

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Kono

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 09:50 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: April 30, 2025 Dear Mayor and City Council Members, We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the complete elimination of funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers/Centros Jornaleros in the recently released city budget. This decision directly contradicts our city's professed values and prior commitments to this vulnerable workforce. As the only nationwide organization representing employers of domestic workers, including day laborers, we know that these day laborer community job centers provide a vital service for both workers and the hundreds of thousands of domestic worker and day labor employers across the City and County. Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network is a national organization that works with people who hire domestic workers and we have a strong membership base in California. Over 2 million households employ domestic workers and day laborers across California. These workers make all other work possible, and yet the industry is so underregulated that most domestic worker employers and many day labor employers do not know the employment rights and responsibilities that come with employing these workers. Our members want to be good employers but need guidance to do so; day labor centers ensure that their workers receive fair wages and working conditions. Day labor centers also protect workers from exploitation by 'bad employers.' Our LA-based members want LA to live up to its promise as a Sanctuary City. In the face of relentless attacks on immigrants and immigrant workers, preserving funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers is a low-cost, high-impact, very concrete way to protect the immigrant workers who make this city run. Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections. They are essential community hubs that: Create safe, organized spaces where workers can connect with employers, eliminating the dangers of street-corner solicitation Establish fair wage standards and working conditions, preventing exploitation and wage theft Offer crucial educational resources including English classes, literacy programs, and information about health, labor, and immigration laws Serve as community gathering spaces that foster dignity, connection, and mutual support Function as public safety alternatives, reducing neighborhood concerns while protecting vulnerable workers Without these centers, we also lose valuable

community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The cost of maintaining these centers is minimal compared to their enormous social and economic benefits. They help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another. I strongly urge you to restore full funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers in this year's budget. Respectfully submitted, Stacy Kono
Executive Director, Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network



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A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stacy Kono

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Communication from Public

Name: Stacey Storey
Date Submitted: 05/01/2025 12:33 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please look after our animals. We can't put all of these animals to sleep...please keep funding the shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole k
Date Submitted: 05/01/2025 01:35 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I implore the city council to reject Karen Bass's proposal to slash the LA animal services budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Cecilia Vazquez

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Fund the Public Bank Feasibility Study — and Protect GBI. My name is Cecilia Vazquez and I'm a [LA resident / member of Council District 8.]. The LA City Council has already approved funding for the public bank feasibility study. I urge the Council to immediately fund the next phase. This plan will show how LA can use its own balance sheet to save money, cut borrowing costs, and reinvest in priorities like affordable housing, green energy, small businesses, and community development. At the same time, we urge the Council to preserve and expand funding for Guaranteed Basic Income programs. GBI is a proven strategy to stabilize families, reduce poverty, and lower the long-term demand on public services — ultimately saving the city money. Both the public bank and GBI are fiscally responsible solutions that move us away from costly band-aids and toward lasting change. As LA faces a \$1 billion deficit, we need bold, community-centered investments that protect our future and serve Angelenos directly. thank you for taking the time reading my comment Cecilia Vazquez

Communication from Public

Name: Lanore Larson
Date Submitted: 05/01/2025 06:31 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge that the departments City Planning and the Office of Historic Resources (OHR) not suffer extreme funding cuts because once historic properties are gone - they are gone. It seems irresponsible and unfair to future Angelenos that these invaluable services are now threatened with being irrevocably diminished due to past fiscal irresponsibility. Sure, unique and charming properties could be replaced with featureless cheap grey boxes that serve the same "function" of providing office or living spaces, but the cost to civic pride and the quality of daily life will be borne not just those of occupy the formerly-historic properties but the thousands who pass them everyday. Life is hard enough, and being surrounding by bland buildings that could be in any boring city on earth will not lighten anyone's mood.

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Name: Jill Guido

Date Submitted: 05/01/2025 07:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In regard to cutting the budget for the animal shelters in Los Angeles, I can't stress enough that these animals deserve humane treatment. Please don't cut the funding for our animal shelters. We need veterinarians and space to house these animals. Mass murdering of animals is not the answer. Spay neuter vouchers and Foster programs are needed to control animal population. We can't defund these programs. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: flo chapgier

Date Submitted: 05/01/2025 08:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to add members to our understaffed LAFD. During the Palisades Fires about 2 firetrucks came down from Idaho. Among those firemen was a young woman, Julie Youngblood, who had been raised in the Palisades. Her teams for two days and two nights taking shifts sleeping in their firetrucks, cleared brush and trees at the top of Westridge Road above Mandeville Canyon. Their dedication is prevented fire to come down Mandeville Canyon , this is why Brentwood didn't burn, this is why the fire didn't jump the 405. This young woman fought for us while her parents ' house had burn three days before, talk about a young hero. We desperately need more to better fund our understaffed LAFD and LAPD.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT eliminate the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO). We need climate-change planning more than ever. Weren't the recent LA fires warning enough? Please do not go down Trump's path of eliminating climate-change protections and preparation. LA should be a model of climate preparedness.