaving decision the shelter makes. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget. Cutting this program will cost innocent animals' lives. Please restore DPFL funding before Council locks the budget June 6. Sincerely, S.B. District 4

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:10 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Avineesh Kompella

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing to urge you to restore funding for the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program at LA Animal Services in the 2026-27 budget. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, you have a direct opportunity to save this program before it lapses on July 1. DPFL playgroups are the only out-of-kennel time most of these dogs ever get. Without it, dogs will sit confined for weeks or months — on-site dog bites go up, volunteers and staff get hurt, fear, anxiety, and stress climb with prolonged confinement, and euthanasia pressure grows. The City of LA has a \$14.85 billion budget. DPFL's entire annual contract is less than 1/100th of 1% of that. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1. Thank you for your time and service. Avineesh Kompella Los Angeles County

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Bowker

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Dirk Verbeuren

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen riggs

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Kathleen Riggs and I'm a constituent in Hancock Park. I am calling as your constituent to urge you to fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. This isn't just about the animals — it's about who we are. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Romina
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:22 PM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Monica Rodriguez, 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. The Department's own interim GM, Annette Ramirez, warned the Committee in writing on April 21 that cutting DPFL will negatively affect shelter dogs' physical and behavioral health, decrease adoptability, and increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and visitors. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85B budget — a small fraction of what the city has paid in dog bite settlements over three years. Cutting it converts a small, predictable cost into unpredictable liability. Please vote to restore DPFL funding before the Committee report on May 15. Thank you, Romina Pacoima Neighborhood

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DPFL is the only time many shelter dogs are let outside. Animals need time to be outdoors to go to the bathroom and get fresh air. Please consider what it would mean to an animal and the suffering it would cause if they were unable to go outside.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 06:50 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Hernandez Jr

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 06:27 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support restoring funding for SAFE PARKING LA and all safe parking programs in the 2026–2027 budget. These programs provide safe overnight parking, sanitation, and case management that help people living in their vehicles move toward permanent housing. They protect vulnerable families and are powered by dedicated staff who serve with compassion and commitment. Cutting funding harms both. Please fully restore and protect this essential service.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:27 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles should continue to invest money for shelter dogs to have outside play to maintain sensory health.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Morton

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:31 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Patricia Morton and I'm a constituent in CD#13. I am writing to urge you to fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. This isn't just about the animals — it's about who we are. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Malis

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Teresa and I'm a constituent in North Hollywood. I am calling as your constituent to urge you to fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. This isn't just about the animals — it's about who we are. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Munoz
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:44 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: This is a horrible thing...These dogs deserve to be able to have time outside their kennels.

Communication from Public

Name: Lizette Ceja

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Mayor Karen, I voted for you! Please support the collaboration of Best Friends Animal Society and the ASPCA to LA Animal Services to improve lifesaving outcomes in your review of the LA budget for 2026-2027. I have fostered and volunteered to help in various ways at several animal shelters in LA. Please make investment towards this lifesaving effort to ensure it moves forward. Hopeful Angeleno, Lizette Ceja

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:29 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Karen Earl

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council Member Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair Budget and Finance Committee Council Member Bob Blumenfield Council Member Heather Hutt Council Member Tom McOsker Council Member Eunisses Hernandez Re: Mayor Karen Bass' Proposed 2026-27 Fiscal Year Budget Dear Council Member Katy Yaroslavsky and Budget and Finance Committee Members: Jenesse requests your support for a Fiscal budget that maintains current funding for homeless programs. Jenesse is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit domestic violence intervention and prevention organizations in South Los Angeles. Families experiencing domestic violence and families at immediate risk of homelessness urgently count on the City's dollars. Jenesse supports DV survivors who are fleeing life-threatening violence. Without this critical support, they face homelessness—living in their car, on the street—or are tragically forced to return to their aggressor. Any proposed funding reductions threaten to decrease critical services for thousands of low- income families. It is vital to maintain funding at its current level. This will support critical resources for essential prevention services—including immediate housing assistance and early intervention. Respectfully, Karen Earl



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Karen Earl
Chief Executive Officer
Jenesse Center

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Communication from Public

Name: Seema Mehta Steinke

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:38 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Connolly

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:43 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing regarding funding for LA Animal Services (LAAS), and specifically with regard to the amounts allocated for Medical Supplies (currently under \$50K, an almost \$350K reduction in funding from last year) and Animal Food/Feed and Grain (currently an appalling \$0, a complete elimination of last year's \$200K budget). To be clear, both of these amounts were already shamefully low, requiring LAAS to draw down funding from donations to its associated trust fund. But taxpayers like myself are already paying amounts that we expect to be used for these purposes; the government should not be doubly dependent on public funding when the incredible number of animals cared for by LAAS is already beyond the breaking point. These amounts must be higher, irrespective of other sources -- they deserve their own fully-funded line item in the City budget, including to show that the City stands behind its weakest inhabitants, the animals taking refuge in its shelters. Further, the budget does not currently allocate any funding to the existing contract with Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL), a critical outlet for shelter dogs who otherwise may only see the outside of a kennel once a week, or month, depending on what shelter they find themselves in. These dogs are living in heartbreaking and utterly inhumane circumstances, and DPFL -- which is staffed with dedicated volunteers who not only engage socially with the dogs, but also help them find their way out of the shelter system -- is one of their only lifelines. Please do not take this away. I am a former volunteer at LAAS and have seen firsthand the loneliness and heartbreak that these animals suffer daily. They need the City's support via increased attention and funding, not cutting the few resources that remain. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Donnie Stemp

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:44 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm just learning about the Safe Parking program and hear that its budget is being cut. This program sounds like a great alternative to keep those living in their cars safe! The city should EXPAND this program NOT cut it!

Communication from Public

Name: mark lee itzkowitz

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:46 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This Animal Control budget is a disaster! At the same time L.A. is INCREASING it's payouts to the police. Gutting the food and medical supplies will put maybe 4 police on the streets @ \$250,000 each. Los Angeles has become a sick joke.

Communication from Public

Name: Hollie Borden

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:54 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to protect Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) and push for increased funding for basic necessities like food and medical care-funding that is currently being cut. This is inhumane treatment of animals. No outside time no walks no engagement. How are you setting a dog up for success if you are depriving it of all socialization. They are living in filth!! This is unacceptable. We need solutions this system is beyond broken and the animals suffer while higher up employees profit off of the animals demise. UNACCEPTABLE!!! I am furious!!! My tax money goes towards this abuse and I'm tired of funding this nonsense!!! Make a change now!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Shelby Kemper
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 01:03 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I'm requesting restoration of full funding for the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL is the only structured outside time most LA shelter dogs ever get, and the Department's own interim GM has warned that cutting it will increase bite risk to staff, volunteers, and others. It is critical to keep dogs playing for life funded, so LA shelter dogs can get out of their kennels.

Communication from Public

Name: Noelle Miller

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 01:33 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Blackburn

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 01:46 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The animals in LA are being neglected! The mayor's new budget eliminates the dogs playing for life program which is vital to get dogs out of their kennel and to create social skills to get adopted. The shelter budget needs to be increased rather than decreased. Until spay/neutering laws are enforced we are in a crisis!

Communication from Public

Name: Alexis Arreola

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 01:59 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Blake Fisher

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:13 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm posting to urge the city to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. The DPFL budget costs a fraction of the full city budget and has the opportunity to save thousands of lives. As an active volunteer with multiple animal welfare organizations across the city, I have seen first hand how impactful these play times are for pups, both for their own well being and for future adopters. Please vote to restore DPFL funding before the Committee report on May 15.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia D.

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a volunteer working with the cats at the South LA Shelter for 2 years. The only way Los Angeles can come even close to Low Kill (never mind “no-kill”) is by mandating that every person spay and neuter (“S/N”) their pets. The Best Friends/LAAS proposal has no money going to S/N. The Budget also has zero dollars allocated for food, and slashed 85% of medical supplies funding. The City should NOT be taking money from the Animal Wellness Foundation, nor relying on the kindness of public donations. As to the Citywide Cat Program, and given the new “managed intake” rules, all strays will now be put back indiscriminately onto the street after S/N. They will be putting friendly cats & cats who lived in homes, back onto the street, where their survival rate is close to zero. It’s not only inhumane, but it wastes what little money is allocated to S/N. We require the absolute base level of care (if we’re going to even call them “shelters”) for the animals. The City MUST: -Fund shelter medicine -Fund food -Fund staffing -Fund spay/neuter -Fund the Citywide Cat Program Thank you. Patricia Dragony Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Calderon
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 07:31 PM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please fund spay abd neuter. Low income individuals need this assistance

Communication from Public

Name: Devin

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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. WE CAN AFFORD THIS. This isn't about money. It's about who we are as a city. Do not let it lapse July 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Magdalena
Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 05:24 PM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please no more money for LAPD. People want money spent on street lights parks sidewalks and other public improvements

Communication from Public

Name: Max Bass

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 08:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is disheartening to watch the city's most flawed and costly department continue receiving insulated, growing funding with no structural accountability. You know this, but it's important that you know citizens know as well that the LAPD accumulated \$100 MILLION in liability costs in FY2024 ALONE. Costs paid out of the general fund, not the department's own budget (absurd). That means every neighborhood, every service, every Angeleno absorbs the price of LAPD misconduct while the department faces zero fiscal consequence. I'm hoping that change happens soon with financial oversight and charter reform. The 2026-27 budget proposes \$2.111 billion for LAPD and hires 510 new officers just to tread water at 8,555. A department that is shrinking in effectiveness while growing in cost, any person with a real desire to improve would reassess this. Meanwhile, mid-year, Mayor Bass was pushing an additional \$4.4 million for 410 more officers the city cannot afford. My council person, Heather Hutt, voted for it and I am ashamed. The Police Protective League immediately endorsed this budget. That tells you everything. We need real funding for unarmed crisis response. CIRCLE, UMCR, and GRYD programs are preserved at current minimums, that is not leadership, that is inertia. Baltimore under Mayor Brandon Scott has demonstrated what serious investment in community-based public safety looks like. Los Angeles has the scale to lead nationally and this government is CHOOSING not to. Why? Is it fear? Is it lack of creativity? Is it the police union? LA Animal Services is being hollowed out and handed to a private foundation. The 2025 budget cut the department by \$6.4 million with 62 layoffs. The 2026-27 budget keeps it below 2023-24 funding levels while a \$14 million Best Friends Animal Society grant is being framed as a solution — with no public clarity on governance, accountability, or what happens when the grant expires. Privatization of a public function is not a budget fix. It is a slow abdication. This is just abdicating responsibility, trying to make this crisis someone else's problem. So typical of the older generation of politicians, self preservationist, survivalist, shortsighted decisions. The Department on Disability faced a 40% staffing cut in last year's budget, the highest percentage elimination of any city department. The city has paid nearly \$2 billion in disability-related liability settlements over 15 years,

including a \$38 million settlement in FY2024 alone. Gutting the department that exists to prevent those suits might be the most insane thing in this budget and that's saying a lot, that is not fiscal discipline. It is self-defeating. The \$400,000 public bank feasibility study has been deferred again. This city cannot find \$400k for long-term financial infrastructure while writing \$300 million in annual liability checks??? That's TRIPLE the historic average. RepresentLA, which funds immigration legal defense during active federal enforcement, was zeroed out in last year's proposal and only restored after public pressure. That should not require a fight every cycle. We see the mayor running ads about how she stands up to ICE. What good is that if you're gutting this? Is it just a photo op? Put your money where your mouth is. Inside Safe has housed people. That progress is real. It is also insufficient and shrinking in ambition. "Preserving current service levels" is not a homelessness strategy for a city with this scale of need. Some honesty and self awareness about this from our mayor would be refreshing. I won't hold my breath. The pattern is clear: LAPD is protected. Everything else is variable. My councilmember Hutt and Mayor Bass should be asked directly, why does the department with the largest liability footprint have the most insulated budget? That is not a public safety policy. It is a political choice. And I strongly question the motives. The existing budget as proposed is not approved.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Anne

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 06:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, PLEASE fully fund the 2026-27 Budget. Restore LAAS DPFL Funding. It is the least we can do for our furry friends who have been dealt a bad hand no fault of their own. Please remember Dogs are man's best friend. They would do anything for us when we are sad for us to be ok and happy. Please have it in your heart to do same for them and help them so they can have a little relief in their life of hell. Fight for them. Thank you...

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Dela Cruz
Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:26 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Earl

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: These animals are being seriously abused and neglected. They need our help not your cuts!

Communication from Public

Name: Tess Harmon

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:11 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As an avid animal lover and concerned citizen, please continue to fund all enrichment programs for our shelter animals. Increase funding, hire more staff, make spay and neuter easily accessible and adorable (and required). Make breeders illegal and increase punishments for backyard breeding and animal abuse. Pets are not property, they should have a right to a good quality of life as any living thing should. Please do not cut any funding to our shelter programs as the over 50,000 animals that enter the shelter system each year are already suffering in cold cells with no human interaction, not even a warm blanket. The shelter needs to be better maintained and cutting funding will only hurt these efforts.

Communication from Public

Name: Christy Lambertson

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 09:49 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

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Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:17 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Brooke McGee

Date Submitted: 04/27/2026 10:31 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 07:57 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Townsend

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 08:47 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles must prioritize funding for spay and neuter programs. Because in a city that prides itself on compassion and progress, caring for our most vulnerable should never be optional.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin L Potchka

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026 09:22 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: If dogs are not licensed and registered and dont have shots they should be confiscated just the same as all citizens who have pets. If my dogs are not licensed i am fined and can have my dog taken away. You are allowing the law to be broken as well as supporting the abuse of animals . You are accomplices to this criminal activity by allowing this abuse to continue. Is it time for legal action?

Communication from Public

Name: Ana Merino

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 12:09 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime resident of District 13 (30+ years), I would like to see my hard earned tax dollars be used to: -offer more Spanish interpretation and translation services to help expand constituent involvement in East Hollywood's Neighborhood Council; it is a matter of inequity that only English speakers be motivated to exercise their democratic rights. -have more trees planted along Madison Ave and the surrounding streets; stronger and more evident environmental justice initiatives! -have speed bumps to help with pedestrian public safety near Lockwood and Dayton Heights Elementary Schools. -have low-cost spay and neuter programs for our neighbors' pets'. -fix the hazardous sidewalks in District 13 that are creating tripping hazards for seniors, the elderly population, and many young families. -help with homeless outreach in District 13 and offering more resources for the vulnerable unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Merino

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

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Having grown up in District 13 I witnessed city government fail to represent the needs and pleas of our community. Tax dollars should be used to: -invest heavily on mental health resources for Spanish and other non-English speakers; recipients of Medical and Medicare; and immigrant/emigrant/undocumented neighbors. -invest in social services at the Cahuenga Public Library; pay for social workers and mental health counselors that may connect people to resources! -invest in trash cans and more education on environmental justice. -invest in public transportation. -invest in local schools, elementary, middle, high school, and community college. -invest in the salaries of BILINGUAL community organizers and BILINGUAL government representatives. -invest in spay and neuter programs for low-income and/or retired households.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 02:34 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Goodest

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 06:17 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the Budget and Finance Committee: Goodest is a foster-based Great Dane rescue operating in Los Angeles. We pull medically and behaviorally complex Danes directly from LA Animal Services shelters. We are writing in opposition to the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for LA Animal Services as currently drafted, and to ask the Committee to restore specific line items before this budget is adopted. The topline is misleading. The Mayor's office is presenting a 1.6% increase as a "hold the line" budget. Looking at the line items, the operating accounts that keep six animal shelters functional were not held. They were cut. The Animal Food/Feed and Grain account was zeroed out. LAAS feeds approximately 50,000 animals per year across six shelters. The proposal eliminates the line that pays for their food. The Medical Supplies account was cut from \$388,591 in FY 2025-26 to under \$50,000. That is roughly \$8,000 per shelter for an entire fiscal year of routine medical supplies. Cases requiring care beyond that ceiling will be transferred to private rescues, euthanized, or left untreated. The contract funding Dogs Playing for Life canine enrichment was cut 66%, from \$1.7 million spent in the current year to \$411,000 proposed. Behavioral deterioration in shelter dogs is a known driver of length-of-stay, illness, and euthanasia. DPFL is the program designed to interrupt that cycle. One Animal Control Officer position is eliminated in this proposal, on top of 29 ACO positions cut over the prior three budgets. Field officer staffing at LAAS has dropped from 68 in FY 2022-23 to a proposed 48 in FY 2026-27, serving a city of 4 million residents. One Animal Care Tech Supervisor position at Harbor is also eliminated. The 1.6% total increase reflects obligatory salary adjustments. Every operating account that keeps the shelter system running was cut. This proposal is also inconsistent with the stated fiscal posture across the rest of the budget. The total city budget grew 5.3%. Total departmental spending grew 7.4%. LAAS landed in the bottom seven of 36 city departments. The Mayor's own office is increasing 12.8%. City Council is increasing 17.8%. The LA Zoo is increasing 10.7%, an additional \$3.3 million, more than seven times the entire LAAS increase. The Zoo's proposed budget includes new ongoing funding in the same Animal Food/Feed and Grain account that was zeroed out at LAAS, for the Flamingo Mingle guest experience. The food

account at the city's six animal shelters was eliminated. The food account at the Zoo's flamingo exhibit was expanded. We ask the Committee to do the following before adopting this budget: 1. Restore the Animal Food/Feed and Grain account at LAAS to FY 2025-26 funding levels. 2. Restore the Medical Supplies account to FY 2025-26 funding levels at minimum. 3. Restore the Dogs Playing for Life contract to current-year funding. 4. Reinstate the eliminated Animal Control Officer and Animal Care Tech Supervisor positions. We are aware of the recent ASPCA and Best Friends \$14M private grant. Private philanthropy does not replace a city department's operating budget, and the Committee should not treat it as a substitute. The grant is restricted, time-limited, and outside the city's control. Goodest pulls dogs from this system every month. We see what happens when LAAS cannot provide routine medical care, when enrichment is reduced, when field officers are spread thinner. The cost does not disappear when a budget line is cut. It transfers to private rescues, fosters, donors, and the dogs themselves. We respectfully ask the Committee to restore these line items before the FY 2026-27 budget is adopted in June. Sofia Esteves Founder and Executive Director Goodest sofia@goodestdogs.org goodestdogs.org

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 06:35 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Stephen S

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:37 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not take away the already limited outside time from these dogs. It feels extremely cruel to do so and as someone who has grown up with dogs I know they should be going outside multiple times per day.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 07:41 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Eva Elena Ernst
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:28 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026–27 budget. For many shelter dogs, these playgroups are their only time outside a kennel. Without them, dogs spend their days on concrete with no movement, no relief, and no enrichment. Playgroups reduce stress, prevent behavioral decline, and make dogs safer and more adoptable. They also give shelters the key information they need, how a dog behaves with others, which directly drives adoptions, rescue pulls, and responsible placements. The cost is minimal, but the impact is not. Please restore DPFL funding before June 6 and do not let this program lapse on July 1. Thank you, Eva Elena Ernst

Communication from Public

Name: Piper Riley
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:41 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: For the love of God do not get rid of any animal's ability to fresh air and sunshine. Cruelty to animals is actually against the law and loses this right is so incredibly cruel.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 08:57 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: John Goldfarb

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:07 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fund the police to the greatest extent possible and clear out the homeless encampments in CD14 and all other districts. That's it: safety, cleanliness, and the return of all public spaces to the general public. They're not campgrounds or open-air psychiatric hospitals. And we DO need treatment beds for the addicted and the severely mentally ill as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Slevin
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:09 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. What DPFL does makes a huge difference. 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. We adopted our 3 dogs from rescues that save dogs from shelters. They are the best dogs in the world and part of our family. Please give other shelter dogs a chance. Please restore the funding before June 6. Thank you, Jennifer Slevin Redondo Beach

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Melnick

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:13 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to fund Dogs Play For Life at our city shelters 2026-2027. Dogs get to get out of their small kennels maybe once a week with this program but without it dogs could set in small kennels maybe once for months. We are a civilized nation and that is unacceptable. I want my tax dollars to support the mental well being of shelter dogs by renewing DPFL contract.

Communication from Public

Name: Vivian

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:16 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a regional coordinator in SPA 2, Safe Parking is a vital service for many of our community members. It allows individuals and families to not only sleep safely, but to receive on site case management and housing services that they may not receive otherwise. I have referred clients to safe parking and seen them get housed. For Safe Parking to be defunded would be a huge step backward in serving housing insecure families and individuals.

Communication from Public

Name: Twinkle Paryani

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:21 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. Sincerely, Twinkle Paryani LA resident & animal lover

Communication from Public

Name: Destiny

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:25 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Kegler

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:29 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Vicki Anderholt
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:34 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do whatever it takes to help rabbits get free or low cost spay and neuter before the worst happens I've been rescuing bunnies for 21 yrs in San Fernando valley and it's getting worse and worse! Please make sure licenses for healthy breeding is required... if you can't stop the breeding of rabbits by so many terrible breeders. Thank u, Sincerely, Vicki Anderholt

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Toyer

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:38 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The slashing of the Food and Medical funding for the Animal Services budget is heartless, criminal and immoral. There is a great need for the funding to save the neglected and abused animals in this community. Please restore the funding back to at least the 2023-24 level.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Carrere

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:50 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the funding for DPFL intact. This program is the least we can do to help these poor dogs get time out of their kennels and enhance their odds of being adopted. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Cahill

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:55 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a longtime resident of North Hollywood and I support safe parking. Rent has been incredibly high for years now and we've all seen the results on our streets and communities. No one should be punished for losing housing, they should be supported. Part of that support is having a chance to shelter in your own vehicle and that becomes impossible when even that's illegal. I implore our council to vote for safe parking, support the unhoused members of our community and allow them the barest minimum of comfort and dignity.

Communication from Public

Name: TRB
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 09:56 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you not to end Safe Parking programs in the City. There is far from enough even temporary housing for all unhoused individuals in LA. LA should be making places, services and alternative options for vehicle residents to safely live, not passing laws to displace and ultimately destroy someone's home and offer them temporary shelter, if anything. It doesn't make sense to destroy someone's home and belongings just to put them in a motel room for 30 days that ends up costing taxpayers thousands of dollars. Then the person is on the street a month later without any shelter. Vehicles are a form of low-income housing that can save people's lives, especially our elderly unhoused neighbors. Don't leave them out on the streets to be harassed and criminalized.

Communication from Public

Name: Janette Mendoza

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:02 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: AMANDA TAYLOR

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:02 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to fund Dogs Play For Life at our city shelters 2026-2027. This is crucial to humane, responsible care, and assists with successful adoptions. Dogs get to get out of their small kennels maybe once a week with this program but without it dogs could set in small kennels maybe once for months. We are a civilized nation and that is unacceptable. I want my tax dollars to support the mental well being of shelter dogs by renewing DPFL contract.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Lowe

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:02 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: eileen

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:12 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life contract in the 2026-27 budget. Without this program, the dogs have no exercise or outside time at all and just sit in their cages 24 hours a day for months. This is inhumane and not representative of this country. The DPFL contract costs less than 1/100th of 1% of LA's \$14.85 B budget. Please vote in favor of humanity and not cruelty. Eileen Finkelstein Los Angeles and donor to the LA Shelter system

Communication from Public

Name: Tenaya

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:21 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I'm writing as a constituent in Hollywood Hills West 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 out of kennels for many LA shelter dogs. Without this program, dogs can spend up to 24 hours a day confined to concrete enclosures—without walks, stimulation, or meaningful human or canine interaction. Beyond enrichment, these playgroups are essential to how LA Animal Services evaluates each dog's behavior with other dogs. That insight directly informs adoptions, rescue placements, and overall lifesaving outcomes. The cost of the DPFL contract is minimal—less than 1/100th of 1% of the city's \$14.85B budget—yet the impact is significant. Eliminating this funding undermines LA's commitment to being a humane city. I respectfully ask that you restore DPFL funding before the budget is finalized on June 6, and ensure this critical program does not lapse on July 1. Thank you for your consideration,
Tenaya Medeiros Hollywood Hills West

Communication from Public

Name: Shelby DiPerri
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:22 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

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Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Karen Recio
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:47 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Michael Levin

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:50 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 10:56 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Tevosyan

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:02 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Evan
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:07 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, The welfare of all dogs is my most important passion. The welfare of the LA shelter dogs is top priority in my mind. We need to do more to save more of 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. Thank you, Evan Palms / 90034

Communication from Public

Name: Booker Pearson
Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:09 AM
Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident and former member of the LAHSA Commission, I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to not defund Safe Parking programs in Los Angeles. They are the only intervention that moves unhoused people living in vehicles from the streets into safe secure environments where they receive case management, health services and a pathway to permanent housing. Safe Parking LA has demonstrated superior outcomes that have resulted in fewer inhabited vehicles on our streets and more people moving into permanent housing for over ten years. San Diego, Santa Barbara and other cities have operated safe parking programs for over 15 years and have found to be cost effective in ending street homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Irina Uzunyan

Date Submitted: 04/28/2026 11:12 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Please do not cut funding for these essential services. They are critical for the safety and well-being of both animals and residents. I urge you to restore this funding and support your community.