

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Schiavo

Date Submitted: 05/03/2026 10:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

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Name: Krisia Rivas

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Communication from Public

Name: Padric Gleason Gonzales

Date Submitted: 05/03/2026 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council: Re: Council File 26-0600 — FY26-27 Proposed Budget I am asking the Council to fix three places where the city is failing to spend money it has already promised. Passing money the city cannot deliver is worse than not having the money at all.

===== ASK
1 — SPEND THE HOMELESSNESS MONEY WE ALREADY HAVE

===== Last
year the city had about \$1.1 billion to fight homelessness. We spent only \$516 million. About \$473 million sat unspent. I live in Downtown LA. I see homeless people on my block every day. The streets feel unsafe and unclean. People are right to be angry. But the answer is not to walk away from housing. The answer is to spend the money we already approved. Controller Mejia found the problem. It is not the budget; It is staff. HCID and LAHSA do not have enough people to push the contracts through. Fund them. Spend the money. Source: City Controller's March 2026 homelessness spending audit.

===== ASK
2 — FUND THE STREET SAFETY LAW VOTERS PASSED (HLA)

===== Voters passed Measure HLA. The law says when the city paves a street, it must add bike lanes, bus lanes, and safer crossings. Right now the Bureau of Street Services is paving around HLA to skip the law. That is the city ignoring a law its own voters passed. Fund the work to follow it.

===== ASK
3 — DON'T GIVE \$100 MILLION BACK TO THE STATE

===== The
state gave LA more than \$100 million for sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, and crosswalks in some of our most dangerous neighborhoods, including Skid Row, Boyle Heights, and Wilmington. The Bureau of Street Services took a 26% cut last year. They no longer have the staff to use the grants. The city was about to give the money back. That is a scandal. Restore the staffing. Keep the money. Build the projects.

===== A
budget is a promise. When the city passes a budget, it tells us what it will do with our money. Keeping that promise is the most basic act of self-government. Right now, the promise is being broken. People stop trusting government when it cannot deliver what it said it would. They stop showing up. They stop defending public services. I am not asking for a bigger budget. I am asking for an honest one. Pass what you can deliver. Deliver what you pass. That is what self-government looks like. Padric Gleason Downtown Los Angeles, CD-14 510 S Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Budget suggestions: 1. YES INCREASE L.A. Animal Services funding! It has been severely underfunded for years; worse, its spending priorities have only ensured that the overpopulation and resulting problems continue. Every penny needs to be spent on free & low-cost spay/neuter, especially for pit bulls and other large dogs, as they are the dogs most often inhumanely warehoused and euthanized at LAAS shelters, and for cats and feral cats, as they too are disproportionately likely to be euthanized at LAAS. 2. REJECT the proposed \$14-million donation to LAAS from Best Friends and ASPCA is ridiculous. Adding about 10% of staff will not change anything, unless their ONLY assignment is to enforce and provide spay/neuter, which is not the proposal. Spay/neuter will change things. Get the new LAAS GM to lean on every philanthropist she can find and develop new philanthropists to help fund spay/neuter. Add city-operated free spay/neuter clinics in unused city space in poor areas; they can provide better services at lower cost than contractors, and, unlike current contractors, give more appointments to the animals most urgently in need of spay/neuter but most difficult to spay/neuter: large dogs and pregnant animals. 3. STOP the LAAS "managed intake" policy and "community cat program." They are a HOAX that dumps friendly cats and dogs outside and falsely labels them "saved," instead of LAAS doing its job to find homes and rescues for cats, or refuses to impound them so they get dumped. Many of those dumped or rejected animals are not even sterilized first, meaning LAAS is literally making the problem worse. 4. CITY LIABILITY: Get the city attorney to stop being so afraid to litigate. By now, everyone knows they can make a fortune getting a settlement out of the city, inviting more claims. The city attorneys have been weak pushovers who cost taxpayers a fortune due to litigation fear or laziness. Some complaints are valid and need to be settled and paid. But the city attorneys have taught people to sue the city and collect settlement amounts in excess of what a fair settlement amount or award at trial would be. Make the city attorney get a spine and do the work to stop excessive settlement payments; do this by not approving proposed settlements that are excessive. 5. HOMELESSNESS: SOLVE a sizeable (1/3) segment of the problem by making more starter homes apartment dwellers can

BUY. Over 1/3 of the homeless are only on the streets because they were priced out of apartments. Enabling current apartment dwellers to become homeowners will shrink the number of apartment seekers, bringing down prices, enabling some homeless to get off the streets. Provide significant tax incentives, and easier/faster approval for conversion or building of starter homes that current apartment dwellers can afford. Make them builders grade but nice, perhaps with a one-car garage or patio/balcony, in decent neighborhoods; something people will be proud to own, keep up and stay in for a long time. Restrict sale and re-sale to only L.A. apartment dwellers for the first maybe five or ten years, to be sure they serve the intended purpose. That will put city investment and land into its citizens, not corporations, build generational wealth, and home ownership stabilizes communities and reduces crime. It is also a one-time city investment, not the current unsustainable ongoing payment of rent for so many homeless. All it will take is significant tax incentives and administrative/regulatory assistance to get the starter homes built, but the benefits to the city include property tax revenue, lower crime and better neighborhoods. This will take time, but it is win-win-win by creating new homeowners, more formerly homeless, generational wealth and stronger communities. 6. CITY MANAGEMENT SALARIES are too high! You could cut city manager and assistant manager salaries by 25% on a permanent basis or at least during the budget crisis, and it is unlikely that any would leave; even if they do, they could be easily replaced with excellent candidates who would love jobs at 75% current city manager salaries. The DWP manager salary is not the only one that is insanely high. Line worker salaries are not excessive, but management salaries definitely are excessive. 7. ELIMINATE MANY MID-LEVEL MANAGERS: L.A. has too many mid-level managers! Require managers to review each to consolidate and eliminate the excess, or do it for them. Thank you!

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Name: Taylor C.

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Comments for Public Posting: Over 23,000 people (more than 44% of LA County’s unsheltered population) sleep in their vehicles every night. They are seniors, veterans, and families who are often first-time and often one step from stability. Safe parking catches people and provides safety, security, and access to resources before crisis deepens: it delivers among the highest returns in the city’s continuum of care and is uniquely able to reach a population that no other program in our system serves well. In FY 2023–24, Safe Parking LA provided 41,653 safe nights, distributed \$177,040 in financial assistance to keep vehicles running and housing deposits funded, and achieved a 47% housing placement rate. One family described the experience simply: “Safe Parking LA made it feel like we had shields on our back.” Defunding this program doesn’t save money; it moves costs into emergency rooms, encampments, and communities across the city. I urge the City of Los Angeles to maintain full funding for Safe Parking LA in the FY 2025–26 budget, as a commitment to the thousands of Angelenos who have nowhere else to turn. This is prevention. This is what it looks like to meet people with dignity before crisis becomes catastrophe. Please fund it.

Communication from Public

Name: Gigi Gaston

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