

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leah

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 11:04 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear council members, please restore DPFL funding. It is not right to discontinue it and it makes our city look terrible. These dogs will suffer tremendously without funding. This is so wrong. Shame on you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sherly Khodadad

**Date Submitted:** 05/03/2026 01:10 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the City to fully restore funding for the canine enrichment contract with Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) for FY 2026–2027. This program is a cornerstone of humane sheltering—supporting dogs’ mental and physical well-being, reducing stress, and increasing their chances of adoption. Investing in enrichment is not optional; it reflects our values as a city committed to compassionate and effective animal care. Our community and our animals deserve better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 09:13 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sally Donner

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 07:49 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not take away funds for animal shelters! Dogs are being euthanized at an alarming rate! What does this say about us as a society? It is disgraceful!!! Please help with this situation!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elissa Refold

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 10:57 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marisa Book

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 01:26 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am very concerned about the current state of LA Animal Services. LA has a serious problem regarding animal neglect. Animals are a 24/7 operation, yet the shelter is only open to volunteers from 8am-5pm on Tues- Sat which is when most people are working. As a result, these animals are being left in their kennels 23 hours a day, leaving anxious animals in need of serious intervention. Nearly every kennel is soiled, rats are crawling, dogs are jumping/barking with excessive energy with nowhere to go, while others are cowering in fear. Since staff must be on the premises when volunteers are present for liability reasons, my proposal is that we fund an extra staff member to be there from 5pm - 9pm so that folks who work are able to help the dogs after work. If we can get funding for more staff (thereby extending volunteering hours) the result would be threefold: 1) more volunteers at shelter because they can come after work; 2) animals get more socialization and have a greater sense of wellbeing; 3) less anxious animals = more adoptions!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** April Williamson

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 02:51 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** How dare ANYONE, ANYONE AND EVERYONE who doesn't WANT BETTER FOR DOGS. Most dogs and puppies I meet are so sweet and friendly. NOW, YOU JUST YOU'RE LITERALLY GOING TO MAKE THEM MISERABLE. DOGS NEED INTERACTION. If I ever lived in la or could even visit it, I WOULD BE WALKING THESE DOGS EVERY SINGLE DAY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. GIVE THEM A CHANCE. GIVE THEM LOVE. GIVE THEM COMPASSION. IF YOU DO NOT SUPPORT THIS YOU ALREADY DO NOT MATTER.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** gregg araki

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2026 03:51 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is gregg araki and I'm a constituent in CD4. As a lifelong resident 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 is a crisis situation and the LA shelter system is already struggling with so many abandoned animals and it cannot withstand any more budget cuts. Please do not reduce funding for the feeding of the animals as well. Thank you.