

Communication from Public

Name: LJ Duey

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:10 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is at risk of abandoning its long-standing leadership on climate action due to proposed budget cuts that would dismantle key climate and environmental programs. These cuts threaten to eliminate the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, halt progress on building electrification and biodiversity protection, and defund efforts to monitor and phase out oil and gas drilling—placing thousands of residents at greater risk from climate impacts like wildfires and extreme heat. Ending these initiatives would not only undermine LA's global climate reputation and partnerships but also result in the loss of vital expertise, forfeit critical state funding, and jeopardize the health and safety of the city's most vulnerable communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Garland
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:37 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. Such reductions would have catastrophic consequences for the welfare of animals in our city. Recent data highlights a troubling trend: from January to September 2024, 1,224 dogs were euthanized in city shelters—a 72% increase compared to the same period in 2023. Cat euthanasia also rose by 17%, with 1,517 cats put down during that time . These increases are not merely statistics; they represent lives lost and a system under severe strain. Our shelters are already facing an overcrowding crisis. Reports indicate that facilities are operating at 155% capacity, housing 1,141 dogs despite a capacity for only 737 . This overcrowding, coupled with staffing shortages, has led to inhumane conditions where animals suffer from lack of care and attention. Budget cuts would only exacerbate these issues, leading to more unnecessary euthanasia and suffering. Instead, we should be investing in solutions that have proven effective, such as expanding spay/neuter programs, increasing adoption efforts, and enhancing support for shelter staff and volunteers. I urge you to reconsider the proposed budget cuts and prioritize the well-being of our city's animals. By maintaining or increasing funding for LA Animal Services, we can work towards a more humane and compassionate Los Angeles.
Sincerely, Katie Mary Garland

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Myers

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:46 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the proposed budget. As a citizen of Los Angeles, I am very concerned about the welfare of animals in the shelter system across this city. The euthanasia rates will undoubtedly rise and conditions in shelters will be adversely affected. The treatment of our animals is a testament to what kind of city we have and belong to. Please figure out a way to stop this budget cut. Find another path.

Communication from Public

Name: Alisanne Meyers

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:50 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles (CD 5, CD 13) who proudly works as a Planning Assistant for City Planning. I am honored to have been a part of the City's most sweeping reforms regarding housing policy to alleviate the present housing affordability crisis. Even where teams have not been cut, the objectives of City Planning will be devastated by a 25% layoff with cascading effects that will slow project pipelines. Don't let the department lose its morale and its future, and its ability implement important new programs like Environmental Protection Measures that will require human eyes for enforcement. Around 50 employees were brought on in the past year alone, and the department devoted much time and resources to training them. With the loss of the youngest and newest members of the workforce (self included), Planning will lose representation of younger generations (many of whom are harder hit by crises such as housing affordability) and alienate future prospects for years to come. It is devastating to see a budget that clear cuts unprecedented progress made not only on housing reform, but also data/GIS, environmental justice, and racial equity. The people of LA fought hard to incorporate these initiatives into the City's work program and deserve policies informed by strong data metrics. The incident with council members making racially disparaging comments only two years ago during an active redistricting session surely indicates that we are not ready to cut racial justice. The state's mandate that environmental justice be addressed as part of the General Plan is especially important in Los Angeles where we can't undo the co-location of residential uses and oil wells — public housing sites like Jordan Downs require 18 feet of remediation. If the City's debt can be blamed on liabilities, its decline and fall can be assured by further lack of oversight. I hope and believe this budget is not an indication of City leadership's priorities, and am optimistic about your work lobbying the state and identifying better solutions in the coming months. Remember that your efforts matter not only to the City of Los Angeles, but are also paramount in the broader war being waged against civil service and governance serving public interest. Sincerely, Alisanne

Communication from Public

Name: Bryant Ludwig
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:29 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close the animal shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph leyva

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:30 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please to who ever reads this , help keep our funds for our furry friends. We are their voices , through good and bad times . All animals deserve a shot at life, a real chance . Without out that funding , they have slim to none . When ever times were tough , most of us have had an animal to be our support . It's time for us to be theres . Please don't take away there chances for a new life .

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Gin
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:33 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Save the shelters

Communication from Public

Name: Elisabeth

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:00 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut funding on LA animal shelters, that is a terrible plan.

Communication from Public

Name: kaiya blevins
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 08:03 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: this is horrible. I hope all the animals find a home.:((

Communication from Public

Name: Gillian Cornelius

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:35 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Closing shelters would have disastrous consequences for the animals in our community. Rescue organizations are wonderful, but absolutely cannot keep up with the sheer volume of animals in need and on the streets. Neither can the shelters, and closing existing shelters won't help! It will be catastrophic.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is my plea to city officials to do the humane and right thing. We should be HELPING shelters, the animals and the staff. More funding, more fosters, more resources, more pregnancy prevention education for pet owners. These are living, breathing, precious creatures - who through no fault of their own - have endured unthinkable conditions before coming to the shelter, and still living a stressful life inside the shelter. There is nothing more important than the wellbeing of precious souls in this city and beyond. I am vehemently opposed to the proposed budget cuts by Mayor Kim Bass. I urge you to reconsider these cuts and to advocate for the voiceless, our precious animals. Money is pouring into things like the Olympics, and it's absolutely tragic to consider events and frivolous spending to be prioritized over animals' lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Ochoa

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:43 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funds to our LA shelters and laying off 62 workers will be devastating to our animals. Why not make it mandatory for your hunting dogs to get castrated as well as mandatory for all owned dogs and cats to be spayed and neutered. It's bad enough your City Management has mismanaged funds since the age of Villaraigosa Era and it's continued. What happened to the Veteran housing? I've seen them empty in the Antelope Valley which goes to show how funding is mismanaged. Now you have a new beast to fund. Billions of dollars in Homeless and tax payers paying for what?! You blame the economy on lawsuits when it's the lies of where the Billions of taxpayer dollars are going. Upper management and families being promoted internally. The rich getting richer. These animals suffer as well as hard working City employees. Your mismanagement of funds is a disgrace. Stop promoting your friends and fix your dishonest politics.

Communication from Public

Name: Jo

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:50 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This will have a hugh impact to the lives of these animals who are being euthanized at unprecedented rates due to overcrowding. Every single day in I see dogs and cats roaming my neighborhood. Please do not cut funding and close more shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Cook

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:52 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain—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 this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles 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. The impact will be felt citywide. 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 for the people who care about them.

Communication from Public

Name: Kayla Williams
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:52 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Save the animals

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Janney

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:30 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close the animal shelters. These are not only necessary for the animals they shelter, and the jobs of the people working there, but for the safety of the communities they serve dealing with strays, the wild animals and the dead animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Shorena Mgeladze

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:30 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who works in the City of Los Angeles and loves animals, I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasper G.

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The City animal shelters are already suffering, with volunteers scrambling to help improve dire conditions and save thousands of lives. There isn't enough staff or space AS IS to provide basic standards of shelter care, or services for the animals, or action for the people of LA who are reporting abuse and backyard breeding. Please do not support ANY cuts to animal services. Instead, invest in long-term solutions like mobile spay and neuter services. Make it illegal for landlords to deny housing to people based on the weight and/or breed of their dogs. Fire Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Hamilton, whose answer to the crisis in the City animal shelters is euthanasia, and not investing in solutions like revenue generating programs. The taxpayers of this City want a healthy infrastructure with fully funded departments. We need to protect our people, our animals, and our environment. City Council: we voted for you and now it's your job to save our City.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 04:57 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Very concerned about the closure of animal shelters around L.A. Please do not do this, it will lead to more animal deaths due to overcrowding of already crowded shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin barr

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 05:01 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund the animal shelters that house thousands of innocent animals. Corporate greed is taking over the world, choose to not be apart of it.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke Anderson

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 05:02 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our shelter system is already struggling where it is today. Reducing their budget will only make strays more prevalent, introduce more coyotes to the area, increase the euthanasia rate at shelters, and cause devastating impacts that leave shelter workers in further emotional distress. My father was a vet tech previously in the shelter system and attempted suicide after witnessing the high volume of euthanasia. This budget cut doesn't only affect our animals, it affects our city workers too.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 05:45 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While fiscal responsibility is an important goal, it must never come at the cost of compassion. As we weigh the impacts of proposed tax cuts, we must ask ourselves: what kind of society do we become if the voiceless are the first to lose our support? Animal shelters are not luxuries—they are lifelines. Every day, these shelters provide refuge, safety, and a second chance to animals who have been abandoned, abused, or forgotten. They serve our communities not just through humane care, but by protecting public health, supporting pet adoptions, and promoting responsible animal stewardship. When budgets are slashed and shelters are forced to close, the consequences are both immediate and long-term: surging stray populations, increased disease transmission, more animal suffering, and a heavier burden on already strained local resources. Worse, it signals that our society is willing to sacrifice empathy for short-term savings. Tax cuts should never mean cutting the heart out of our communities. Let us strive for solutions that balance economic goals with our shared moral responsibility—to care for the most vulnerable, human and animal alike. Compassion is not a cost. It is an investment in the kind of world we want to live in.

Communication from Public

Name: Sal
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 06:03 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: NO WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS

Communication from Public

Name: Jaime Mas

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 06:14 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain—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 this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles 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. The impact will be felt citywide. 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 for the people who care about them. Please, save lives, not money. I'm sure there are ways to save money that doesn't result in hundreds of deaths of animals that only want our love and support.

Communication from Public

Name: Clara Herbers

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 06:20 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please PLEASE keep the animal shelters open!!! These sweet animals do NOT deserve to die because of our mess! The people with do anything and everything to protect these fur babies.

Communication from Public

Name: Micaela Engebretsen
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 06:52 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Save LA's animal shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 06:54 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask and urge that the Mayor's current GRYD program budget not be reduced, as any budget cut will adversely affect current gang intervention specialist and gang prevention case managers, and their families, to have a job with a livable and meaningful career salary. The effect of any budget cuts will ultimately decrease the effectiveness of reducing gang crime and violence at the "micro" street level and on the "macro" community and entire city level. This GRYD program provides "first responders" in collaboration with LAPD in addressing any and all gang incidents; hence, they are a major key element to the city's overall public safety strategy and agenda. Thank you for anticipating consideration on not cutting any of the current GRYD programs budget. Carlos Rodriguez.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Beverly

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:05 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I have a good friend who has been volunteering at LA's animal shelters for several years. She sees first-hand what happens when there are not enough resources. Right now with all five of the shelters open, there are JUST ENOUGH staffers she told me. I could go on and on about the ramifications of closing three shelters but I'll emphasized just one: If you close those shelters, that means more animals will be euthanized. Do not cut funding to L.A.'s Animal Services. Council File Number 25-0600

Communication from Public

Name: LP

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:06 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: These proposed cuts to animal shelters are a disgrace. One of the world's biggest cities in a state that is the world's 4th largest economy and you're cutting animal shelters...what a joke.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Clary

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:09 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT close any animal shelters. Our shelters are already over crowded with poor defenseless animals and such a move would lead to many being euthanized. I voted for Karen Bass but never imagined she would be so heartless. Consider greater public outreach to spay and home more animals. Ask local news outlets to spotlight pets for adoption, approach rescue organizations to increase fund raising events. Do anything and everything to save the poor creatures who only want love and safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Mgeladze

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:11 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Diep

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:21 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles City property owner, I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and communities.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:25 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Durressa Powers

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:20 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding budget cuts to Animal Services. I am having a hard time even expressing how disappointed I am with the proposal to make devastating cuts to an already broken system in desperate need of help. I can't understand why anyone would think that this is ok. The animal services department, shelters, staffing all need a complete revamp, better conditions, and more shelters and staffing to educate, enforce, and get control of the pet population in the city and county of Los Angeles. Animals are suffering and being killed for space due to irresponsible and uneducated people. They are innocent victims. We need to be their voice and help the cause, not worsen it exponentially. My heart hurts every day knowing the people that we voted to better and protect are making such irrational decisions. I respectfully ask that your deduction be reconsidered and not only reverse the decision of budget cuts but in fact add budget to this space which is in horrible need. The people of Los Angeles need to have some say in what budget cuts happen and it cannot be to the detriment of animals. That is inhumane, inconsiderate and absolutely cold hearted. That is not what I would expect out of the leadership of the Los Angeles area.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Volkova

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 07:12 AM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 09:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider tax rebates.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Meyer

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 10:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for the animal shelters in Los Angeles. Please have mercy on the animals that rely on the city's animal shelters for protection until a permanent home is found. These closures will result in an increase in healthy animal euthanasia due to over crowding. I hope the council will listen to the concerns of the public and work to find solutions that protect animal shelters and all the pets waiting for homes. Focus on fines for non compliance and enforcing pet licensing and raise fees for unaltered dogs. Stop giving out breeding licenses. Los Angeles is a better city than this!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Whitfield
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 10:37 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Cruel and unnecessary cuts. You're monsters! Fire LAPD officers that ABUSE overtime.

Communication from Public

Name: Liane

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Any measures that you can take to make it as inviting as possible to shoot in LA are critical right now! So much work has been lost to other states and countries due to how difficult and restrictive and cost prohibitive it is to shoot here. We are counting on you to do everything possible to help bring jobs back to LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Courtney Dela Vega

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 07:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET – Public Comment (Youth Development) Good afternoon, my name is Courtney, and I'm writing to share how deeply the Youth Development Department has impacted my life. Thanks to YDD, I was able to participate in programs like the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and the Youth Expo—spaces where I felt truly seen, heard, and supported. These opportunities gave me a strong sense of purpose and belonging. Losing an independent YDD would mean taking away essential resources from young people who depend on them to stay connected, safe, and inspired. This isn't just a matter of budgeting—it's a statement about whose lives and futures are valued. I strongly urge you to fully fund the Youth Development Department and reject the proposed consolidation. Young people deserve better. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:50 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Maria Cortez from the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and I'm here to urge you to support a critical element in Mayor Bass's proposed budget: the \$2.7 million allocation for the LA:RISE program. LA:RISE is a proven and transformative initiative that connects individuals experiencing homelessness, reentry, or chronic unemployment with meaningful employment and the long-term support necessary to succeed. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to maintain this funding. LA:RISE has already changed thousands of lives—and many more Angelenos still rely on this pathway to stability and opportunity. Preserving this investment is essential to advancing economic equity and supporting some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, as the City considers consolidating the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), we urge you to ensure that this process does not result in the loss of critical leadership and institutional knowledge. In a time of significant economic uncertainty, strong and experienced leaders are essential to guiding this work forward. The futures of those we serve—and the values of equity, dignity, and opportunity that define Los Angeles—depend on your continued leadership and commitment.

Communication from Public

Name: Branden Guzman
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:01 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain—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 this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles 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. The impact will be felt citywide. 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 for the people who care about them.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Bernstein
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:17 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't close them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:18 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut funding for animal shelters!! These pets will get euthanized due to these budget cuts, and we need these shelters so that people stop breeding and adopt vs shop. This will cause many to lose their jobs as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal C

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 12:51 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut funding for animal services!! The people do not want our tax dollars reallocated. We want more funding for animals and shelters in need! More money for spay and neuter facilities and for supplies to care for the animals in the shelters!! Please do not condemn more animals to death!!!

Communication from Public

Name: J. Bell

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 01:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass promised to make the animal shelter system better for the animals. Cutting animal shelter staff members closing three shelters will have disastrous results. Please do not cut the budget in this area. It is already over taxed. The animals deserve better and they cannot advocate for themselves! Thank you for supporting the shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 01:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Does the world need to be more cruel to living creatures that just want to survive ? Reducing 4.8 million in funding , without a care how detrimental this will be or is just pure ignorance ? . These animals need the care and medical treatment they DESERVE . Not needed to be stripped away from greedy humans . Should be ashamed .

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Lee
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 01:23 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jessica Lee, and I'm a longtime resident of Los Angeles. I'm writing today not just as a citizen, but as a voice for those who can't speak for themselves—our city's animals. Cutting the budget to LA's animal shelters is not just a fiscal decision; it's a morally inhumane one. Our shelters are already stretched dangerously thin. Animals are being warehoused in small crates, not cared for. Staff and volunteers are overworked. And the most vulnerable—sick, injured, and abandoned animals—are the ones who pay the ultimate price when funding disappears. Even the healthy ones are at risk and it's hard for volunteers and rescue organizations to keep up. Mayor Bass, if you were to walk through one of these shelters today, I truly believe you would walk out crying. You would be overwhelmed by the smell, the stress, the sheer volume of suffering. Some dogs have not left their kennels in over a month—not because no one cares, but because there simply aren't enough people to walk them. They sit in small concrete cages, day after day, waiting. With more budget cuts, can you imagine the condition? If three more shelters are shut down, where will these animals go? What will happen to them? Los Angeles prides itself on being a progressive, compassionate city. But how can we claim that title if we allow dogs to suffer in overcrowded kennels, if we force staff to choose between feeding an animal or giving it medical care, if we close the door on rescue partners and public support due to lack of resources? This is not just about pets—it's about public safety, sanitation, and human decency. Budget cuts now will result in more strays on our streets, more preventable euthanasia, and more heartbreak for our communities. We ask you, Mayor Bass, do not turn your back on these animals. Invest in a system that reflects LA's values. Give our shelters the resources they need—not just to survive, but to save innocent lives. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Siri Kaur

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 02:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a taxpayer and homeowner in Los Angeles I am extremely concerned about the proposed cut to the city's animal shelters. This is truly unconscionable! Stop licensing breeders, and keep our shelters open! We have too many homeless pets being euthanized already. Keep funding for shelters and don't increase the police budget further.

Communication from Public

Name: Kari M. Murillo
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 03:01 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Kari Murillo and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed budget cut to Los Angeles Animal Services. These cuts would lead to the closure of half of the city's animal shelters, which would create a humanitarian and public safety crisis harming thousands of animals. Our shelters are already overcapacity and severely underfunded. We need more support for LA shelters, not less I urge you to reject these cuts and work toward a long-term, humane solution for our city's animals. Please fund our shelters so they can continue to serve the communities and protect the animals that rely on them. Thank you for your time and please, do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Reilly
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 03:20 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing with deep concern and a heavy heart regarding the proposed closure of three city animal shelters and the devastating rate of euthanasia currently taking place. These shelters are more than buildings—they are lifelines for vulnerable animals and the people who care deeply about them. Shutting them down would not only limit safe havens for lost or abandoned pets, but also overwhelm the remaining shelters and force countless animals into tragic outcomes they don't deserve. It's heartbreaking to know that healthy, adoptable dogs are being euthanized simply due to lack of space and resources. These animals have no voice, no choice—and no chance—if we turn our backs now. Los Angeles has always been a city of compassion and progress. We ask that you uphold those values by protecting the shelters, increasing funding, and working with community partners to find humane, sustainable solutions. Please reconsider these closures. The lives of thousands of animals—and the conscience of our city—depend on it. With hope and urgency, Tina

Communication from Public

Name: Clare Auchterlonie

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 03:34 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: With LAAS shelters already operating at 155% capacity and euthanasia rates on the rise, this budget - if passed as it is - will be catastrophic for animals in need. Please do not pass as it is.

Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 03:49 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please do the right thing for those who don't have the power to do it for themselves

Communication from Public

Name: James

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 04:00 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services that would result in the closure of half our city's animal shelters. These closures would not only overwhelm the remaining facilities but also lead to a tragic and preventable rise in euthanasia. Our city must not balance its budget at the expense of the lives and welfare of our most vulnerable animals. Please protect all six shelters and ensure Animal Services has the resources it needs to operate safely and humanely. I urge you to reject this portion of the mayor's proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Diaz
Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 04:08 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT CUT THE BUDGET FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS!
Mayor Karen Bass I can not and WILL NOT vote for you again if you allow this budget cut to happen to our Animal Shelters. Shelters are overcrowded as it is right now and any budget cuts will put our animals at risk even more than they already are now. Every day these poor innocent lives are killed by our city of Los Angeles because of overcrowding. These budget cuts will DOUBLE the mass killing of these poor lives. And YOU Mayor Karen Bass will be the reason why, if you allow this budget cut. Our shelters need MORE resources NOT LESS! These budget cuts will be a danger for the lives of all animals and the safety of our city of Los Angeles that YOU Karen Bass swore to protect. I can not and will not vote for you again if you allow this. What is on the line other than the lives of these defenseless animals? Many things. For example, 1. Permanent closure of 3 shelters: Harbor, West LA, and West Valley. 2. Loss of 35 Animal Care Technicians- the people who feed, clean and care for the shelter animals daily. 3. 12 fewer animal control officers- risking public safety and delaying emergency response 4. Elimination of the Public Relations Team- meaning no more adoption events to HELP the animals, no more outreach and no more public visibility. 5. SEVERE CUTS TO ANIMAL FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS! Our shelter animals will suffer mental decline and illnesses and hunger with these UNNECESSARY BUDGET CUTS!!!! Mayor Karen Bass it is up to YOU to save our shelters and our animals. It is up to YOU to help the people of Los Angeles. Remember, it is because of us the people, that you are mayor. Earn our votes again.

Communication from Public

Name: alena buda

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 11:41 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: please do not close these shelters! I would never have voted for Karen bass if I knew this was part of her plan

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of AYE, we write in strong support of a critical element in Mayor Bass's proposed budget: the \$2.7 million allocation for the LA:RISE program. LA:RISE is a proven and transformative initiative that connects individuals experiencing homelessness, reentry, or chronic unemployment with meaningful employment and the long-term support necessary to succeed. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to maintain this funding. LA:RISE has already changed thousands of lives—and many more Angelenos still rely on this pathway to stability and opportunity. Preserving this investment is essential to advancing economic equity and supporting some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, as the City considers consolidating the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), we urge you to ensure that this process does not result in the loss of critical leadership and institutional knowledge. In a time of significant economic uncertainty, strong and experienced leaders are essential to guiding this work forward. The futures of those we serve—and the values of equity, dignity, and opportunity that define Los Angeles—depend on your continued leadership and commitment.

Communication from Public

Name: David Liehn

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please take into consideration limiting the amount of superfluous fees required to film in Los Angeles. The state of California has let "Hollywood" run away to other states and countries due to the logistical nightmare of requirements needed to obtain a permit and film in town. The past three years have been my slowest in the business since I moved to LA over 20 years ago. If we don't want to risk losing Hollywood forever, we need to act now. There are too many restrictions and too many requirements for every film shoot which lead to skyrocketing budgets. This is one of the main factors in producers choosing to shoot out of town. I hope we can come together and figure out a way to make filming in Los Angeles easier and bring back all of the work that has left the State.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I got my first pet at the west valley animal shelter it hurts me to hear that it's closing ,I believe they are solutions to help rescue the animals please don't close the doors

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:46 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Every day, animal shelters across our communities open their doors to the abandoned, the abused, and the forgotten. These shelters are not just holding places—they are sanctuaries of hope, rehabilitation, and, often, the only chance an animal has at life. Cutting their funding is not just a budgetary decision. It is a moral one. help. When we cut funding, we cut medical care. We cut food. We cut safe, warm beds. But most tragically, we cut second chances. And for many of these animals, that second chance is the difference between life and death. Shelters also protect public health and safety. They help control animal populations humanely, reunite lost pets with families, and prevent the spread of diseases. They are a critical piece of our community infrastructure—not an optional luxury.

Communication from Public

Name: Katy

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to express my strong opposition to the Mayor's proposed budget and layoffs. The Mayor's proposed cuts to City Planning are disproportionate and severe. These cuts will impact city service and the City's stated goals. We need to protect jobs.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe Coventry
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:58 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a management assistant with the Civil and Human Rights and Equity dept and an EEA member. My department plays a critical role in building a safe, equitable, and affirming Los Angeles for all our vulnerable populations. We know that these vulnerable populations, and particularly the LGBTQIA+ community, which is served by the city's only LGBTIA+ Liaison - a position housed in the civil rights department and and scheduled to be cut - are currently faced with a drastic winnowing of their rights, and intolerable political rhetoric that often leads to deadly violence against them. They deserve to be supported and protected, and their contributions and insights should be respected and listened to. I respectfully urge you to reconsider cutting funding to the Civil Rights department and ask you to prioritize investments in frontline services that directly benefit the LGBTQIA+ and other vulnerable communities of Los Angeles. Thank you for your time and your commitment.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Harwood
Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 04:17 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles should be increasing its commitment to the community, by not cutting Day Labor funding at an already dangerous time for immigrant workers. Please make sure the City of Los Angeles renews the funding to Day Laborer Centers.

Communication from Public

Name: Nikki Greve
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 06:16 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Dogs deserve the best life...please save them!!

Communication from Public

Name: Liz DeDios

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 09:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need more funding for animals they deserve the right to live and not be killed because there is no room!!! We need to crack down on backyard breeders any breeders really! You need to raise prices on licensing and ticket people not spay and neutering their pets if money is what you need!!! Their lives matter!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Gonzales
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 01:49 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please DON'T close any Animal Shelters, Please Don't

Communication from Public

Name: Kristi Navarro

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, I writing to you today to address the staggering \$1 billion deficit plaguing our city, a crisis that demands accountability and action. It's baffling that California, hailed by our governor as the world's fourth-largest economy, allows its largest city to drown in debt. How does this happen? Mismanagement across city departments, plain and simple. Today, I'll focus on the Animal Services Department, where I've witnessed firsthand the reckless financial decisions bleeding our city dry. Our department is top-heavy with overpaid administrators in redundant, unjustified positions. These high-salary roles, often filled by individuals with no business acumen, drain resources while contributing little. For example, our general managers, lacking business experience, have eliminated revenue streams like breeder permits, costing us \$500,000 annually. They've prioritized giving away free animals, undermining fiscal responsibility. Meanwhile, we're hemorrhaging money from lawsuits over animal bites—both in shelters and from poorly vetted adoptions. Rescue organizations exploit us, cherry-picking animals for profit after taxpayers foot the bill for their care, while leaving high-needs animals behind. Frontline staff are overworked, understaffed, and injured, managing overcrowded shelters while upper management sits idly. This isn't just mismanagement; it's a betrayal of the taxpayers who fund us. I urge the Council to restructure Animal Services from the top down. Eliminate redundant positions, hire competent leadership with business expertise, reinstate revenue-generating programs, and enforce accountability for rescue partners. These steps will save millions and restore trust in our ability to manage public funds. Citywide, this deficit reflects a failure to prioritize essential services over bloated bureaucracies. I implore you to audit every department, cut waste, and invest in workers who serve our communities directly. The people of Los Angeles deserve better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Jimenez
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:36 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am so sick to my stomach that animals are going to suffer due to human beings inability to act and do what's right.

Communication from Public

Name: Belinda Campos Bresnahan

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 10:57 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It took 8 years of advocacy to get the YDD established in 2021, PLEASE don't take it away. Just because you all overspend doesn't mean you should sell out the YOUTH!The New York City Youth Department gets a 1.36 billion dollar budget for its Youth Department and LA City wants to defund the YDD's 2.5 million budget. As one of the largest cities in the Nation this is extremely disappointing. Consolidating the department will not allow for effective investment in young people ages 10 - 25 We fought for a YDD in the first place because so many departments touch on youth which is why they deserve their OWN department. Youth should NOT have to deal with the consequences of ADULTS' misuse of the City's budget. Take a look around, some of the SAME COUNCIL MEMBERS sitting in this room today VOTED for the creation and the Youth Development Department back in 2021. Why are you going back on your word? WE NEED YOU TO STAND ON BUSINESS and KEEP YOUR PROMISE.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie

Date Submitted: 04/25/2025 11:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Stephanie Jaco, and I'm a constituent of Los Angeles that lives near the West LA Animal Shelter. I'm calling to strongly urge Councilmembers to oppose the proposed cuts to the Department of Animal Services in the budget. Eliminating over 120 staff positions and closing three city shelters-Harbor, West LA, and West Valley-will be catastrophic for both public safety and animal welfare. These cuts will lead to mass euthanasia, inhumane overcrowding, slower emergency response times, and the loss of critical services for residents across the city. There is \$5 million already allocated in the City's Unappropriated Balance for Animal Services Operations. I respectfully ask that you advocate for using those funds to retain staff and keep all six shelters open. Please help protect the lives of shelter animals and preserve essential public services. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Location Professional who has worked in the industry for 33 years, I feel some major changes must occur in Los Angeles for film productions to return to CA. We no longer can compete with other states or countries regarding tax incentives. Even if the proposed \$750 million dollar tax initiative passes - it won't make any difference. There are restrictions on which productions would even qualify to receive money in tax credits. Other states and countries welcome Hollywood and give 25-30% tax credits across the board. No restrictions. You have now seen that just because Hollywood has been here for decades - won't stop Hollywood from going where it is welcomed and where it can save the most \$\$\$. Our fees and regulations regarding FILM LA have risen to become too much for companies to operate here. FILM LA has done nothing to help neighborhoods and merchants become educated on how VITAL filming is to our economy. They have "given in" to people that complain about filming and have now allowed people to dictate to productions what equipment can be parked in front of their homes and businesses. Basically giving those control over city streets. Signatures are required everywhere now (which is a huge expense) even if we are filming during normal filming hours. Production companies are tired of huge fees and unreasonable restrictions. Fees need to be drastically reduced and red tape needs to be eradicated. Otherwise, we will not stand a chance. This goes for Feature Films, TV Shows and Commercials. All of these mediums have been devastated with many middle class workers behind the cameras losing everything or moving out of state to look for other lines of work. Getting out of the business entirely.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabel Cardenas
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:43 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Isabel, I work at LADOT. This budget season I want to ask for more equitable funding across departments in the city. It is egregious to allocate half the budget to one department. The utility of all other city departments is materially evident for people who work, live, or visit the city. Emergencies happen and we can best prepare by being resilient. Maintaining infrastructure, public programs, and anti-poverty resources is critical for a city to adapt to changing conditions. Post-wildfires, it is evident that the least funded departments contribute the most to quality of life in the region. For example, parks and rec offers childcare, after school programs, and senior enrichment, and our libraries are a key place for resource distribution, communication infrastructure, and education. Please be discerning about how public funds are allocated. The city is an ecosystem and needs to be in balance.

Communication from Public

Name: Celia Williams

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:41 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council The proposed budget for 2025-2026 needs to address the LAPD's overbudget. It takes up too much of the budget and pays out lawsuits for the LAPD. It is important to keep the people in place who provide essentials such as trash pick up, street services, LAFD, and other essential services that keep LA City functioning. It s very clear that we cannot afford the Olympics. These games can be held by another city that can afford to host the games of 2028. Listen to the people who are making public comments. The bottom line is that Los Angeles has to give up the LA 2028 games. We, as a city, must recognize that we cannot afford the 2028 games. LA City, you are yelling it loudly with the cuts that are being suggested. That is too many people who help keep our beautiful city running. Please defund the LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Makaela Newsome

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Spending 47% of Los Angeles's city budget on the Los Angeles Police Department is not only fiscally irresponsible, it is a moral failure that perpetuates harm against the very communities the city claims to serve. When nearly half of all public resources are funneled into policing, we are left with far too little to address the root causes of poverty, crime, and instability, issues like housing insecurity, inadequate mental health care, underfunded schools, and youth programs. These are the investments that actually build safety, stability, and equity. The LAPD has a long and well documented history of brutality, racial profiling, and the systemic targeting of Black, Latino, Indigenous, and other marginalized communities. From the 1965 Watts Rebellion to the 1992 uprising following the brutal beating of Rodney King, and more recently, the department's violent responses to peaceful protests in 2020, the LAPD has repeatedly demonstrated a pattern of using excessive force instead of serving and protecting. These incidents are not isolated, they are the result of a culture that views Black and Latino neighborhoods and populations as threats rather than citizens deserving care and respect. By continuing to invest such a massive portion of the budget into policing, the city is reinforcing a punitive model of public safety, one that criminalizes poverty and treats social problems as threats to be controlled, rather than challenges to be solved. It sends a clear message that the city is more willing to fund surveillance, incarceration, and violence than to meet people's basic human needs. Meanwhile, thousands of Angelenos live without shelter. Schools remain under-resourced, and many neighborhoods lack access to quality healthcare and mental health services. These gaps in social infrastructure are not accidents, they are direct consequences of policy choices, and budget priorities reflect values. When 47% of the budget goes to policing, what message does that send about whose lives matter and whose do not? We must reimagine public safety as something rooted in community care, not fear, terror, and violence. That means divesting from systems that have harmed our communities for generations and reinvesting in the social programs that prevent harm in the first place. It means building a city where safety is measured not by the number of officers on the street, but by the number of people housed, educated, healthy, and thriving. Los Angeles has the opportunity—and the responsibility—to lead the

way in shifting toward a model of true public safety. But that starts with a budget that puts people, not policing, first.

Communication from Public

Name: Melinda Diego

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to fully and immediately implement the increased reimbursement rates for the Los Angeles City spay and neuter voucher program. As you know, our City is facing a severe shortage of spay and neuter for dogs and cats, resulting in overcrowded shelters and avoidable animal euthanasia. Legislators, veterinarians, and animal welfare experts agree that expanding spay and neuter services is the most effective way to address this crisis. To help families who cannot afford these essential services, the City has long offered a voucher program. Unfortunately, the reimbursement rates have remained unchanged since 2015. Recognizing that these outdated rates no longer cover the actual costs of spay or neuter surgeries, the City Council voted unanimously in 2024 to increase the voucher reimbursement rates. While this decision was met with widespread approval, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) has yet to approve the budget increase. This leaves families and rescue organizations without access to vital spay and neuter services, leading to unwanted litters and thousands of shelter animals at risk of euthanasia. Although Los Angeles law mandates that all dogs and cats over four months old be spayed or neutered, many pet owners are not able to afford to do so. The spay and neuter voucher program is the solution. By fully implementing the voucher rate increase, you will immediately improve animal welfare across our City. More veterinarians will join the program, more families will receive essential assistance, and fewer animals will face euthanasia. Together, we have the opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on the well-being of pets and families throughout Los Angeles. Sincerely, Melinda Diego, RVT
{TimmysBuddiesCatRescue}

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Davidian

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Debra Davidian I am a forensic photographer. my official title is photographer 3 with lapd and we only have photographer 3's in our dept it's proposed that we loose 10 of the 19 positions we have filled Our photographic evidence is dedicated to major crime scenes. Including homicide, suicide, child and infant deaths, hit and run car crashes. Hazardous chemicals, blood borne pathogens and human remains. we are open 24/7/365 to serve the city on an emergency basis. We do not schedule our emergency calls for a later time. THESE LAYOFFS WILL MAKE US UNABLE TO SERVE THE CITY ON A 24/7 schedule. I have worked for the city for 7 years. This has caused an emotional strain on my entire family. I am asking the city council to oppose these layoffs keep our jobs and the city running.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Suitor

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am against closing ANY animal shelter. Those are innocent souls that deserve a chance in life. STOP STEALING FROM THE TAX PAYERS AND LINING UR DISGUSTING POCKETS! Id rather have animals running this City/County than Karen Bass. Karma is real

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. As a resident of Los Angeles, I'm deeply concerned about the proposed budget cuts to LA Animal Services. Our shelters are overwhelmed, and reducing funding will cause more suffering and unnecessary euthanasia. I routinely work with rescues to foster dogs and get them adopted, saving at least three dogs aged one year old from euthanasia due to overcrowding. I urge the city to oppose these cuts and protect our sweet animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenniffer Haro

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Budget cuts hurt an already damaged and suffering system. This means more killings of innocent animals due to overcrowding, higher risk of illness and injuries with less staff to check on them. This is about the lives of thousands of animals and the safety of our City. We urge you to use the 5 million in available funds to stop these layoffs and prevent mass euthanasia and shelter closures!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Denise de Lapp
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:10 PM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please save the LA Shelters!! The animals should NOT have to suffer in the mishandling the budget from an incompetent mayor!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Buchwald

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Although I believe this will be considered a late submission, given that the meeting on this topic occurred earlier this afternoon, I would still like to voice my formal objection to the approach being considered by this year's budget proposal to potentially layoff 403 civilian employees from the Los Angeles Police Department. I have been a civilian Police Department employee since 2025, and while I have seniority in my Department, it should not be the case that critical civilian employees, who are essential to the daily functioning and operations of the LAPD, take the brunt of the Mayor's inability to balance the budget in other, more reasonable, ways. There are several significant problems with the proposal to eliminate civilian positions within the LAPD. First, if 403 civilian employee positions are cut from the Department, amounting to 15% of the Department's total civilian staff and 25% of the overall cuts being proposed by the City, sworn police officers will likely have to be utilized to cover the tasks ordinarily performed by civilian staff who normally conduct such duties. Loss of daily functionality in these numbers will, no doubt, have a considerable impact on how the Department is able to conduct other, more critical public safety functions. Second, civilian employees are already scrambling to do more with less, as workforces are generally understaffed and struggling with morale issues on the tails of working through COVID and other challenging circumstances of the past few years. To place an even more significant burden on the civilian staffers who remain is unfair and presents a situation involving an even more stressful work environment for all. And third, terminating this many civilians from LAPD at a time when sworn staff is also struggling with attrition and recruitment just simply does not make logical sense. In an era of trying to bolster the overall numbers of the Department, sworn officers will be confronted with having to do their jobs with even fewer support staff than they have already. Clearly any stringent budget cuts should ideally come from outside the Police Department entirely. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 03:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I write in strong support of a critical element in Mayor Bass's proposed budget: the \$2.7 million allocation for the LA:RISE program. LA:RISE is a proven and transformative initiative that connects individuals experiencing homelessness, reentry, or chronic unemployment with meaningful employment and the long-term support necessary to succeed. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to maintain this funding. LA:RISE has already changed thousands of lives—and many more Angelenos still rely on this pathway to stability and opportunity. Preserving this investment is essential to advancing economic equity and supporting some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, as the City considers consolidating the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), we urge you to ensure that this process does not result in the loss of critical leadership and institutional knowledge. In a time of significant economic uncertainty, strong and experienced leaders are essential to guiding this work forward. The futures of those we serve—and the values of equity, dignity, and opportunity that define Los Angeles—depend on your continued leadership and commitment.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment for the Proposed Budget I am writing to ask that you do NOT support the proposed cut to the Department on Disability. The Dept is already struggling in delivering the services needed to the thousands of citizens with Disabilities of this City. Not only does any cut pose a great risk to services, but a 40% cut is deadly. Proposing the largest cut to DoD which is larger than any other City Department sends a signal that the City does not care for the Community of People with Disabilities. Which services do you want them not to provide or worse, which members of this community do you "not want" to receive services, because those are the choices you leave the Dept to make. Thank you. -- Myrna Cabanban

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 06:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, the sustainability division programs should not be cut. These are small teams using only a fraction of the budget to achieve large goals. Cutting sustainability teams in the city would be going against the city's long-term promise to build a more sustainable city and invest in our future. I urge you not to cut biodiversity, climate action, CEMO, CUGU, and Brownfields.