

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Los Angeles City Council and the Budget Committee to adequately fund our city animal shelters and address the growing humanitarian crisis affecting thousands of vulnerable animals. Far too many sentient animals are being housed in overcrowded, stressful, and inhumane conditions while euthanasia rates continue to rise. These animals depend entirely on the city for safety, care, medical treatment, and humane living conditions. We have a moral responsibility to do better. As a citizen, I am counting on you to prioritize the following in the city budget: - Fully fund animal food and medical supplies, as well as adequate medical care at intake and beyond - Restore prevention and spay/neuter funding - Support Dogs Playing for Life enrichment and socialization programs - Treat private grants as supplemental support, not as replacements for Los Angeles' financial responsibilities - Expand the number of officers available to shut down backyard breeders and illegal sales happening daily on our streets Animal shelters cannot continue operating in crisis mode while relying on temporary donations and patchwork solutions. Proper funding saves lives, reduces overcrowding, improves public safety, and reflects the compassion and values of Los Angeles residents. Animals are not disposable. They are living, feeling beings deserving of humane treatment and care. I strongly urge the City Council to take immediate action and fully invest in the welfare of the animals in our shelters.