

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Taylor

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 03:00 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please restore full funding for LA Animal Services. The cuts made for food and medical care put the animals at greater risk. It is the City's responsibility, and truthfully its moral obligation to properly care for the animals that end up in the shelters. With regard to the Best Friends/ASPCA grant, despite its alluring \$14 million amount, please do not lose sight that it is temporary (3 years) and designed to support quicker adoptions. No mention is made to prevent intake by ensuring as many animals as possible are sterilized. Otherwise for every animal adopted, more unwanted animals will be born. It is imperative that you increase spay/neuter funding. One of the reasons most animal shelters are overcrowded is because spay neuter has lost its importance in the last few years. Actors and Others for Animals has supported animals and animal owners in the Greater Los Angeles area for over 55 years. Our core programs are providing financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries and veterinary care. If we continue to overlook the need for affordable, available and widespread spay and neuter services, it will result in increased pet overpopulation. It will lead to more stray and unwanted animals, which will in turn contribute to shelter admissions and overcrowding. Please do not keep emptying the pool one teaspoon at a time. Susan Taylor, Executive Director Actors and Others for Animals

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 01:46 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The animals throughout Los Angeles depend on us for their care. We must support and protect them and their caregivers. The most important thing we can do is spay and neuter - TNR - and release community cats back to their community. Please restore and increase funding for Los Angeles Animal Services. Increase spay/neuter funding by at least \$1 million, restore animal food funding, restore medical supplies funding, restore Dogs Playing for Life funding, and immediately reinstate the LAPD Animal Cruelty Task Force. This is not optional. Animals need to be protected just as people need to be protected. Protecting animals protects our entire community. Thank you for your work for the humans and the animals, Amy Squires

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anne Stuart

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 02:12 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council: Please increase the LA Animal Services spay and neuter budget to \$1 million dollars and re-fund the LA Police Department's Animal Anti-Cruelty Task Force. You are breaking the law by not funding spay and neuter surgeries to reduce animal populations and allowing cruelty and abuse to take place out in the open on city streets where people have little fear of consequences. Please do your duty and obey the law and re-fund spay and neuter surgeries to be within the law and take the correct and humane action toward the peoples' animals in Los Angeles. Thank you in advance for doing the right thing and obeying the laws you are sworn to uphold. Sincerely, Anne Stuart, Ph.d

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Betsy Liley

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 03:59 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council - you have a tough job, balancing the needs of a city with pressing quality of life issues and shrinking available dollars. It is hard to meet all the needs without structural reform of your legal costs. I wanted to advocate for a department that is a very modest part of your budget but a big player in its sector. LA Animal Services is the second-largest shelter in the US, after LA County. LA City achieved no kill status - meaning that 90% of the animals who came in to LA Animal Servied in leave alive - just once, in 2021. The statistics have gotten sad again with puppies, kittens (anyone could fall in love one of those cuties), cats and dogs being euthanized at very high and cruel rates, simply for space. Animal welfare is a reflection of quality of life. Travel to a middle- or low-income country and you see the overwhelming number of free-roaming dogs and cats. Los Angeles has more financial ability and should reflect that by prioritizing the budget for LAAS. Plus you have a new, competent LAAS manager in Gabrielle Amster. You need to give her enough money to succeed. I would encourage you to: -Fully fund LA Animal Services at \$31.8 million. -Restore funding for dog and cat food and medical supplies. - Fully fund (or expand) the spay/neuter voucher program. This is money extremely well spent, as you will be reducing further costs by reducing the number of pets born in LA. -Approve the Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership, which will brings money with it along with a partnership to save more lives. These are actions for which the millions of pet owners in your city will applaud you. Everyone loves dogs and cats; it's one of the most bipartisan issues in our city and country. Invest in reducing the number of pets through spay / neuter and save the city money in the future. Thank you for your service. Betsy Liley Board chair, Stray Cat Alliance

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christy Lambertson

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 04:07 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Request to Fund RepresentLA & Day Labor Centers at \$3 million in FY 26-27 Dear Councilmembers, My name is Christy Lambertson and I am writing to express my strong support for RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers. We urge you to fund RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. As an Angeleno deeply committed to ensuring the rights of immigrant communities in Los Angeles, I believe that continuing the work of RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers is critical. RepresentLA has made significant strides in its mission, serving over 21,000 people since 2022, including survivors of labor trafficking, asylum seekers, and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This legal aid program has been key in providing critical legal services to vulnerable and diverse immigrant communities who otherwise would not be represented. The City of Los Angeles has already defended thousands of Angeleno families against family separations through the LA Justice Fund and now RepresentLA since 2017, increased funding will only help further this commitment. Day Labor Centers play a vital role in developing the workforce and helping workers assert their rights—through education, outreach, wage recovery support, and legal referrals. Yet despite this essential work, they have increasingly been targeted by immigration enforcement, with more than 20 raids in the past year and over 100 people taken. Under the Trump Administration, federal immigration enforcement raids and activity have heightened fear in immigrant communities, showcasing that it is more critical than ever to expand and strengthen RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers' essential services. Given this climate, it is imperative that we continue, expand, and solidify RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers' essential services. As we approach the upcoming fiscal year's budget discussions, I urge you to include \$3 million for RepresentLA and \$3 million for Day Labor Centers in the City's proposed budget for 2026-2027. This is critical to prevent any interruption in the crucial services that RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers provide to our most vulnerable immigrant communities at this extremely difficult time for our communities. Your voice as the leader of the City of LA holds powerful influence and respect. Please support funding for the RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. Thank you for your

time. Sincerely, Christy Lambertson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gillian Claycomb  
**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 04:11 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I, Gillian Claycomb, call on you to extend your support for RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers. I urge you to fund RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. I am an LAUSD high school teacher, and my students are almost all children of immigrants or immigrants themselves. Many of them have been living with the daily fear that their parents will not be home when they get there at the end of the day. I have had at least one student deported this year, and at least three of my students have lost their parents to the cruel detention and deportation machine. Our high school is located across the street from a Home Depot. This geographic location just amplifies the precarious situation that my students, their families, and our whole community has been surviving in for the last year. Los Angeles must continue the work of RepresentLA and the Day Labor Centers. RepresentLA has made significant strides in its mission, serving over 21,000 people since 2022, including survivors of labor trafficking, asylum seekers, and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This legal aid program has been key in providing critical legal services to vulnerable and diverse immigrant communities who otherwise would not be represented. The City of Los Angeles has already defended thousands of Angeleno families against family separations through the LA Justice Fund and now RepresentLA since 2017, increased funding will only help further this commitment. Day Labor Centers play a vital role in developing the workforce and helping workers assert their rights—through education, outreach, wage recovery support, and legal referrals. Yet despite this essential work, they have increasingly been targeted by immigration enforcement, with more than 20 raids in the past year and over 100 people taken. It is critical to prevent any interruption in the crucial services that RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers provide to our most vulnerable immigrant communities at this extremely difficult time for our communities. Your voice as the leader of the City of LA holds powerful influence and respect. I urge you to support funding for the RepresentLA and Day Labor Centers at \$3 million each. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Gillian Claycomb

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 04:29 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not remove the funding for SafeparkingLA as it is an invaluable resource for individuals going through hardships of every kind. You have no idea. People need help. Too many people are living in their vehicles because the economy is upside down, and the cost of living is shooting up while income levels are staying the same. The people who have wound up living in their vehicles didn't sign up for any of this. Help them. Continue to help them with SafeparkingLA and other programs like it. Sincerely.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carmela Carreno

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 04:48 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** May 14, 2026 Chair Katy Yaroslavsky Budget and Finance Committee Los Angeles City Council 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Council File 26-0600 | Support for Continued Investment in Safe Parking Services Dear Chair Yaroslavsky and Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee: Safe Parking LA was founded on a simple premise: if someone is living in their vehicle, the response should begin with safety, stability, and dignity before that crisis deepens further. We pioneered the safe parking model locally and helped demonstrate that it is not only humane, but practical, cost-effective, and operationally sound. Today, Safe Parking LA remains the region's largest safe parking provider and the only organization exclusively focused on vehicular homelessness. We have housed thousands of Angelenos by serving people at one of the earliest and most precarious stages of homelessness, often before they require far more intensive and expensive interventions. Safe parking works because it preserves stability, meets people where they are, and creates an immediate connection to services, housing navigation, and support. This work has only been possible through sustained public-private partnership. Local government, healthcare systems, philanthropy, faith communities, neighborhood stakeholders, and lived experience advocates have all invested trust, resources, and community goodwill into building this infrastructure together. That trust matters. At a time when public confidence in homelessness spending has been deeply strained, accountability and measurable value matter more than ever. Safe Parking LA has worked intentionally to earn public trust through strong governance, transparent financial reporting, independent audits, and responsible stewardship of both public and philanthropic investment. De-investing from safe parking now would eliminate one of the City's most practical and cost-effective homelessness interventions and undermine a partnership model Los Angeles has spent years building. Safe Parking LA remains committed to serving as a reliable partner to the City and a responsible steward of public investment in safe parking services. Sincerely, Carmela Carreno, CFRE, CAP  
Director of Development



# SafeParkingLA

May 14, 2026

Chair Katy Yaroslavsky  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File 26-0600 | Support for Continued Investment in Safe Parking Services

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Sincerely,

Carmela Carreno, CFRE, CAP  
Director of Development

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 04:53 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." I respectfully request that you move to, minimally, fully fund animal food and medical supplies, restore prevention and spay/neuter funding, support Dogs Playing for Life, and treat private grants as supplemental — not replacements for public responsibility.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacquie Navratil  
**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 05:13 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to urge the budget committee to address the animal overpopulation crisis and stop denying animals within the city limits access to spay/neuter. Where is the spay/neuter funding going? Why hasn't there been an audit given the fact that funding spay/neuter is proven to decrease shelter intake and "strays." Dead animal pick up within the city limits has increased 31% this year, residents across the city are facing a dramatic rise in animal abandonment due to "managed intake" practiced at LA city shelters. Residents simply do not have the skills or financial resources to take on animal control duties. If the city's answer to the overpopulation crisis is to limit shelter intake, at the very least, help residents manage to cost to ensure these animals are being left to breed. Another alternative would be to "ask" of homeowners to fund spay/neuter with a small, yearly fee, similar to homeowners now being asked to fund street light repair. Thank you for your consideration, I sincerely hope you'll be a champion for prevention.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Sunderland

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 05:13 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ask the Los Angeles Budget Committee to support Los Angeles Shelter Dogs and Cats ? fully fund animal food and medical supplies ? restore prevention and spay/neuter funding ? support Dogs Playing for Life ? treat private grants as supplemental — not replacements for public responsibility. Thank you,

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**Name:** Jessica m Freeman  
**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 06:20 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear sirs/madames, This is bigger than one city budget. It raises a critical question: ? Should basic humane care inside public shelter systems depend on temporary philanthropy and donations? In most public systems, private donations are supplemental — not foundational. ?? Public schools still fund teachers and classrooms. ?? Hospitals still fund basic medical care. ?? Fire departments still fund fuel and emergency response. ?? Libraries still fund staff and operations. Yet animal shelters are increasingly being treated differently. According to reporting: Animal food budgets were drastically reduced Animal medical supply funding sharply declined Shelters increasingly relied on donations for basic care Prevention funding remains inadequate At the same time, Los Angeles is promoting a temporary three-year private partnership as a major solution. The issue is NOT whether nonprofits should help. The issue is whether cities are beginning to normalize underfunding public animal services while relying on temporary outside support to keep systems functioning. Animals are not optional. Shelters are not hobbies. Animal services directly affect: ? public safety ? public health ? disease control ? community wellbeing ? humane treatment When prevention and shelter funding decline, communities eventually absorb the consequences: overcrowded shelters rising euthanasia stray populations overwhelmed rescues dangerous dog incidents disease spread At the same time, rescues face enormous barriers simply trying to save animals: expensive permits zoning restrictions animal count limitations costly compliance requirements This should not be happening! shelters and rescue groups are already struggling! Please don't add insult to injury with this change! furthermore: I'm writing to ask that you advocate for all shelter animals by renovating the shelter system in your state for the better! Please feel free to forward this to any applicable department. Approximately 607,000 shelter animals were euthanized in the U.S. in 2024, representing about 8% of shelter intake, a 2% decrease from 2023. While millions of animals are adopted annually, high shelter capacity, staffing shortages, and high intake rates in specific states like Texas and California contribute to this number. Key Euthanasia Statistics & Trends Total Numbers: Estimates vary, with recent data indicating around 607,000 to 920,000 animals are euthanized

annually. Species Breakdown (2024): Approximately 334,000 dogs and 273,000 cats were euthanized. Rate Trends: Euthanasia rates have generally declined from 13% in 2019 to 8% in 2024. Regional Differences: Five states—California, Texas, North Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana—accounted for 52% of the total animals killed in U.S. shelters in 2019. No-Kill Status: Over 50% of U.S. shelters reached "no-kill" status in 2023, defined as saving 90% or more of their animals. While this shows a decrease in euthanasia rates its still too high. Shutting down puppy mills, free access to spay/neuter and mandatory spay and neuter of pets would help tremendously. Please advocate for animals by implementing a shelter system that is euthanasia free. There are also many ways to improve visibility of these animals to promote adoption like television ads, media campaigns, social media and adoption events. I think we could have a no kill shelter system in this country! It's possible! Please help!!! Respectfully, Jessica Freeman

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Judy Spiegel

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 07:14 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I can hardly express the level of disdain that I have that you could remove funding for Safe Parking LA and all safe parking programs in Los Angeles. How often to residents say "get these off my streets?" Well, here's a system that works and provides more than a safe place to stay. It's not just overnight parking! It's social services that connect those living in their cars to the services and resources that actually have the power to move them indoors, to provide the stability that they need to progress and control their lives. PLEASE, don't deny critical public resources to those who live in their cars. You can do better than that!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine  
**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 10:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 26-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please fund more spay and neuter to help with the animal over population and shelter overcrowding and euthanasia problem.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 11:18 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Animals need funding for spay/neuter because shelter overcrowding will worsen. Abandoned animal populations will continue to grow. Shelters will be overwhelmed with the increase with more animals. More animals will be euthanized.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Irene

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** "Hi, my name is Irene Erramouspe and I'm a constituent in Brentwood 90049 I'm calling to urge Traci Park to fully fund the LA Animal Services Department at \$31.8 million and to approve the Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. These cuts to food, medicine, and critical programs will harm shelter animals and reduce public safety. Please do the right thing."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alison Stolpa

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 11:54 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent, I am deeply concerned by the lack of resources for animal services, as well as the increasing amount of animals in harm's way. I ask that you will fully fund LA Animal Services at \$31.8 million. This would include restoring funding for dog and cat food and medical supplies, fully funding the spay/neuter voucher program, restoring the Dogs Playing For Life program, and approving the historic Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. Thank you for your consideration. Our most vulnerable residents need to be a priority for the city council.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hilarey Benda

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 11:56 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to ask for full funding of Los Angeles Animal Shelters. Animals are innocent creatures with no voice and it is up to us to treat them with dignity and care. Animal overpopulation is a preventable problem. Proper investment should be prioritized for education, free spay/neuter, as well as low cost vet care so families have the opportunity to do right by their animals. Los Angeles has the ability to lead the nation in caring for animals, creating a successful and sustainable model that can be replicated in other areas. My vote will always go to those who protect animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah D.

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles streets are some of the deadliest in the nation, and the state of our infrastructure is embarrassing and deteriorating. We need a CIP to align projects and departments, but we also need a Director of Public Works to coordinate and create a system of accountability. I support increasing the budget for the Parks Department. I also strongly feel we should remove section 580 from the charter, this would create flexibility and allow council to shift duties between departments and public works easily without needing to go back to voters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diana Kliche

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 12:45 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Los Angeles budget is NOT final yet. Please : ? fully fund animal food and medical supplies ? restore prevention and spay/neuter funding ? support Dogs Playing for Life ? treat private grants as supplemental — not replacements for public responsibility At the same time, Los Angeles is promoting a temporary three-year private partnership as a major solution. The issue is NOT whether nonprofits should help. The issue is whether cities are beginning to normalize underfunding public animal services while relying on temporary outside support to keep systems functioning.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to urge you to protect funding for safe parking and mobile shower programs in the upcoming city budget. I have seen firsthand the real, tangible difference these programs and providers, like The Shower of Hope and Safe Parking LA, make in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. They provide dignity, safety, and stability to some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Defunding these programs would have serious consequences for our unhoused community members and will only worsen street homelessness. Please restore funding for these vital programs. Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany Fraser

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 11:42 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please, Fully Fund LA Animal Services, and any related animal programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia D.

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 11:45 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a volunteer at the South LA Animal shelter. I am part of the boots on the ground folks who see firsthand the dire and deplorable conditions at SLA and other shelters. PLEASE Fully fund LA Animal Services at \$31.8 million: 1. Restore the Dogs Playing For Life program - this program is IMPERATIVE for live outcomes. 2. Fully fund the spay/neuter voucher program - lack of easy access to S/N is the number one reason why there is relentless euthanasia and overcrowding. 3. Restore funding for dog and cat food and medical supplies - we should NOT have to dip into the Animal Welfare Fund for the BAREST minimum of necessities. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Buehler

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 08:52 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please fully fund the LA Animal Services Department at \$31.8 million and approve the Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. Cuts to food and medicine will harm these poor innocent animals. I urge you to fund this!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renata

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 08:53 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members. My name is Renata Eubank, and I'm a constituent in Redondo Beach. I urge you to fully fund the Los Angeles Animal Services Department at \$31.8 million and approve the partnership with Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA. Proposed cuts to food, medical care, and essential programs will directly impact the health and safety of shelter animals while also reducing critical public safety services for our communities. These partnerships and resources save lives, improve outcomes for animals, and help relieve the burden on overcrowded shelters. Please support full funding and protect these vital services for both animals and residents across Los Angeles. Thank you for your time and consideration. RE

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christian

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 08:55 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members, My name is Christian Eubank and I'm a resident of Redondo Beach. I'm asking you to protect funding for Los Angeles Animal Services by approving the full \$31.8 million budget request and supporting the partnership with Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA. Animal shelters are already stretched beyond capacity. Reductions to food, veterinary care, staffing, and lifesaving programs will only worsen conditions for animals and create greater challenges for the community. These services are essential for public health, safety, and humane care. Please prioritize compassionate, responsible solutions by fully funding Animal Services and preserving these important partnerships. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 09:11 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, We, the undersigned, write to urge you to fully fund the Los Angeles Animal Services Department and approve critical programs that protect the welfare of animals and the safety of our communities. The Los Angeles Animal Services Department has requested \$31.8 million for its 2026-27 operational budget. We are deeply concerned that the Mayor's current budget proposal falls significantly short of this amount, and worse, includes potential cuts that will have negative consequences for the animals in our city's care and the communities that depend on these services. Specifically, the proposed budget: - Includes NO funding for dog and cat food - Reduces medical supply allocations - Eliminates three positions - Reduces funding for spay/neuter vouchers - Defunds Dogs Playing For Life: a proven program that enriches the lives of shelter dogs and creates safer environments for both animals and shelter staff Eliminating positions and gutting enrichment programs will lead to worse outcomes for animals, increased euthanasia, and reduced public safety. At the same time, the City has a historic opportunity before it: a landmark partnership between Best Friends Animal Society and the ASPCA that would improve shelter operations across all six Los Angeles shelters. This partnership would create badly needed positions to improve fostering, adoptions, and community cat programming, and would support meaningful improvements in shelter medicine. We urge you to approve this partnership without delay. We ask you to: - Reinstate funding for dog and cat food and medical supplies, and add back in the eliminated positions - Increase spay/neuter voucher funding - Restore funding for the Dogs Playing For Life program - Approve the historic Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership The animals in our shelters cannot speak for themselves. We are their voices. Please do not let them down.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josh Steinberg

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2026 05:11 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a board member of Safe Parking Los Angeles, I am deeply concerned by the proposed cuts to the organization's funding. Safe Parking LA provides a critical lifeline to hundreds of individuals and families across our city who are living in their vehicles, people who are working, often employed, and doing everything they can to regain stable housing. This program is not a luxury. It is a proven, cost-effective intervention that keeps vulnerable community members safe, connected to services, and on a path toward permanent housing. The cost of eliminating Safe Parking LA's services will be borne elsewhere: in emergency rooms, in law enforcement interactions, and in the deepening of a homelessness crisis that our city has already struggled for years to address. I ask decision-makers to reverse course immediately and restore full funding to Safe Parking Los Angeles. Those who depend on this program cannot afford delay, and our community cannot afford the consequences of abandoning them. We urge the public to make their voices heard and demand that elected officials prioritize solutions over cuts. The people we serve are our neighbors. They deserve better, and so does Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Geisel

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2026 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a concerned citizen who cares about the 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 09:43 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to show my support for Safe Parking LA. I was enrolled in the program for six months. I saw the positive effect that it had not just for myself , but all enrolled. I attribute my success journey to be housed , find work , and to get basic support and needs met with Safe Parking LA . I believe that it is vital that they have all those support they need to help people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 09:49 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please take care of our beloved animals that are homeless.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jackie Mn

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 10:10 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Jackie and I'm a constituent in 90066. I'm calling to urge to fully fund the LA Animal Services Department at \$31.8 million and to approve the Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. These cuts to food, medicine, and critical programs will harm shelter animals and reduce public safety. Please do the right thing. Please don't let these animals suffer because of human idiocracy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vanessa

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 10:31 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is very important for the city of Los Angeles to address the rise of stray animals (mainly dogs and cats) in our communities. There are many Los Angeles residents who do not want these animals in our communities, so they poison or hurt these animals as a result. Many cat organizations, which are largely non-profit and volunteer-based, are struggling to provide the support communities need due to lack of funding. Funding these organizations for food, medical aid, spaying/neutering, housing, and all other very costly expenses would greatly help our community to ensure all animals are safe and that residents are kept happy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/14/2026 09:24 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge the Los Angeles City Council to fully fund the LA Animal Services Department at its requested level of \$31.8 million for 2026 - 27. I ask you to restore funding for dog and cat food, medical supplies, spay/neuter vouchers, and the Dogs Playing For Life program, and to approve the historic Best Friends Animal Society and ASPCA partnership. These investments protect animals and our communities. Please do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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