

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Sirias

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 02:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 02:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Two of my cats were 'red listed' for euthanasia in Los Angeles city shelters when they were pulled by rescue groups and their lives were saved. There was nothing wrong with them. They were sweet, frightened animals who did not deserve to die just because the shelters were overcrowded. Please, please approve this measure and allow this grant to help Los Angeles save the lives of more innocent dogs and cats who just need a chance to find loving homes and live out their lives in peace and safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Hilarey Benda

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 02:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask for full funding of Los Angeles Animal Services. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Christy Schilling

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: With the limited resources and overwhelming number of animals in LA Animal Service I urge this funding to be accepted as this proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. It offers stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs that will help save lives, money and emotional heartache. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare as perhaps this will inspire more support and collaboration through the state and country. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: lauren giordano

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:06 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: LA Animal Services is in crisis. Shelters are operating at 155% capacity, dog euthanasia rose 72% in 2024, and the department just absorbed a nearly \$5 million budget cut. Los Angeles earned no-kill status in 2021 — the largest city in the country to do so. We are losing that ground fast. This legislation puts resources back where they belong: staff, foster programs, adoption pipelines, and return-to-home infrastructure. That's how we get back to no-kill. And it creates jobs doing it.

Communication from Public

Name: CF

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:06 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing in support of accepting the \$14.22 million grant from the ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society for the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services. LAAS needs help, and this grant is better than no additional support. The added staffing, training, advisory support, foster work, adoption support, return-to-home efforts, and community cat support could be very helpful if the City is able to implement it well. My main concern is follow-through. City hiring and implementation can be slow, and this grant will only make a real difference if the positions are filled quickly, staff are trained, and the programs are actually put into practice before too much time is lost. I also hope communication with LAAS staff is made a priority. Staff should understand the purpose of the grant, the role of ASPCA and Best Friends, what is changing, and how this support is meant to help daily shelter operations. If staff are the last to know, it can create confusion, rumors, and pushback. I also hope there is an educational part for both staff and the community. Residents need clear, practical information about fostering, adoption, return-to-home efforts, community cats, spay and neuter resources, microchipping, licensing, and responsible pet ownership. Along with education, I hope the City considers community support and incentives. Many residents want to do the right thing but may need help with things like spay and neuter, microchipping, pet food, reclaiming lost pets, or basic veterinary care. Helping people before animals enter the shelter system could reduce overcrowding and improve outcomes. I also believe LAAS should be treated first as a public service department, not as a money-making department for the City. The focus should be animal welfare, public safety, responsible pet ownership, and helping families keep or reclaim their pets when appropriate. Fees and fines should not become barriers that keep animals in the shelter system longer. I appreciate ASPCA and Best Friends for offering this support, and I appreciate the City considering it. I support accepting the grant, and I hope the City treats it like an active project with clear ownership, regular updates, hiring timelines, training milestones, community outreach, and outcome tracking.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Keep pets and people safe!! Despite previously meeting no-kill standards, the people and pets of Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) need our help to make L.A. a no-kill city for dogs and cats. We know L.A. can become a no-kill community because they've done it before. There are programs and policies that can be implemented to save animal lives and protect the people who care for them. By implementing proven no-kill programming — increased foster placement and adoption outreach, for example — we can ensure that every healthy and treatable animal who can be saved is saved. Lets save the animals of L.A. - we must encourage the mayor and city council to start lifesaving programs for pets in shelters. Animals deserve a chance at a forever home. I'm a foster mom and it is a rewarding thing to do - Let's bring L.A. back to no-kill. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Locker
Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:41 PM
Council File No: 26-0832
Comments for Public Posting: Enforce the spay/neuter and cruelty laws w strict punishment. Fines, jail. Your skin color, where you live, and if you're on the street should not exempt you. The law should be applied equally to everyone. Let's stop w the 2 class justice system.

Communication from Public

Name: MADELINE

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:41 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I support the grant for Best Friends. Too many animals are being killed in our shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Silence
Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:53 PM
Council File No: 26-0832
Comments for Public Posting: We desperately need additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. LA Animal Services have been in the news far too much for not taking care of the animals, using euthanasia on animals that are perfectly adoptable and a number of other atrocities that could be addressed with more funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Joan Martinez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 02:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Animals aren't just "animals" they are living beings and deserve some funding. Our shelters are over crowded, not enough aid Is being gave!

Communication from Public

Name: Brandi Stern

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:21 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the city of Los Angeles and dog lover who has adopted multiple dogs out of the shelter program it is clear that the city is severely underfunded to handle the current number of homeless dogs in the city of LA. Areas like skid row and south central LA have increased number of unhoused people many of which have dogs for companionship, safety and security. It is a tragedy to see the conditions so many animals are living in. It is inhumane and must be controlled. This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. It is essential that the city strengthen foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. Los Angeles should be a compassionate city where healthy loving animals are not put to death. Animal welfare is a priority to millions of Angelinos and this funding is one of the most important measures to save lives of dogs an cats in our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:31 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Animal rescue services are stretched past their limits! They need any and all help that they can. Please speak for those that cannot speak for themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Perez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 04:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I support this investment as the welfare of all animals is crucial. Many animals have been neglected and abused without representation and resources to allow for a better life for them. all animals are deserving of safe homes and care.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Haberman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:51 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: You can simply say: My name is Jennifer Haberman and I've lived in Redondo Beach for 31 years. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Margot

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Our shelters are way under funded and desperately in need of additional monies to provide for the needs of our cities animal population. This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Gail Russell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:15 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I urge this committee to support the life saving investment into our community between LAAS and SPCA also Best Friend Animal society. We can save more lives going through our shelter system while also improving this public service. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Spencer H.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:18 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Valley Glen, in Council District 2, and I am writing in strong support of the Department of Animal Services' acceptance of the \$14,220,000 grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Best Friends Animal Society, and of the accompanying grant agreement. This is a meaningful investment in animals and in the people who care for them. By funding salaries and related costs for 23 new positions, the grant gives LA Animal Services the staffing it needs to focus on what matters most: prioritizing positive outcomes for the animals in its care. For a department that serves roughly 50,000 animals a year, that added capacity makes a real, measurable difference. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs save lives. The expanded adoption and foster teams this funding supports mean more animals leaving shelters for loving homes, more lost pets reunited with their families, and fewer animals waiting in kennels for an outcome. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again, and accepting this grant is a clear, concrete step toward that goal. I respectfully urge the Committee to approve acceptance of the grant and the grant agreement. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the animals and residents of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon Williams Fur Paws with Love 501c3 Dog Rescue

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 02:51 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to literally BEG that Los Angeles County do MORE to support our ANIMAL CARE in this city! We, as rescues, are trying our best to keep up with the demand! There is not enough time (72 hours) given for the networkers and/or rescue groups to even try to network, rescue, find fosters/adopters and SAVE animals! We are all stretched thin and tight. Our city MUST do better in animal care in shelters and save them! Los Angeles has a horrible record of euthanizing completely healthy and adoptable dogs and cats. This is atrocious! We MUST do better for the animals. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:28 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I support the proposed \$14.22 million grant for Los Angeles Animal Services. This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that through this communication you approve of the grant proposed to help Los Angeles Animal Services. The community relies heavily on vouchers for spaying and neutering of animals and for medical attention that can be very costly. People need this assistance to help fix animals to stop the overcrowding of shelters. Shelters need assistance with overcrowding and help for the staff who seem to be overwhelmed with the intake of animals on a daily basis. I have seen so many heartbreaking social media posts of perfectly healthy dogs and cats with deadlines to be euthanized. We need more help and resources for the Adoption Groups Charities helping our community animals. Signed an animal lover.

Communication from Public

Name: Mrs. Zee

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:58 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider saving the lives of innocent animals. No kill LA/ Best friends has done an amazing job saving animals and helping families who want to open their homes and hearts. Additional resources and funds will help animals get off the E list and educate people on resources for their pets. The animals deserve a chance, people love animals its a win win. I hope you consider, it would go to such a beautiful cause. Adopting was the best decision, im on my third rescue and I couldnt have done it without NKLA/BFAS. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Lazar

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 07:40 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: We must do better for LA's homeless animals that are suffering more than most in this Country, and the need continues to increase. Please, please vote to keep this critical funding for our animals in need, they are such an important part of this community and of people's lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Louisa Helsby

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 07:26 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the \$14.22 million grant for Los Angeles animal services because the way animals in LA have been treated is worse than a third world country. There needs to be more shelters, shelter workers, spading/nutering, stronger and enforced laws on animal abuse and breeding control and something done with the animals that are allowed to be tortured and murdered in Skid Row. The same laws that happen outside Skid Row must be enforced on Skid Row. No more animal abuse. Animal abuse leads to violence on children and people. Because the shelters and Skid Row are tucked away they MUST NOT be ignored. And there must be transparency on where the money is going so it's not going to enrich CEOs or dirty politicians pockets.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 06:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. This proposal will help speed up foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs to help save lives. This is a very worthwhile proposal and should be supported and passed.

Communication from Public

Name: Celeste

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:18 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of this grant to LA animal shelters because these resources directly support programs that save animal lives and strengthen communities. Increased funding for LA Animal Services would expand foster care networks, boost adoption efforts, and enhance return-to-home programs that reunite lost pets with their families, and ensure safety to pets and families. These proven strategies reduce shelter overcrowding, improve animal welfare outcomes, and lower long-term operational costs. Additional resources would also help shelters provide better medical care, behavioral support, and community outreach, ensuring that more animals find safe and permanent homes. By strengthening these programs, Los Angeles can address current shelter challenges while creating a more humane and effective animal welfare system. Most importantly, Los Angeles has a unique opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. With strategic investment and community-focused programs, the city can set a standard for innovation, compassion, and lifesaving success that other municipalities can follow.

Communication from Public

Name: Lori

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 07:51 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of the proposed \$14.22 million grant for Los Angeles Animal Services. It provides additional resources and support for LAAS. It also provides stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs to help save lives. Lastly, Los Angeles has the opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. Thank you, Lori Dixon

Communication from Public

Name: Dolores M

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 09:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: As an animal rescue founder in Oregon who has pulled several dogs from LA county, I beg you to make my work unnecessary in LA! Get the animals much needed financial support, protection (preventative care) and S/N animals before releasing them back into the community. It's time the issue is addressed and animals are protected.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 09:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kevin and I live in North Hollywood, CA. I urge this committee to support immediate and meaningful investment in Los Angeles animal welfare. The shelter crisis is urgent, and animals are paying the price for a system that has been under-resourced for far too long. This collaboration between LA Animal Services, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society is a critical opportunity to save lives, improve shelter conditions, support overwhelmed staff and volunteers, and provide better service to the public. Please support this investment and move it forward without delay. The animals in our community cannot wait

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie bloom

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 09:31 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support this investment in LA's animals. The LA county shelters are under funded and the number of animals that are euthanized is very high. We need to stop killing animals. This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Ideally LA county shelter would be able to afford to keep animals in the shelter and provide proper veterinary care so they can be adopted out. We could reduce the fees so that more animals can find forever homes. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Raisa

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of this grant for LA animal shelters because these resources directly support programs that save animal's lives and strengthen communities. Increased funding for LA Animal Services would expand foster care networks, boost adoption efforts, and enhance return-to-home programs that reunite lost pets with their families, and ensure safety to pets and families. Further, this would allow for the city to use more resources to ensure all LA city pet owners, spay and neuter their pets to avoid the current issue we have. Additionally, this would allow for more funding for spay neuter clinics. These proven strategies reduce shelter overcrowding, improve animal welfare outcomes, and lower long-term operational costs. Additional resources would also help shelters provide better medical care, behavioral support, and community outreach, ensuring that more animals find safe and permanent homes. By strengthening these programs, Los Angeles can address current shelter challenges while creating a more humane and effective animal welfare system. It is no secret that all of the shelters are over crowded and there are more dogs in the streets or neglectful households, that could very well be in loving homes, in LA or outside of LA. Most importantly, Los Angeles has a unique opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. With strategic investment planning and community-focused programs, the city can set a standard for innovation, compassion, and lifesaving success that other municipalities can follow. Growing up, I volunteered at the shelter and I remember there were no issues with over crowding. One could see the city shelter vans driving around, hoping to see and pick up a stray dog, conduct welfare checks, site people for not spaying and neutering their pets. We need these services back to end animal abuse.

Communication from Public

Name: David G.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:59 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Esteemed Councilmembers, I strongly support the City of Los Angeles making a meaningful investment in the welfare of our animals. How we treat the most vulnerable members of our community says a great deal about who we are as a city, and that includes the animals who depend on us for care, protection, and compassion. Animals have always held a special place in my heart. Anyone who knows me knows how deeply I care about them. Whether they are beloved family pets, animals waiting in shelters for a second chance, or lost pets hoping to find their way home, every animal deserves dignity, kindness, and an opportunity to live a safe and healthy life. Our responsibility to care for them is not simply about animal welfare—it is about our values as human beings. The measure of a society is often reflected in how it treats those who cannot advocate for themselves. Animals rely entirely on us. They cannot vote, attend public meetings, or speak on their own behalf. Their well-being depends on the choices we make as a community. When we invest in animal welfare, we are making a statement about the kind of city we want Los Angeles to be: compassionate, responsible, and committed to helping those in need. This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services, and that support is desperately needed. The dedicated employees, volunteers, rescue organizations, and community members who work every day to care for Los Angeles' animals are doing extraordinary work under challenging circumstances. They need the tools, staffing, and resources necessary to meet the growing demands placed upon our animal care system. Investing in LA Animal Services is not simply an expense—it is an investment in public safety, public health, community well-being, and the humane treatment of animals. Strong animal welfare programs benefit everyone. They help reduce overcrowding in shelters, improve outcomes for pets and families, support responsible pet ownership, and strengthen the bond between people and animals throughout our city. One of the most important aspects of this proposal is its emphasis on stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs. These programs save lives. Foster networks provide temporary homes and individualized care for animals who may struggle in a shelter environment. Foster families often become the bridge that helps an animal transition

from uncertainty to a permanent loving home. Expanding foster resources means more animals can receive the attention and care they need while freeing valuable shelter space for others. Adoption programs are equally critical. Every successful adoption represents a life saved and a family enriched. The joy and companionship that animals bring into our lives is immeasurable. By investing in outreach, community engagement, adoption events, and supportive services, Los Angeles can help more animals find the loving homes they deserve. Return-to-home programs are another essential component of a successful animal welfare strategy. For many lost pets, the best outcome is not shelter placement but a quick reunion with their families. Enhanced return-to-home efforts reduce shelter populations, lower costs, minimize stress on animals, and help families avoid the heartbreak of losing a beloved pet. These programs are among the most effective and humane tools available to animal welfare organizations. The reality is that animal shelters across the country are facing significant challenges. Rising costs, staffing shortages, increased intake numbers, and changing economic conditions have created difficult circumstances for many communities. Los Angeles is not immune to these challenges. However, we have the opportunity to respond with leadership, innovation, and compassion. Los Angeles has long been a city that sets an example for others to follow. We have the creativity, resources, and commitment necessary to build one of the strongest animal welfare systems in the nation. By investing in modern solutions, supporting dedicated professionals, and strengthening partnerships with rescue groups and community organizations, we can create sustainable improvements that benefit animals and residents alike. Most importantly, Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. We should embrace that opportunity. Leadership is not measured solely by economic growth, infrastructure projects, or population size. It is also measured by our willingness to care for the vulnerable and to act with compassion even when doing so requires investment and commitment. When we support animals, we support families. We support neighborhoods. We support public health and community engagement. We strengthen the values that bring us together as Angelenos. Most of all, we demonstrate that kindness and responsibility remain at the core of who we are. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Kay Bradley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:49 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Kay Bradley and I URGE this committee to PLEASE support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Council File Number: 26-0832 (Grant Agreement for the \$14,220,000 grant to the Department of Animal Services) MUST be approved to save countless lives! PLEASE!!!! THANK YOU!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jill Colegrove

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:55 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jill Colegrove and I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. PLEASE pass File Number: 26-0832 (Grant Agreement for the \$14,220,000 grant to the Department of Animal Services). So many loves depend on this!!!! Our shelters need so much help!!!! Every comment helps

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 06:00 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cybelle and I live in Pasadena in Los Angeles county. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you so much- Cybelle

Communication from Public

Name: Jordana Arkin

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 07:15 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jordana Arkin and I live with my family in Los Angeles County. As a volunteer with animal rescue organizations since the 1990s, and seeing the sharp decline of the shelter systems over the years in saving lives vs. the euthanasia for innocent, healthy animals, I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. And also fining backyard breeders a substantial fee and using that towards free spay and neutering would be a game changer. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 04:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Angeleno, what is happening in our animal welfare system is an abomination. Not only are animals being abused on a daily basis by alcoholic, drug addicts on public streets in Los Angeles, they are being killed in shelters meant to protect them. This initiative is only the beginning to making a change in animal welfare in Los Angeles. With this historic collaboration between three proven effective animal rescue groups, additional lives can be saved through the shelter system. A community's success is measured by the state of its most helpless and vulnerable residents, which in this case are the animals which have been greatly neglected by the recent administration.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Berry

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 01:12 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Nina Berry, and I live in Van Nuys in Los Angeles. I support this important measure with all my heart and urge the committee to pass it. I've lived all over the city of Los Angeles in my 36 years here and have rescued both cats and dogs many times. Feral cats in particular need help via Trap/Neuter/Return to decrease their numbers and their suffering, and to help the environment. This measure would encourage spay/neuter and decrease the number of animals looking for homes as well as feral animals. It will change the entire city for the good! Please pass this and help both the animals and the people of this city in very concrete ways.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 08:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Carmen and I live in Los Angeles County. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Rohmer-Cardenas

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 09:12 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am sick and tired of seeing services and options for animal welfare becoming less effective through the years instead of stronger, smarter and better. We should be pouring all our collective wisdom into finding solutions to improve the crap system we have in place. Los Angeles should be a proud leader of animal welfare and compassion. Instead we are a shameful disgrace. If you've ever walked around a local shelter, you know exactly what I am talking about. I called into animal services a year ago and instead of being met with a compassionate professional I was literally yelled at by a woman who tried to shame me for my phone call. Something she made very clear she did not find important. Excuse me? What the hell is this? I'm calling about an animal in need and possible neglect and I get yelled at? No wonder people don't want to get involved. Getting through a rude and heartless system and taking abuse when you're only trying to help? Unreal. Unacceptable. We should not have people like that in these positions who do not behave professionally and do not have the care and concerns of animals as their primary goal. I tell you about that last incident to show you how our system fails in both large and small ways. Most people feel like crap after talking to people who are supposed to be helping animals. I trust the people in Best Friends Animal Society. They have both hearts and heads in the right place. They have ideas. They know what is needed. Again, this city should be the role model, leader and example for the nation in how well we can solve our animal welfare problems. The idea of combining these groups into one unit is the most intelligent and radical idea I've seen in my lifetime to help animals. It is about time. That is why I am not just asking but demanding that this grant be passed. Thank you for finally stepping up to the obvious and desperate needs at hand.

Communication from Public

Name: Terrell Rodefer
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 02:41 AM
Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I'm very concerned at the number of homeless dogs and cats that continue to produce homeless litters around the city, as well as the number of wild animals that roam neighborhoods looking for food, such as bears, coyotes, and even mountain lions. We need to implement as many solutions as possible to help out these animals as well as protect our personal pets from attacks by these wild animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Heaton
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 07:12 AM
Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I have lived in Los Angeles for 45 years and know we can do better for our community! I would like to encourage this committee to support this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society. We can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. There is nothing to loose here. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Carla

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 07:41 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am a volunteer at the East Valley Shelter. I am also a Best Friends volunteer. The LAAS needs the expertise and budget to help animals get out of the shelter system. The East valley shelter does a good job keeping animals safe BUT they need help getting animals in to homes. Thank you for taking a great first step and approving this budget proposal. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sue McGinley

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 07:59 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Hi. I now live in TN but spent 59 yrs. as a CA resident. For decades I have supported Best Friends because they honestly use donations to help potential pets. Animals can't vote so i think they end up low on the priority list in Los Angeles. Best Friends have faithfully helped pets. Please grant this because it won't be stolen by fraud. Thank you for your time & hopefully positive energies toward decreasing LA's homeless animal problems . Sincerely
Sue McGinley Kodak , TN

Communication from Public

Name: Brigitte Bako

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 11:15 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Please do the right thing for Shelter animals in Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Guzy

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 11:36 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Michele Guzy and I live in Woodland Hills, California and I am the Founder of Krazy for Kats Inc. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you. Michele

Communication from Public

Name: Dorianne Andros

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Elyse

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

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Elyse and I live in Los Angeles. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Autumn Moss Penalosa

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:18 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Council File: 26-0832 Dear Councilmembers, I am writing in strong support of this proposal to provide additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Los Angeles is a city full of animal lovers, but compassion alone is not enough — our shelter system needs the resources, staffing, and community programs required to save lives. Strengthening foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs is one of the most effective ways to reduce overcrowding and create better outcomes. Foster programs provide immediate relief, adoption support helps animals find loving homes, and return-to-home initiatives keep beloved pets with their families whenever possible. Investing in animal welfare is also an investment in our community. By supporting proactive, humane solutions, Los Angeles has an opportunity to once again become a national leader in protecting and caring for animals. Please support this proposal and provide LA Animal Services with the tools needed to help shelter staff, volunteers, families, and the animals who depend on us.

Communication from Public

Name: Janet
Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 05:06 PM
Council File No: 26-0832
Comments for Public Posting: How dare you cut animal shelters GOD DAMN you woman FIX and FIX it fast!

Communication from Public

Name: Roxanne B Hunt

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 05:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Roxanne Hunt and I live in Burbank. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Diane Kastel

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 05:12 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Our family is submitting a, written, public, comment in support of the, proposed, \$14.22 million, grant for the "Los Angeles Animal Services"! This is a, lifesaving, investment. My name is Diane Kastel, and, we live in Los Angeles. We, strongly, urge this Committee to support this, lifesaving, investment into our community's, animal, welfare! With this, historic, collaboration between "LAAS", the "ASPCA", and "Best Friends Animal Society", we can save, more, lives going through our, shelter, system while also, significantly, improving this, public, service to our community!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 05:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 26-0832 (Grant Agreement for the \$14,220,000 grant to the Department of Animal Services). My name is Mylien Pham and I live in Manhattan Beach, CA. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Escamilla

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 09:54 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Los Angeles has been failing our shelter animals and too many innocent souls are dying due to lack of space and not enough time. The system is broken and we need to do better! Animals are sentient beings but we need to be their voices. Please do the right thing and make this investment to improve their welfare and save more lives. It's a step in the right direction.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Thompson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 11:02 AM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Caitlin Thompson, and I live in El Sereno. I've worked in animal sheltering for 15 years across nonprofit and municipal agencies in Chicago and Los Angeles. Los Angeles deserves an animal sheltering system that is fully staffed, community-focused, and able to provide high-quality care for every animal. Right now, systems like LA Animal Services need the funding to move away from outdated approaches and toward a model that is progressive, lifesaving, and community-oriented. This investment will improve services, expand support for residents, and save more lives. I urge this committee to support this critical investment in our city's animal welfare system. With the partnership between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we have a real opportunity to strengthen this essential public service and create better outcomes for our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: AK

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:47 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express my support for the proposed \$14.22 million grant for Los Angeles Animal Services. LA Animal Services has been struggling—and it's clear there is a real need for investment. To not only save the lives of the animals in the city's care, but the staff themselves. Many good people have left due to not enough support, and its time to change that. LA was once a leader in the no-kill movement—and it's time for that again. It's time for the city to learn how to create stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs. To provide positive incentive for volunteers and to work with the public in ways that build trust and community. This grant will serve these outcomes and I hope it passes with flying colors.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Beauchamp

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:47 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Catherine Beauchamp, and I live in Pasadena, CA. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:48 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Animals are better than people at this times, and they are depending on our support!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Please do the right thing. The animals need this.

Communication from Public

Name: V Bostock

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:57 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, it is clear that the animal shelters are overwhelmed and the funding cuts that the mare has enacted have not helped the situation. Thousands of animals are being killed unnecessarily as the shelters are overcrowded and there's no resources to help with removing the animals and helping them find new homes. This partnership with Best Friends and other organizations is the key to restoring and improving the shelter system at no cost to the depleted Los Angeles City budget. Oversight by well established organizations such as best friends, will lead to better treatment of the animals, as well as possibly being able to open new locations to help with the overcrowding. Spay and neuter programs need to be restored and need to be free for those who cannot afford to pay for these services. This in and of itself, will eventually help curb the millions of strays that strain resources, and prevent the needless suffering of many of these animals who were just trying to exist. Providing free vouchers to rescues, will also help. I would also like to see the city sign a law outlawing private breeding and requiring all cats and dogs be spayed and neutered, other than animals specifically raised to be professional service animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula R Daniel
Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:00 PM
Council File No: 26-0832
Comments for Public Posting: Assistance for helping animals of all kinds is so needed. There are so many unhomed and rescue animals. Anything that can be done to help these loving creatures God has made and make more awareness of their needs is so important.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. It's a travesty the way we have failed these animals and this is an opportunity to make things better.

Communication from Public

Name: Evan W.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:06 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. Please approve this grant for Los Angeles Animal Services!!

Communication from Public

Name: Tiziana

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this legislation to support our animal shelter in Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Marcella R Mora

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:12 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I fully back this , anything that will help and protect animals is very important! I've had my little baby dog for over 16 yrs before he passed away. I love animals, they are more true blue than people.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again. Thank you. Barbara Wasserman

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Daugherty

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This historic partnership between LAAS, Best Friends and the ASPCA will bring much needed transformative support to the animals of our community. I have seen first hand during my volunteer time in shelters what a difference attention, extra love, time and training can do towards bringing about a positive outcome for an animal. This investment in sustainable solutions and proven strategies represents a powerful step toward a more humane future for animals and the Los Angeles community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 04:46 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail Johnson
Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 04:57 PM
Council File No: 26-0832
Comments for Public Posting: LA has a responsibility to both humanely control stray populations & alleviate loneliness, depression, and isolation amongst its residents. The BEST way to achieve both is by supporting no-kill shelters and facilitating animal adoptions and fostering activities!

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Reese

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 04:58 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lauren Reese and I live in Boyle Heights, CA. I urge this committee to support immediate and meaningful investment in Los Angeles animal welfare. The shelter crisis is urgent, and animals are paying the price for a system that has been under-resourced for far too long. This collaboration between LA Animal Services, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society is a critical opportunity to save lives, improve shelter conditions, support overwhelmed staff and volunteers, and provide better service to the public. Please support this investment and move it forward without delay. The animals in our community cannot wait. Thank you, Lauren Reese

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:08 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Our city's animals need more support!

Communication from Public

Name: L Cortez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 10:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: The animals of LA County desperately need this support. We are their advocates and their voices They are depending on us to help them. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Ozark

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 04:37 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Our animals deserve better. By providing this grant will help animals get the essential care necessary and the ability to get adopted. Too many animals are getting euthanized over overcrowding. This needs to STOP! Let's become a no kill sanctuary state for animals not only people!

Communication from Public

Name: Sally Boldt

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 04:39 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sally Boldt and I live in the Oxford Square neighborhood of Los Angeles. I urge this committee to support this lifesaving investment into our community's animal welfare. With this historic collaboration between LAAS, the ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society, we can save more lives going through our shelter system while also significantly improving this public service to our community. Thank you, Sally Boldt

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah B

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 10:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of this proposal to provide additional resources and support for LA Animal Services! Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles has an opportunity to become a national leader in animal welfare once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Farley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 09:39 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I strongly urge you to support Council File 26-0832 to help our struggling animal shelters. Los Angeles used to be a national leader in animal welfare. We can reach that goal again. However, our city's shelters are facing a massive crisis. They are overcrowded and critically short on resources. Passing this proposal will provide much-needed support for LA Animal Services. Specifically, it will fund: More adoptions and foster programs. Better daily care for animals. Vital support for overworked shelter staff. Let us protect animals and the people who care for them. Please accept this proposal and give our shelters the resources they need. Thank you, Lynn Farley

Communication from Public

Name: Kat

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I support the proposed grant to provide funding for Los Angeles Animal Services. I have worked with LAAS in the past to host pack walks getting the shelter dogs out for a good walk, enrichment and a bath. I also know many people who volunteer on a weekly and daily basis for the shelters dogs and know the money would be life saving for so many dogs in the system.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheri Curtis

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: Euthanizing animals is not an acceptable solution to pet overpopulation. It is inhumane and fails to address the root causes of the problem. Instead, our focus should be on expanding education, increasing access to spay and neuter services, and holding animal abusers accountable through stronger enforcement and prosecution. This proposal provides additional resources and support for LA Animal Services, helping the department better serve both animals and the community. By strengthening foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs, we can save more lives, reduce shelter overcrowding, and create better outcomes for animals and families alike. Los Angeles has an opportunity to once again become a national leader in animal welfare by investing in humane, effective, and sustainable solutions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 11:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0832

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to support the proposed \$14.22 million grant for Los Angeles Animal Services. This proposal provides badly needed additional resources and support for LA Animal Services, which are life-changing for the animals in the city and many Angelenos who own pets. Stronger foster, adoption, and return-to-home programs help save lives. Los Angeles absolutely can become a leader in animal welfare once again.