

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Say

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:49 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Bass, Please do not cut funding for animal services. Our city desperately needs more animal control officers, not fewer, especially during disasters like the devastating fires we faced this year. The animals in our shelters deserve a real chance. They have no voice, which makes it easy to forget they are sentient beings who feel pain, fear, love, and hope. I urge you to spend time at a shelter and see firsthand the incredible work being done to protect our city's most vulnerable creatures. These shelters are vital, not only for the animals but for the safety and wellbeing of our community. Please don't do this to our city, to the dedicated workers, and to the animals who rely on us. You promised that California would become a national model for animal welfare. Have you forgotten that promise? There are countless unnecessary projects where funding could be reduced. Why target animal services, which provide such a critical public good? You cannot tell us, the people, that it's necessary to shut down animal shelters because of a lack of resources. Please reconsider. We are counting on you to keep your word and stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chrisanthy Stotis

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:50 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** What Mayor Bass & the LA council people are doing to cut funding for animal services is absolutely abhorrent. Our Animal Services department is already devastatingly underfunded and you want to cut even more funding from them? If this goes through, Angelenos will not forget what you all have done and we will vote in the next election accordingly. Angelenos love their dogs and cats so much, they're interwoven into the fabric of this city. 4th largest economy in the world - yet one of the most critically underfunded Animal Services departments because of our government's inhumane, selfish choices. So many healthy dogs and cats will die at the hands of this government, due to no fault of their own. We will not forget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharon

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:12 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not cut the budget and close down 3 animal shelters! We need to take care of these animals and not euthanize them. We also need to support the workers who take care of them. Please make a different choice about where you are cutting the budget from. Save and take care of the animals!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelsey

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:19 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** What Karen Bass is wanting to do with these animal shelters is absolutely disgusting! You PROMISED to make positive changes for these animals and you are now wanting to go back on your word. You are taking advantage of your position and we will not stand for this. We are making our voices heard, and they will only get LOUDER if you do not do the right thing! Shame on you!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittany Armstrong

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:19 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our shelters are already overcrowded, underfunded, and overwhelmed. Closing HALF of them means:

- More stray pets on our streets.
- Increased risk of euthanasia due to lack of space.
- Families losing a vital resource for lost, abandoned, or displaced animals.
- Rescue groups stretched beyond capacity.

At a time when wildfires, housing crises, and economic hardship are displacing more pets than ever, reducing shelter services is NOT the answer. Our animals deserve better. They deserve care, protection, and a chance at a forever home.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gaby

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 06:28 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Sneaking aid for illegals under the disaster fund at the cost of losing our animal shelters is not ok! Protect our state! Our animals!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paige

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 06:33 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Cutting funding for shelters after devastating disasters will kill thousands of animals. There was a promise made to save animals, and the budget cuts are doing the exact opposite of the platform that was ran on. This is extremely unjust, these animals are innocent and do not deserve these cuts.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Devyani Griffith

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 06:49 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Cutting down budgets for animal shelters?! Really?! How inhumane, cruel and EVIL can you get? We will fight against it, you can bet on that Ms.Karen Bass.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:02 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to open more animal shelters not close them. Save the animal shelters! Save the animals!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eunice E Macias

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:42 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed budget cut to LA Animal Services will have devastating consequences. Glosing 3 shelters & eliminating 60+ staff puts thousands of animals - and entire communities - at risk. These cuts will: - Increase euthanasia - Leave more animals without basic care - Lead to more strays & public safety issues - Waste taxpayer investments - Burn out already overwhelmed volunteers Los Angeles cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's about public health, compassion, and responsibility. Keep shelters open. Keep them staffed. Protect our animals. Please reverse the cuts and invest in real solutions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Coringrato

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not cut the budget for our animal services. We are supposed to be the state that everyone should follow, you do this and we are just as bad as the other loser states that don't care about there animals. I would much rather my tax dollars go to an animal organization then to some of the other educational or homeless programs we have in our state for animals are put in these positions because of irresponsible people. This is simply not the animals fault and harsher punishment should be enforced to individuals who neglect, abuse and abandon their animals so we do not have pets flooding and overcrowding our shelters. It's simple, stricter laws will get people to think, before they do.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jazmin Martinez

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:46 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning, I truly believe cutting this budget would be one of the worst possible choices to make for our city. I currently follow multiple shelters for animals who are abandoned, strays, and surrendered animals. There are so many animals already at these shelters that many people don't know the dark side of what happens when there is no capacity for these animals. I've seen the videos. I've seen the black dumpster bags with their bodies in a fridge. Then these animals are just discarded like trash. I have currently up to 15 stray cats alone on my street. They defecate everywhere, eat out of our trash. It's a nuisance and yet I know the real problem lies with our county and how they approach the population problem. Low cost spay and neuter programs help keeps the population lower and keeps more unnecessary deaths from happening. Even TNR programs would be an GREAT start. Our city is about to host the Olympics- why is it that I see construction everywhere, traffic continuing to get worse and congested. There are so many other problems with the decision the mayor is trying to take. Instead of trying to purge this system- revamp it. Make sure the money that is allocated is spent wisely. As we know- most of the money that is allocated for the budget is mainly used for the salaries of the employees. Not necessarily the the different medical services that are offered. Please do not get rid of the budget for these services. We need these programs. Instead make harsher punishments and fine for backyard breeding. Try to solve the actual problem instead of just taking it away because you believe it's in the best interests of the city. I assure you this is NOT a good decision. Soon we will become infested with more of an influx of animals that will have to be put down in order to satisfy the capacity requirements of certain shelters. Please don't do this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Demi  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts to the Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Department. As a concerned citizen, animal lover, and member of this community, I firmly believe that these cuts will have a detrimental effect on the welfare of our city's animals and on the vital services that LAAS provides to our neighborhoods. Animals, like all living beings, deserve compassion, care, and protection. The role of the Animal Services Department is not only to address issues such as stray animals, cruelty investigations, and animal sheltering but to ensure that our community upholds the values of kindness, responsibility, and humane treatment for all creatures. The employees and volunteers of LAAS work tirelessly to save lives, promote adoption, and provide the support needed to improve the lives of countless animals who are often left vulnerable, abandoned, or neglected. In these times, it is more critical than ever to invest in the care and welfare of our city's animals. With the ongoing rise in homelessness, overpopulation, and animal abuse cases, the need for resources at LAAS has never been more urgent. Cutting their budget not only jeopardizes the livelihood of the animals but also undermines the staff's ability to perform their essential duties effectively. From providing medical care to responding to emergency situations, every function that LAAS performs directly impacts the safety and health of animals, and these services cannot be scaled back without real harm to both animals and the public. We owe it to the animals in our care to ensure that they are given the best possible chance at a happy, healthy life. The work done by LAAS is not just an investment in animals; it is an investment in the community's well-being and in our city's moral integrity. These budget cuts will undoubtedly have a far-reaching impact on our city's ability to maintain critical animal services, which in turn could lead to overcrowded shelters, fewer adoptions, and a growing number of neglected and abused animals. I urge you to reconsider these cuts and find alternative ways to balance the budget without compromising the essential services that protect our animals. We must prioritize their care, as they are not only part of our community, but they also represent our commitment to empathy, kindness, and responsibility. Please do not allow these cuts to undermine the work that so many have fought for. Our animals deserve better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deborah Sean  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Bass' proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and the communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain due to understaffed, overcrowded and struggling to provide basic care for the thousands of homeless abandoned and injured animals that rely on them. Cutting their budget will only worsen the crisis, leading to neglect, suffering and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large as LA to turn its back on its most vulnerable creatures. These shelters also serve the public, supporting pet owners, reducing stray animal populations and protecting public health and safety. Budget cuts would limit essential services like adoptions, spay/neuter programs and emergency response. I urge you to reject any proposal that cuts funding to animal services. Instead we should be investing in solutions that address this crisis humanely and effectively. Our city must do better for the animals and people who care about them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emilee

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 07:56 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Curious if any of the council members proposing budget cuts to the animal shelter have taken a tour yet? Go on by for a tour and euthanasia day. Go see how the kennels are full, dogs aren't getting medical care, and healthy dogs are being euthanized at a rate higher than almost anywhere in the country. Cutting this funding is one of the most horrible things I think you could I right now, you would NEVER gain my trust and will forever be known as the politicians up on the sky making the voiceless suffer so they can collect a larger paycheck. I couldn't sleep at night if I cut this funding. I have been boots on the ground and know how dire it truly is- you don't. Don't make rules and changes to something you truly don't understand, before you know it India will have better shelter systems then the city of LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Markova  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:02 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Mayor's Office's proposal to eliminate the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO). CEMO's work is critical and has never been more urgent as the impacts of climate change are escalating in front of our eyes (recent LA wildfires being just one example). I understand that CEMO's budget (\$750,000 of grant funding) has already been awarded and so I see no logic in this funding being withdrawn. The city must continue the important work of CEMO to make sure we are prepared for future disasters and the challenges of extreme weather. I also object to the downsizing of the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas (OPNG) and elimination of positions that oversee pollution from oil wells in the city. Many Angelenos live near oil and gas wells that are leaking hazardous chemicals that impact our health as Los Angeles. OPNG's work ensures our fundamental right to exist and lead a healthy life. I urge the Mayor and other city leaders to rethink the proposal, otherwise you'll be putting multiple people's lives in danger.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Moncada

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:05 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Animal shelters are the heart of any compassionate city. They rescue, care for, and rehome thousands of animals who have no one else to turn to. In a city as large and diverse as Los Angeles, strong, well-funded shelters are not optional — they are a necessity. Unfortunately, too often shelters are asked to do more with less, facing budget cuts or even closures. This leaves vulnerable animals with fewer protections and puts an even greater strain on neighborhoods already struggling with stray populations. Rather than cutting funding, we should be investing more into our shelters. With proper resources, shelters can expand community outreach, improve adoption rates, provide better medical care, and offer critical programs like low-cost spay and neuter services. These programs are essential. Spaying and neutering isn't just a personal choice; it's a public good that directly reduces the number of homeless animals entering our system. At the same time, we must address the root of the problem: irresponsible backyard breeding. Without proper regulations and enforcement, backyard breeders flood the market with animals, many of whom end up abandoned when homes can't be found. Stricter controls on breeding are not about punishing responsible pet owners — they are about protecting animals from suffering and ensuring that every pet born has a real chance at a good life. Los Angeles has always been a leader in animal welfare. To stay true to that commitment, we must continue to strengthen our shelters, invest in prevention through spay and neuter programs, and take a firm stand against irresponsible breeding. Our animals — and our communities — deserve nothing less.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:06 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed budget cut to LA Animal Services will have devastating consequences. Closing 3 shelters & eliminating 60+ staff puts thousands of animals - and entire communities - at risk. These cuts will: - Increase euthanasia - Leave more animals without basic care - Lead to more strays & public safety issues - Waste taxpayer investments - Burn out already overwhelmed volunteers Los Angeles cannot turn its back on the most vulnerable. This isn't just about pets - it's about public health, compassion, and responsibility. Keep shelters open. Keep them staffed. Protect our animals. Please reverse the cuts and invest in real solutions. Lives are on the line

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:07 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles County Clerk, I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts to the Los Angeles animal shelters, which would result in the closure of 2 to 3 of the 4 remaining shelters in the city. This proposal is not only unacceptable, it is deeply irresponsible. Our animal shelters are already overwhelmed and underfunded, struggling to meet the basic needs of the countless abandoned, stray, and surrendered animals in Los Angeles. Reducing their number would lead to more suffering, more strays on the streets, and an even greater burden on the few facilities left open — and on our communities. It is a fundamental human responsibility to care for the domestic animals we have bred and brought into our society. Abandoning them or failing to provide proper care is inhumane and reflects poorly on our city's values. Instead of dismantling critical services, Los Angeles should be investing more into animal care, supporting shelters, and promoting responsible pet ownership. Los Angeles prides itself on being a compassionate and progressive city; abandoning our most vulnerable animals would be a heartbreaking betrayal of that principle. I urge you and all city officials to reject this harmful budget cut and instead prioritize humane solutions that reflect the true spirit and compassion of our community. Our animals — and our residents — deserve better. Sincerely, Ashley

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:10 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my deep outrage over the proposed cuts to Los Angeles animal shelter funding. Reducing critical support for our city's most vulnerable — the abandoned, abused, and homeless animals — is unacceptable and in direct conflict with the values Angelenos hold dear. Animal shelters are already stretched thin, with overcrowding, understaffing, and limited resources endangering the welfare of countless animals. Cutting funding will only worsen the crisis, leading to suffering, neglect, and the potential for increased euthanasia rates. As a concerned resident, I urge the Mayor and City Council to reconsider these harmful cuts and prioritize humane, responsible care for our animal community. Los Angeles should be a leader in compassion, not a cautionary tale of disregard. Our city's budget should reflect our commitment to protecting all who call it home — including those without a voice. I respectfully demand that full funding for animal shelters be restored and protected.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hayden

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:15 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose any cuts to LA Animal Services. Slashing their already limited budget will lead to overcrowded shelters, increased euthanasia, and public safety risks. The City has a duty to protect its animals and community. Cutting essential services is irresponsible and unacceptable. Fully fund LA Animal Services — lives depend on it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erica contreras  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the LA city council to is the \$5 million in available funds to stop these layoffs and prevent massive euthanasia and shelter closures. Pets are our best friends and we are their whole life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Molly wertheimer  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:19 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing as a deeply concerned resident of Los Angeles to express my strong opposition to Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts that would result in the closure of three of our city's six animal shelters: West Valley, West L.A., and Harbor. These closures would not only displace countless animals but also strain the remaining shelters beyond capacity, leading to increased euthanasia rates and compromised animal welfare. Los Angeles Animal Services has long struggled with overcrowding and limited resources. Reducing its capacity by half is not a viable solution. Instead, I urge the Council to explore alternative measures, such as enhancing pet licensing enforcement and fostering partnerships with local rescue organizations, to address budgetary constraints without sacrificing the well-being of our city's animals. Our community values compassion and responsibility. I implore you to reconsider these cuts and work towards solutions that uphold our city's commitment to humane animal care. Sincerely, Molly

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachael  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:22 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you NOT to defund our Pet shelters!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paulette Jolliffe

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 08:23 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The people of Los Angeles will not tolerate the slashing of funds to LA ANIMAL SERVICES which would eliminate half of the shelters and over 60 jobs. This would accelerate the already soaring euthanasia rate of innocent dogs and cats to an unprecedented rate. THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS WILL DIE as a result of this proposal and the people of Los Angeles WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS. The system is already a travesty. To do more damage and to kill thousands of animals because of this severe budget cut WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Do the budget cut elsewhere. DO NOT KILL THE ANIMALS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 04:41 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am alarmed at the proposed budget cuts that will mean limiting services and closing down some animal shelters. These are already working with shoestring budgets. But there are thousands of sentient animals who desperately need help, MORE help, not less! We have an obligation to help those more vulnerable than us. Before cutting their funds, please look at your salaries. How much do you make - and how much do you NEED? Don't cut life-saving services for others, including animals, before trimming your own budget. Set the example in these hard times.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tbs

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 04:43 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't cut funding for shelters. Your shelters are overrun and these poor dogs are being euthanized. Money needs to stay to care for dogs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jasmine

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 05:31 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** do not shut down the animal shelters or fire any employees/  
volunteers of them they are such crucial places for these animals  
and pets and probably the only safe places for them

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nurse Jan

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 05:56 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** What does it say about us as a society when we don't care for and protect defenseless pets who make our life's better with love, loyalty and companionship. Let's do better by our furry friends.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leanne Carter

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 06:03 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Closing animal shelters due to budget cuts would leave countless pets homeless, endangered, or euthanized. These shelters provide critical care, reunite lost animals with families, and protect our community from the risks of unchecked stray populations. I urge you to find alternative solutions—increase fundraising efforts, seek partnerships with rescues, or allocate emergency funds. Abandoning these animals is not an option. Please prioritize their lives and our community's well-being.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Denise Vukojevich

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 02:56 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA Mayor, Please, reconsider your decision of tax funding removal for shelter animals. Instead, make considerable effort for alternative plans, this inhumane action against our lost and displaced animals will be another failed strategy you have proven to the public and residents with lack of awareness or compassion. California has been neglected, and dissected efforts in all capacity of tax dollars. Sincerely, Denise Vukojevich

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gigi Copeland

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 04:36 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is imperative that LA Animal Services does not lose funding. They are already underfunded, which has resulted in several gory and horrific accidents to shelter staff. Any more layoffs to shelter staff would make these shelters miserable for the animals to be in, and dangerous for the hardworking people there. As shelters become more crowded, there are less opportunities for animals to leave their kennels, sometimes being stuck behind bars for a whole month due to short staffing, which is tragic and inhumane. We need more resources and more funding for shelter staff to be able to take care of these pets, not less! Shelter staff worked day and night during the fires to reconnect families to their pets. It would be insulting and disgusting to lay them off after their commitment to this city. DO THE RIGHT THING.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 11:51 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is completely disheartening to hear that there is consideration for a cut in funding to the ALREADY struggling animal shelters. To be so heartless as to have a complete disregard for these animals that have no voice is an absolute disgrace. To be so heartless as to take funding for something that is already suffering and make it suffer more is absolutely appalling. How many Los Angeles politicians/council members are making salaries well above necessary? Is financial greed that much more important to you than the lives of these animals that have no voice, no say, no way to fight for themselves. You are more than able to cut money elsewhere (your own salary among the many options mayor). How much money is being misappropriated elsewhere? Human or not (which at this point there is an abundance of lack of empathy for anything that lives amongst our leaders) they matter. They don't deserve to get no shot at life. In closing 3 shelters you are effectively committing murder. A murder you can help by not closing shelters and cutting funding. It is abhorrent what people who are supposed to work for the purpose of caring for their community are doing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annelise Cohen  
**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 11:53 PM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my sincere disappointment in the mayor's proposed budget cuts for LA Animal Services. The little amount currently allocated should not be taken away, much less slashed further. There need to be creative solutions, such as sponsorships and community partnerships to help reduce the current animal crisis. Defunding is harmful to the county and state at large.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 12:01 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is truly unconscionable that the city is even considering cutting funding for animal shelters. This decision is not just a setback, it's a direct attack on the safety of vulnerable animals in our community. These shelters are often their only hope for survival, and defunding them will only lead to increased suffering and overcrowding and ultimately euthanasia. We cannot afford to turn our backs on those who cannot speak for themselves. This is an urgent matter that demands immediate action. I implore you to reverse this decision and prioritize the lives of animals who desperately need our help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Ramirez

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 12:29 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not agree with the proposed budget cuts to our animal shelters. Our shelters are already struggling and in dire need of more funding.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Simren  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 01:04 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed cuts in funding for animal services. It is deeply concerning to see our city's priorities leaning heavily towards funding the LAPD, while essential services for our community's animals are being compromised. As a resident of this city, I feel saddened by how poorly our resources are being managed. LA BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE and ANIMALS ALIKE, and it is crucial that our voices are heard. Animal services play a vital role in the welfare of our community, and cutting their funding will have detrimental effects on both animals and residents alike. I urge you to reconsider these funding cuts and to prioritize the needs of all members of our community, including our animals. It's getting tiring to see our funds be mismanaged by selfish people who seem to only think about the rich and themselves.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vicente Francisco de Asis

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 01:05 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Asunto: Sugerencia para la Atencion-Socio Sanitaria Animal y Mitigacion de la Pérdida de empleo en Los Ángeles. ALa Concejalía del Ayuntamiento de los Ángeles, Me dirijo a,ustedes con la profunda preocupación que suscita la potencial retirada de la,subvención de \$5000,000 destinada a la atención de la superpoblación de animales domésticos en nuestra ciudad .Entendemos los desafíos presupuestarios,pero anticipamos,que rsta medida no sólo afectara el bienestar de perros y gatos,si no que,también generara una pérdida significativa de puestos de trabajo,con las,consecuentes dificultades para las familias angelinas. Ante esta situación, respetuosamente sugerimos considerar la creación de una fundación publico-privada para la atencion socio-sanitaria animal.Proponemos complementar esta iniciativa con campañas de crowdfunding dirigidas a la comunidad para sufragar los gastos operativos. Creemos que esta estrategia permitiria mantener un nivel adecuado de,atención a nuestros animales y,al mismo tiempo,mitigar el impacto en el empleo . Agradeciendo de antemano su atención y consideración a esta propuesta, quedamos a su disposición para ampliar cualquier detalle que estimen oportuno . Atentamente Blanes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lilibeth Jimenez

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 01:34 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Lilibeth Jimenez. I've been a resident in LA for the past 4 years. In my time here, I have volunteered my own time to helping our shelters as a foster parent to cats and kittens. It is absolutely disgraceful and disheartening to hear that Karen Bass has proposed budget cuts towards LA's shelters. Budget cuts in areas that are actually helpful to the community have seemed to be the target of many of Bass's decisions lately, as I remember her handling of the horrific fires that happened earlier in the year and her prior decision to cut the fire departments budget. I urge the council and the mayor to continue to allocate the funds to properly support our shelters. I'd go as far as to say that our current budget is not enough and should be increased instead.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 01:44 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's absolutely ridiculous that the city can find money in the budget to add to the (absurd amount of) police funding and yet we can't find money to fund the systems that help support our citizens, and consequently PREVENT crime. If people don't have stable access to employment, they become desperate and resort to crime. It's absolutely asinine that we would choose to police our citizens rather than invest in our community, help people, eliminate potential desperation or suffering, and consequently prevent crime. Please reconsider the current budget breakdown and invest in the job centers for our community. If you do not, then it's clear where your loyalties lie: not with your constituents and citizens (since it's their safety and survival in question), but with the organizations lining your pockets (because even the people who support the police would prefer to prevent crime than police it.)



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jackie Hazelwood

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 02:35 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** California is the state that has empathy, we need to set an example to every state that animals matter. Cutting back shelter recourses would be devastating. I live in the Bay Area where we also deal highly impacted shelters, however our management of the issue is far superior. Please do the right thing and don't make these cuts. We all know there are plenty of other project that are far less deserving of funding.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Grados

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2025 03:26 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am pleading with you — do not move forward with the proposed budget cuts that would shut down three Los Angeles animal shelters and eliminate over 120 essential staff positions. Our shelters are already overwhelmed. Shutting them down will condemn countless innocent animals to death. These dogs, cats, and other animals deserve a real chance at life — not to be discarded because of budget decisions. They are living beings who feel fear, loneliness, and hope. They are counting on us to do better. We need more shelters, not fewer. More resources, not less. The \$5 million already set aside must be used to save these lives and prevent even greater suffering. Please hear our voices. Please fight for the animals who cannot fight for themselves. The soul of our city is reflected in how we treat the most vulnerable. Please choose compassion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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