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**Sullivan Family**

Tue, Apr 28, 2026 at 12:35 PM

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

Dear Councilmembers Yaroslavsky, Blumenfield, Hutt, McOsker and Hernandez,

I am writing to urge the Committee to protect and strengthen three essential programs as you review the upcoming City budget: Safe Parking for persons experiencing homelessness, the Canine Enrichment Program for LA Animal Services, and increased funding for Sanitation services. I have seen that the Public Works-Sanitation budget as well as the LA Homeless Services Authority budget is scheduled to be discussed on Thursday, May 1, 2026, and the LA Animal Services budget is scheduled to be discussed on Monday, May 5, 2026.

Safe Parking remains one of the few resources where unhoused individuals, especially women can stay overnight without fear of being ticketed or placed in unsafe situations. Losing or this program would leave many unhoused residents with no safe alternative.

The Canine Enrichment Program is equally critical. Proper socialization is one of the strongest predictors of adoptability for shelter dogs. Euthanasia rates are already elevated in part due to behavioral issues that develop when dogs are under-stimulated or isolated on kennels. Enrichment and structured socialization helps dogs interact safely with humans and other animals, increasing their chances of placement and reducing overcrowding in our shelters.

Finally, Sanitation funding must be increased. Illegal dumping continues to grow, and the City needs the resources to respond quickly and consistently. Restoring the Ambassador program would also help by educating residents on proper disposal and reporting procedures, reducing the burden on sanitation crews and improving neighborhood conditions.

All three of these programs directly affect community well-being, public health, and the humane treatment of both people and animals. I respectfully ask that the Committee prioritize and protect these services in the upcoming budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Sullivan