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## Support for restoring LA animal services funding (council file 26-0600)

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**'Miss Jean Dong' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee**

Wed, May 13, 2026 at

<clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

1:36 PM

Reply-To:

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, clerkcitu@lacity.org

Dear Council Member,

I am writing as a Los Angeles resident to support restoring and increasing funding for LA Animal Services within the city budget, specifically regarding Council File 26-0600. I urge you to prioritize funding for spay/neuter access, shelter medical care, food, and enrichment programs.

Los Angeles shelters are currently facing a severe overcrowding crisis. Expanding spay and neuter access is one of the most effective, humane, and fiscally responsible ways to reduce intake. Increasing this funding by at least \$1 million would enable an estimated 10,000 to 13,000 additional surgeries annually, directly addressing the root cause of overcrowding.

Additionally, I strongly urge the city to restore critical cuts to animal food, medical supplies, and the Dogs Playing for Life program. Basic medical care, nutrition, and humane enrichment are not optional; they are the minimum standards required for animals in the city's custody and are essential for maintaining health and safety in overcrowded facilities.

Failure to fund these core services will increase long-term costs, worsen animal suffering, and place further strain on shelter staff and volunteers. Investing in these proven solutions will save lives and reflect Los Angeles's commitment to humane animal care.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of residents who care deeply about animal welfare and the health of our community.

Sincerely,

Jean Dong