

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/05/2025 06:10 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not have any LA county animal shelters closed down. It would be a great effort for animal kindness as well as for several employees to be able to keep their hard working jobs. Animals are pure love that give so much to human beings and we need that more than ever in the world we are in. Bless the employees and volunteers who take on the task to care for these innocent animals.

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Name: Esmeralda Alvarez

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of Los Angeles. I strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts 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, and it would harm thousands of animals. Our shelters are already overcapacity and severely underfunded. We need more support for LA Animal Services, 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 our communities and protect the animals that rely on them. Thank you for your time—and please, do the right thing.

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Name: Janie

Date Submitted: 05/05/2025 08:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of LA begging you to not cut funding to LA's animal services. What kind of "city" are we if we aren't a humane, livable place for people and other animals alike?? Our shelters are a vital service. They are already working at max capacity. It would be truly shameful to put it in writing that you are allowing more animals to suffer.

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Name: Viri Garcia

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Comments for Public Posting: LAAS serves approximately 60,000 animals annually, budget cut to this will be detrimental to the lives of many animals. Non-human animals are already disregarded as less than in our society and providing care is the least we can do for them. Los Angeles has one of the largest stray animal populations in the United States. LAAS provides an essential service that helps fight this problem. Budget cuts means the financial responsibility will fall onto the hands of the public and during an already difficult economic time. I have personally used the discounted Spay and Neuter services provided by LAAS for 3 cats that I rescued and fostered and the Citywide Cat Program, for a community stray. This is just a very small but essential service that should continue without impact. Rescues and animal lovers should not live in fear that these services will disappear after budget cuts. I personally want my hard earned tax dollars to support services like this. City officials rarely listen to their constituents, please let this be one of the few times. Let us have one small win. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Larka Angell

Date Submitted: 05/02/2025 10:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting comment in strong opposition to any proposed budget cuts which would impact the livelihood and wellness of individuals with disabilities in LA County and the courageous individuals who provide essential lifesaving services to them. This budget cut will impact individuals who face constant opposition, barriers and isolation just trying to exist, and it could lead to death and injury because the measures we have in place such as ADA enhancements, HIV/AIDs services such as lifesaving syringe access and care, unhoused Angelenos and essentially every marginalized community underserved in other settings. Budget cuts that would impact disability services are inhuman and untenable. It is shameful they would be considered. I strongly urge the city to allocate \$890,000 from the City's \$27.5 million opioid settlement fund to restore HIV services and retain critical staff. These funds are eligible, available, and unspent. Do the right thing by your constituents.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter



CRENSHAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Empowering Business and Promoting Commerce Through Strategic Economic Development



May 3, 2025

Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Budget and Finance Chair, Katy Yaroslavsky
Budget & Finance Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: FY 25-26 Budget Shortfall Solutions

Dear Council President Harris-Dawson, Budget Chair Yaroslavsky and Budget & Finance Committee:

LA is in crisis. Public services shouldn't pay the price.

As Los Angeles confronts a **\$1 billion budget** deficit and more than **1,600 proposed layoffs** of frontline city workers, we urge the Council to act swiftly and creatively to stabilize the city's finances while preserving the services and workforce that make our city run.

The undersigned organizations represent a coalition of labor, community, business and civic interests from across the city. Together, we have come forward with immediate, practical, and fair solutions that can generate over **\$130 million** in new unrestricted revenue for this fiscal year — without raising taxes on working Angelenos and families.

We believe the City Council has a responsibility to explore all legally viable and fiscally sound options to avoid layoffs, maintain core services, and protect Los Angeles' long-term recovery as we prepare to welcome the world for the 2026 World Cup, 2027 Super Bowl, and 2028 Olympic Games.

The City of Los Angeles cannot cut their way out of this crisis. New revenue is needed now. The proposed budget threatens to set Los Angeles back decades. Core services essential to both residents and businesses will face significant cuts, undermining the basic foundations of a thriving city. Workforce retention will suffer unquantifiable harm, weakening our ability to maintain the skilled and experienced personnel necessary to deliver vital services and support economic growth. And as we

have already seen, the City's bond rating has already been downgraded, signaling an uncertain financial future. Coupled with additional impacts from proposed federal tariffs and the antagonization of allies who contribute to our local tourism economy, the outlook for Los Angeles is bleak unless immediate emergency action is undertaken. As currently proposed, the budget will severely undermine our ability to maintain a strong business climate, putting Los Angeles' long-term stability at risk.

We have attached a set of budgetary solutions designed to avert layoffs — potentially generating an additional \$130 million in new, unrestricted General Fund revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. Thousands of city jobs will be saved, the Reserve Fund will be replenished, critical infrastructure improvements can be financed, and most importantly, Los Angeles will strengthen its own fiscal resiliency to continue uplifting our local communities.

We are reminded that Los Angeles reaches its greatest potential when our workforce, communities, and businesses work collaboratively to invest in our collective future. We believe this proposal is a step in that direction and welcome your engagement with us. Thank you for your leadership and consideration. We stand ready to work with you to move this proposal forward.

Sincerely,



Nella McOsker, President & CEO
Central City Association Association



Stuart Waldman, President & CEO
Valley Industry & Commerce Association

CC: Los Angeles City Council

I. Short-Term Rentals:

Short-term rentals are a major tax revenue generator for the City - but in order to help bridge the City's pending budget gap, they can be leveraged even further and help prevent anticipated layoffs.

The Solution: Generate \$100 million in new short-term rental revenue to save services

A modest reform that allows a limited number of new vacation rentals – capped at 2% of the city's housing stock – would double current transient occupancy tax (TOT) collections from **\$35-40 million to \$70-80 million** in unrestricted revenues. Additionally the current \$3.20 per night fee could be increased to \$10, generating millions in new revenue to fund enforcement. Considering additional incoming fees (such as those from City Planning, the Office of Finance, and others), total increased revenue could potentially surpass **\$100 million** annually.

II. Curb Management Program:

In conjunction with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, LADOT is spearheading a “smart loading zone” pilot program, to digitize curb management data and potentially implement dynamic pricing to optimize traffic flow and curbside usage. A permanent Smart Loading Zone program in Los Angeles would tackle the City's ongoing challenges of traffic congestion, safety hazards, and harmful emissions caused by inefficient curbside management, while simultaneously driving economic growth and generating substantial revenue for the City.

The proposed Smart Loading Zone Program at just 500 zones in 2025-26 would increase city revenue by an estimated \$15 million annually, with \$8.1 million net after program costs. **A full scaled deployment in LA would exceed 2,000 zones and \$60M annually.**

III. Metro Transportation Communications Network (TCN):

In 2023, the City of Los Angeles approved the Metro TCN program, which is projected to generate an annual revenue share of approximately \$15 million for the City upon full rollout and implementation. The contractor for the TCN program implementation has committed to providing an upfront payment ensuring immediate financial benefits to the City while supporting the program's long-term goals. **This would provide the City with a one-time injection of approximately \$55 million dollars to use for transit programs as needed.**

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