

Communication from Public

Name: Carla Williams

Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 04:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please restore and add to any funding for those who cannot speak for themselves. Human failure is what has happened. Animal shelters are doing their best but more spay and neuters must be done, more food, and shelter until loving homes can be found. Animals and those who care are part of the community too. Thank you for doing what you can.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 07:48 AM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Increasing funds for spay and neuter programs is crucial to control animal overpopulation. I am asking for increased funds for spay and neuter.

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Name: Emily
Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 07:51 AM
Council File No: 26-0600
Comments for Public Posting: WE NEED FUNDING FOR SPAY AND NEUTER.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/14/2026 02:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is [your name] and I'm a constituent in [your neighborhood / CD#]. 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: Jennifer Wojinski
Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 09:17 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the budget committee to INCREASE FUNDING FOR SPAY/NEUTER , for both all species of pets as well as for community cats via the Citywide Cat Plan. Fully and better funding spay/neuter is the best remedy for shelter intake prevention, reducing the numbers of animals surrendered to shelters and numbers needing to be euthanized. Funding spay/neuter IS proven to be more cost effective than euthanasia and warehousing. As someone who does community outreach for LuxePaws, a grassroots community focused organization that is laser focused on SPAY/NEUTER FOR ALL ANIMALS, I can personally attest to the impact reduced funding is having on the community. Neighbors cannot access vouchers easily or at all, which in turn creates more animals needing to be housed, fixed and/or surrendered to the shelter...and at worst, animals are dumped into the community for neighbors to fix on their own dime. Neighbors cannot afford the full cost of a spay/neuter and resources+access to low cost spay/neuter are limited to zip codes/high need areas. The funding and systems in place are simply not enough to address the exploding populations of cats and dogs. Better funding spay/neuter for the citizens of the city of Los Angeles is desperately needed and it's the best preventative spend, as opposed to simply continuing to manage and focus on the shelter 'crisis'. Nothing will change without a focus on prevention and addressing the root of the crisis and understanding that resources must be allocated to the community members...which is where the crisis begins. PLEASE, INCREASE SPAY/NEUTER FUNDING FOR ALL ANIMALS including COMMUNITY CATS!

Communication from Public

Name: Pierce O'Toole

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 10:11 AM

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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. It is such an obvious cruelty to discard these animal's lives as disposable.

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Name: Ashley

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 10:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a LA Resident and morally minded, I am absolutely appalled by the lack of empathy from the city council. Allowing animals to suffer cruelty and neglect. A step towards reducing and ending the animal crisis in Los Angeles is to support and fund spay and neuter. There are not enough homes to house every animal - that is an ideal we cannot reach. The best thing we can do for these dogs and cats is to spay and neuter them in order reduce the population so that they are not born and suffer on the streets in this unforgiving urban place. If we can do this, then shelters can do their jobs appropriately and be able to help animals be cared for, provide medical care, and help them be homed/adopted. This would save animals from stress, volunteers and workers from stress of caring for animals in a failing system. I implore you to do what is right, just, and moral. Expand these resources to reduce suffering, this is a human made problem and can only be corrected when humans actively work to correct it.

Communication from Public

Name: Evet Sanchez

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 10:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE INCREASE FUNDS FOR SPAY AND NEUTER!!!
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO STOP THE SUFFERING OF
ANIMALS!!! PLEASE CONSIDER THE PEOPLE AND THEIR
TIME AND RESOURCES!!! THANK YOU

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Name: Olivia Riopelle

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 10:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We desperately need more funding for spay/neuter. Thank you.

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Name: Susan Zimny

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 10:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am very concerned about the proposed partnership with ASPCA and other national organizations for managed intake policies. These policies have outright failed in other jurisdictions with dogs and cats left suffering on the streets and endangering the public. For example, an elderly woman was attacked by a pack of hungry dogs in Stockton and severely injured due to the city's animal services not taking in animals. Please focus funds on enhanced spay/neuter programs which have a long track record of reducing the unwanted animal population and prioritize getting abandoned animals off the streets where they can be cared for in shelters. Humane euthanasia is better than leaving them to suffer and slowly die of starvation or preventable diseases. Finally, please continue to prioritize cruelty investigations. Thank you for considering this request/comment,
Susan Zimny

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Name: William Silverman

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 11:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Los Angeles resident, caretaker of four rescued cats, and the owner of a business that works closely with a rescue organization, I am very familiar with the crisis the city faces with homeless cats and dogs. It is ethically imperative that funding is increased for spay/neuter programs and I strongly encourage the council to take whatever steps necessary to do so.

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Name: Rachel Perlin

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funding for spay and neuter of cats and dogs in Los Angeles county!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Aimee

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 11:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Increase funding for Spay / Neuter. Too many animals suffering in skid row and residential areas. These animals end up becoming road kill or just multiply due to the fact that they end up on the streets because people cannot afford to pay for spaying or neutering. The less animals giving birth, the more space in the shelters for the animals that are already in there. They won't have to be euthanized to make space for new kittens or puppies.

Communication from Public

Name: Brie coons

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 12:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need the budget back for spay and neuter!!! Please!!!! Help us reduce the cats on the streets by keeping spay and neuter accessible. We need more money

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Name: Janette Steele

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 12:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Reaching out to ask the budget committee to increase funding for community spay/neuter programs. Please support this funding!
This saves lives!!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 12:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: A Spay / Neuter funding increase would provide accessibility to the ultimate necessary resource of proper veterinary care. I have worked with animals shelters and can pledge to the consistent and great efforts of the ethical organizations the city and community have brought together to best care for the animal population. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Raasch

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 12:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Los Angeles City Council Budget Committee: THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. We need increased spay & neuter funding NOW. TNR is the only truly effective method for controlling the stray population -- NO other methods are effective long-term. Kind private citizens, small organizations, and private citizens -- include myself and my neighbors in CD 11 -- step up on a daily basis to do the work of humanely trapping stray cats and dogs independently without support from the city. The very least the city can do is provide funding to spay and neuter these animals. Two unsterilized cats can produce 100-5000 offspring in seven years (<https://www.felineresearch.org/fast-facts-about-feral-cats>). Funding spay and neuter prevents overcrowding in animal shelters at the root of the problem, where it counts. Not only is this the right thing to do, even a small increase in spay/neuter support will quickly pay for itself in prevention. Please make this a priority now. Your constituents do not want to see more money allocated to executives' and politicians' salaries at the expense of lives, and we are watching. Thank you.

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Name: Ellen Prior

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 01:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is time to stop relying on outside animal charity groups to subsidize Los Angeles! The animals are not being cared for in an appropriate budget necessary for spay/neuter/vet care/emergency services,vaccinations,housing etc..... Please do better! The animals are depending on you! Thank you Ellen A Prior

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Luke

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 01:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm submitting my public comment to express the dire need to increase the budget for spay/neuter services. I follow so many animal rescue groups and city/county shelter volunteers and networkers who are constantly overwhelmed with the number of homeless pets. I've seen litters of kittens euthanized with their mothers due to lack of resources. We cannot adopt our way out of this situation. Free and low cost spay/neuter services and TNR programs are vital to reducing the intake of animals into the shelter system, and reducing the number of senseless deaths of healthy animals. Our shelter system paid for with our tax dollars should not be a system of death camps for pets. Myself and my fellow citizens cannot solve this crisis alone with our limited resources. Please, I urge you to take a stand for these innocent lives who don't deserve to be locked up and put to death due to our city's neglect on this. Angelinos love dogs and cats. We ask the city officials who represent us to show the same love to the animals in the city's care.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Askew

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: please increase funding to the city's spay and neuter program. the number of stray and feral dogs and cats in this city is ridiculously high, and growing constantly. there are many of us in the community who spend our own time and money trying to help as much as we can, but we are not millionaires, we cannot afford to have them all fixed from our own pocket. addressing this problem at the root, trapping and fixing these animals, is the only effective way to stop the growth of street populations. please help us help the whole city. please allocate more funding for spay/neuter programs. thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Bachrach

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 01:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe it would be a mistake to eliminate Safe Parking funding. I am writing in strong support of funding Safe Parking to help those living in their vehicles. Sincerely, Benjamin Bachrach Los Angeles City resident

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Name: Angela Hardenburg

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 03:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Now that the City of LA budget is underway I would like speak up about what our communities need most. It's no secret that many of valuable non-profits were hit hard by the termination of National Endowment for the Arts awards. To bridge the budget gaps I support Funding public-private-nonprofit partnerships like Women in Media's CAMERADERIE Features, City-level tax incentives for productions, Adopting the Keep Hollywood Home Motions, Expedite permits and reduce fees for shooting.

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Name: Jocelyn Hernandez

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 05:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge this governing body to increase the budget for animal services that focus on spay and neuter services. Ensuring that pet owners have access to free or reduced cost services ensures that our already overworked shelters see a drop in animal intake and, thus, we see a drop in unneeded euthanasia-related deaths. TNR services are also part of a push to lower unnecessary deaths.

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Name: Natasha Najjar
Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 06:27 PM
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Name: LIONEL MARES
Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 08:14 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget & Finance Committee Members, I am writing as a resident of Los Angeles to share my thoughts following the conclusion of the Budget & Finance Committee's 8th hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026–27 Proposed Budget (CF 26-0600). After reviewing hundreds of pages of memos, listening to nearly seven hours of public comment, and hearing extensive discussions with department leadership, I want to express my appreciation for the significant work that has gone into this process. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, as well as the full committee. I also appreciate the contributions of City Administrative Officer Matt Szabo, Chief Legislative Analyst Sharon Tso, and Assistant CLA John Wickham for their detailed analysis and guidance throughout the hearings. As a resident, I am increasingly concerned about staff shortages, potential layoffs, and the impact these challenges may have on essential city services. Many departments are already operating with long-standing vacancies, and further reductions could significantly affect service delivery. I strongly support continued investment in civilian hiring for non-sworn positions and efforts to fill vacancies that directly support the day-to-day functioning of our city. I also look forward to the recommendations from the Budget & Finance Advisory Committee, chaired by former City Controller Ron Galperin. Their insights will be important as the City works to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to maintain critical services. Additionally, I am concerned about overspending in certain departments (e.g. LAPD) and the rising cost of liability payouts, which place pressure on the broader budget and limit the City's ability to fund essential services and staffing. I hope the Council will continue to explore strategies to manage these costs while protecting the workforce and maintaining service levels. I respectfully urge your office to prioritize solutions that preserve city services, support employees, and ensure that Los Angeles remains responsive to the needs of its residents. Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to a transparent and thoughtful budget process.
Sincerely, -- LIONEL MARES, MPA Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 09:06 PM

Council File No: 26-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Support Increased Funding for Spay and Neuter Programs in Los Angeles
Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Budget Committee, I am writing to urge the City of Los Angeles to increase funding for spay and neuter programs for cats and dogs throughout our communities. Affordable and accessible spay and neuter services are one of the most effective ways to reduce pet overpopulation, decrease euthanasia rates in shelters, and improve public health and safety. Every year, thousands of unwanted animals enter overcrowded shelters across Los Angeles. Many of these animals suffer from neglect, abandonment, or homelessness simply because preventative services are financially out of reach for many residents. Expanding funding for spay and neuter programs would provide long-term benefits to the city by:

- Reducing the number of stray and homeless animals
- Lowering shelter overcrowding and euthanasia costs
- Supporting low-income pet owners who want responsible pet care
- Improving neighborhood sanitation and public safety
- Preventing animal suffering before it occurs

Los Angeles has long been recognized as a city that values compassion and community well-being. Investing in preventative animal care is both humane and fiscally responsible. Preventing unwanted litters costs far less than shelter intake, medical treatment, housing, and animal control services after the fact. I respectfully ask the Budget Committee to prioritize and expand funding for citywide spay and neuter services, including mobile clinics, voucher programs, and partnerships with local animal welfare organizations. Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration of this important issue. Sincerely, Kathy Lozoya

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Name: Annette Kasch

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 10:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support approving the Women in Media Camaraderie Features Initiative. This project can help create jobs for local crews, production teams, and small businesses while bringing valuable economic growth and creative opportunities to the community. Supporting film and media initiatives like this helps strengthen our local workforce and keeps creative production thriving in the area.

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Name: Karen Wang

Date Submitted: 05/15/2026 09:46 AM

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