

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nica Langinger

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 05:13 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please fully restore our city's canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life. Without it, we cannot be a humane LA. I've volunteered at North Central Animal Shelter and these programs are critical for our dogs & the people who love them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Rangel  
**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 04:44 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Fund the animal shelters, they are running on fumes as it is. Cut from the budget somewhere else.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Genesis Grimaldo

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 07:32 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not take away vital funds from the animal shelters!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Blair

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 09:07 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember, As a constituent and an Angeleno who cares about our city's shelter dogs, I'm writing to urge you to fully fund the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) contract in the 2026-27 budget. DPFL playgroups are the only structured out-of-kennel time most LA shelter dogs ever get. Without them, dogs sit in concrete kennels 24 hours a day — no walks, no play, no joy. 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, Michael Blair Frogtown resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kara Walk

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 06:57 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am highly concerned that the Dogs Playing for Life program is on the chopping block. As it is, the vast majority animals in our shelters receive little attention before having their lives taken from them. It's unconscionable to consider removing even a fraction of the enrichment and affection they receive—socialization that could be the determining factor on whether or not they're lucky enough to find a home. I implore you to reinstate the contact with Dogs Playing for Life. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harriet Elliott

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 03:33 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My public comment tomorrow Tuesday May 5 will be a continuation of my proving Reeve Pittman's household members are influenced by the CIA. Last time I talked about her Yerno Son-in-law who admires his own newborn baby's private parts. I mistakenly said this came from You are not my Big Brother. However this above situation comes from her book 4: Diary of an Angry targeted Individual. My one minute speech tomorrow is another low class romantic situation that only the CIA is capable of lowering itself to. I hope I make it clear in 60 seconds.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** AIMEE SADLER  
**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 03:25 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Comment document attached.

Dear Council Members,

My name is Aimee Sadler and I'm the Founder/CEO of Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL). We are currently contracted to provide out-of-kennel (OOK) enrichment programming for the entire canine population of your Animal Services Department (LAAS).

I wanted to share my professional opinion and some broader perspective, as a result of my 28 years of experience working within animal shelters across the country. Prior to my exclusive work with shelters (which began in 1998), I have had the privilege of working professionally with animals of all shapes, sizes and species, in varying venues, since the age of 19. In short, professional animal handling has been my career for over 40 years.

I understand the budget crisis the city faces at this time. However, eliminating funding for OOK programming for your dogs will cost the city more in the long run. Separately, DPFL has submitted an 'Impact and Outcomes' document sharing statistics around improved safety. What is most critical to digest is the inverse relationship between rate of handling to bites. While the dogs have so many more opportunities to bite with so much more handling, bites are decreasing. This is the most simple, yet poignant, proof that meeting the needs of the animals creates a safer environment for their caregivers, as well as the public visiting your shelters seeking a canine companion. Happier animals are healthier animals, and happy, healthy animals are more adoptable!

My personal motivation for OOK programming to remain intact at LAAS is simply for the well-being of the animals. DPFL's mission:

**Dogs Playing for Life is redefining the meaning and importance of quality of life for all sheltered dogs by improving their experience through playgroups and individualized training, resulting in urgent and responsible lifesaving.**

You are currently poised and ready to achieve your next level of canine care which will be a FIRST in the animal welfare industry for larger shelter systems. On April 18th, we achieved DPFL's Every Dog, Every Day! Model - a model of top tier sheltering where every eligible dog receives OOK every day. On that Saturday, with an extra investment by DPFL and the help of your extraordinary, dedicated volunteers, 552 dogs got out of their kennels! It took us a few years to get here...now it's time to remain steadfast in the commitment to make this the standard rather than an exception. It will require investment, remaining on course and working hard, but we now know it's achievable! I'm confident that LAAS is capable of raising the bar for improved quality of life for even the largest populations.

LAAS has made significant strides in improving the care for your dogs. If the city does not continue to invest in OOK programming in some meaningful form, all of the progress you've made to create a 'Humane LA' environment, and to lead the field, will be lost.

Thank you for your consideration,

Aimee Sadler  
Founder/CEO  
Dogs Playing for Life

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 12:58 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I implore LA Mayor Bass to allocate funds for food to shelter animals. Otherwise, how are they supposed to survive?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lois Brenner

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 09:15 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Writing to ask the mayor to rescind her order to cut the budget for animal care. This is the third administration to do that. We cannot continue with this policy. The mayor and her staff and all council members should respond and “take less” and have a heart. These poor animals didn’t ask to be born or abandoned. STOP PUPPY MILL BREEDING!! All the animals being walked in West Los Angeles are very expensive pets whose owners don’t even talk to their pets as they walk. Every animal looks at the traffic lights. They know red is stop, green means they can put their paws on the street. They aren’t dumb animals. Our administration is dumb and have no heart!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** l.j.brenner13@gmail.com

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 09:25 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The mayor and council should rescind the city's cuts for animal welfare. This is the third administration to cut animal funding in half. These animals deserve to have a chance to live. They didn't ask to be born or abandoned. PUPPY MILLS SHOULD BE OUTLAWED!! Purina and especially Mars should be mandated to provide food and medicine for the shelters. Mars has bought every retiring vet practices. They own the hospital s and make the food prescribed by the vets. This is an outrageous situation and should be addressed. The mayor and her council should "take less" and have a heart. I'm voting for a change in leadership in our city. We need it after the years of entrenchment and theft of our taxes. mandated to provide foo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosita F Myers

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2026 04:52 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to add my comment that we need to vote to stop the useless stops that are only effecting black and brown people in our neighborhoods. These are not making our streets safer and police have plenty of other things to do besides harassing our neighbors. These should not be used as reasons to stop someone and then find other things to charge them with. This is unfair treatment and needs to stop. It is also extracting wealth from our communities and creating more harm that help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** amber Connor

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2026 04:54 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2026 08:45 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

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