

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DS  
**Date Submitted:** 04/25/2025 10:51 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not defund LA Animal Services.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2025 12:56 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, My name is Bonnie, and I am here to urge you to protect the Department of Aging. As an advocate for seniors, I am concerned. The proposed budget would eliminate a dedicated advocate for seniors within City government. Merging aging services into a larger department risks making older Angelenos invisible at a time when their needs are growing. Check the stats. We need a strong Department of Aging, with leadership that understands the complexities seniors face — from housing insecurity to health crises. Without it, coordination during emergencies will suffer, and vital services will be harder to access. Let's lead with compassion and be smart about the way we navigate this issue moving forward. Please do not turn your back on our aging population. Preserve the Department's leadership, protect the funding, and prioritize seniors now and into the future.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Tonie Sowers

**Date Submitted:** 04/29/2025 05:03 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles voters in bi partisan unity oppose this kind of cruelty and lack of gratitude to the people who do the work taking care of abandoned pets.. This will be a losing campaign issue if you should decide to run again for the office of Mayor. This is out of touch with the voters who put you in office.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/30/2025 07:50 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not give up on our shelter animals- it would be inhumane and cruel.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine Dunford Becker

**Date Submitted:** 04/30/2025 03:22 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our animal shelters are ALREADY overcrowded! Cutting the number of shelters in half is crazy - and cruel. We are supposed to be a world class city, we pay ridiculously high taxes and our city services are substandard. This is how we treat the city's animals? It's egregious.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tania

**Date Submitted:** 04/30/2025 04:21 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding Long Covid which has Disabled over 50 million Americans please restore the cuts that were made overall to then disability community which Long Haulers are part of. Long Haulers need support & treatment. There also needs to be prevention with UL certification Far UVC Light 222nm to stop transmission of airborne viruses including but not limited to just Covid which is a biohazard level 3. I recommend reading the new book by Carl Zimmer called Airborne. Please help clean the indoor air for prevention as a Non Pharmaceutical Intervention. Please help with treatments. This can happen to you & someone you love too. Airborne viruses don't discriminate.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Presley Barciz

**Date Submitted:** 04/28/2025 06:32 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is outrageous. Please think of the animals. They need our help. They are the voiceless so taking away very much needed resources from an already overwhelmed system is caring for damage and more chaos. This will not help resolve the over population/animal crisis, it will just increase it. More people won't have anywhere to take their pets. Animals need shelters where they can be potentially rehomed and saved. They are worthy of taking care of. Please please reconsider the action to cut down on the LA county pounds/shelters for these well deserved and needy animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristina Clifton  
**Date Submitted:** 04/28/2025 09:19 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to request additional funding be allocated to the LA Animal services and shelters. With the recent cuts, more and more animals are being euthanized weekly. This doesn't have to be. Why are the animals in the shelters starving? The shelter is supposed to be a temporary transitional stop until the animals find their forever homes. It is not a prison. It is not a negative place where abuse should be allowed. It's a a space that needs additional funding, full-time staff, food for the animals, treats, enrichment, walks, play group time and veterinary care. Please stop hiding animals in the back, stop starving them and do your part. If you're going to have city shelters, please ensure they're funded and staffed appropriately. Thank you,



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hudson B. Marquez

**Date Submitted:** 04/29/2025 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This an absurd and cruel way for the city to cut the budget!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Glory Sikka

**Date Submitted:** 04/29/2025 12:46 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mayor Bass, Please—do not cut the budget for Los Angeles animal shelters. Every single day in our city, abandoned, abused, and forgotten animals find safety, love, and a second chance thanks to our local shelters. These places are more than buildings—they are lifelines. Cutting their funding would be a tragic step backward for a city that prides itself on compassion and progress. LA’s shelters are already overwhelmed. Staff and volunteers stretch every dollar, every blanket, every bowl of food. They work around the clock, often unpaid and unnoticed, to keep these animals safe. A budget cut would mean more suffering, more euthanasia, and fewer chances for these animals to find loving homes. This isn’t just about pets. It’s about who we are as a community. We cannot turn our backs on the voiceless. Mayor Bass, we ask you: protect the funding for LA’s animal shelters. Protect the lives that depend on it. Let’s continue to be a city that leads with heart.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Suzanne Wisse

**Date Submitted:** 04/29/2025 01:56 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You must reconsider this huge cut and services for the Los Angeles County animal shelters. There is a surplus. There is no need or excuse to shut down three shelters that are needed desperately. We need more, not less help taking care of the animals in the city. From spade and neutering, to keeping them safe in a shelter till they can find their lost owners or their new owners. Your mayorship does not need to be a war on the animals of the city. This will carry you no favor politically and be such a death sentence to these creatures. As one of your citizens, do not want this. And there are hundreds of thousands that will agree. Please have a heart, Mayor Bass

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lora Pavilack

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2025 08:38 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please fund the LA Labor Center! It is extremely important for our neighbors!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cassandra (Cassy) Horton

**Date Submitted:** 05/05/2025 11:57 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Bass, Council Member Jurado, and Honorable Council Members, Please see the attached advocacy letter on behalf of the DTLA Residents Association, the 2,300 residents, homeowners, and stakeholders we represent, and comments and support from 224 residents garnered in less than three days informing our community-based budget advocacy on behalf of Downtown. We urge you to take our neighborhood's needs into account in this critical budget process, not just for the good of DTLA, but for the good of the City. Thank you for your time and please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss these resident-identified priorities. Sincerely, Cassy Horton and Leslie Ridings DTLA RA Co-Founders and Board Members



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May 5, 2025

**Mayor Karen Bass**  
**Councilmember Ysabel Jurado**  
**Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council**

Dear Mayor Bass, Councilmember Jurado, and City Council Members,

We're writing on behalf of the Downtown Los Angeles Residents Association (DTLA RA) and the more than 2,300 renters, homeowners, and community stakeholders we represent to urge you to pass a 2025-26 City budget that values, supports, and invests in our neighborhood -- for the good of DTLA, and for the good of the entire City.

DTLA is home to 100,000 Angelenos. Our community is dense, diverse, vibrant, and primed to contribute meaningfully to Los Angeles' forward progress and evolution through and beyond this budget crisis. DTLA is one of the City's major economic engines and consistent sources of revenue—accounting for more than 40% of all business and sales tax revenue. When our neighborhood thrives, all Los Angeles thrives with it. We're facing historic challenges that demand bold leadership and urgent investment now so our City can avert challenging moments like this one in the future – and so we can be prepared to be hosts on the world stage with the many upcoming opportunities that will put our home in the spotlight beginning in just one year with the FIFA World Cup in 2026.

**We urge you to include the following six resident budget priorities in your 2025-26 budget. They address the top-rated concerns and solutions raised by our community and Board as identified through our first-ever DTLA Community Budget Advocacy Survey and Petition, which garnered 224 replies from across the entire Downtown community in just three days.**

**1. Redirect Homelessness Spending Based on Community Input**

Downtown cannot continue to be the epicenter of LA, the region, and the Country's homelessness crisis, while other neighborhoods and communities turn their backs on their own vulnerable populations. From Skid Row to the Historic Core and beyond, the human suffering we witness on the streets of Downtown is unacceptable. The City must stop pouring money into programs and services that don't deliver results for Downtown and its residents. Recent audits and our day-to-day experiences show the current system isn't moving the needle meaningfully to solve homelessness in Downtown –

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instead, existing approaches are perpetuating an unconscionable status quo. We're asking the City to reassess how homelessness funding is spent in DTLA so that investments produce measurable, visible results – and we ask you to engage Downtown residents in this reassessment. When programs fail to address worsening street level conditions in our neighborhood, the City must course correct. Our neighborhood is already under-resourced when it comes to supporting basic residential and community needs in Skid Row and beyond. More of the same simply isn't enough when we can't solve the problems before us or support the people in our DTLA neighborhood and on our streets. Residents are watching. We need real oversight, real accountability, and real solutions to homelessness in Downtown—now.

## **2. Supercharge Mental Health First Response in DTLA**

DTLA sees more public mental health crises than any other neighborhood in the City. But current unarmed response programs—like CIRCLE—aren't beginning to meet the scale of need. Paramedics, firefighters, and residents agree: the system is underpowered and overstretched. We urge you to dramatically boost funding for Downtown-based mental health response, expand service hours, and add clinical staffing so that people in crisis can get the care they deserve—and so that our streets get safer in the process.

## **3. Fun Faster Repairs of DTLA's Street Lights**

Too many Downtown streets go dark far too often, and the City's inability to promptly effectuate repairs—current estimates for repair queues are approximately a year—keep our neighborhoods dark, and our streets unsafe. We urge the City to allocate dedicated overtime funding for Bureau of Street Lighting engineers to prioritize and fast-track repairs in DTLA. Lighting is safety. Lighting is dignity. The City must act with urgency to restore both.

## **4. Invest in Overtime Funding for Community-Driven Safety Patrols**

Downtown needs smart, visible, and community-centered public safety solutions. Most residents surveyed support targeted overtime funds to ensure that DTLA has community policing that is commensurate with the negative perceptions of safety and reality of crime and disorder on the ground in our neighborhood. Many DTLA resident survey responders have requested LAPD foot beat and bike patrols, which can build community trust, improve response times, and de-escalate street-level issues before they escalate. While sworn officers are not the solution for every problem, and bad actors within the department must be held accountable, the majority of resident respondents see community-based policing as a necessary part of a healthy, vibrant Downtown, and want the City to invest accordingly.



## **5. Create a Downtown Innovation Zone: Fuel Downtown's Small Business Comeback**

Downtown's economy won't recover on its own. The City must invest in small business stimulus that drives job growth, reactivates storefronts, and builds local wealth. We urge you to expedite and streamline Downtown business permitting, launch targeted grant and loan programs, and remove barriers that stifle innovation. Every small business opening in Downtown faces challenges; navigating a byzantine municipal permitting process should not be one of them. DTLA's local entrepreneurs, many of whom are residents, are ready to lead a comeback—if the City clears the path. We urge you to work with community stakeholders to establish a DTLA Innovation Zone by funding local business incentives and leveraging this challenging moment to make it faster and easier to work with the city on permitting and other roadblocks to operate in our neighborhood.

## **6. Fund a Long-Term Downtown Infrastructure Financing Strategy**

Downtown is at a pivotal moment. Record-high office vacancies and reassessed property values have reset our tax base just as the City must urgently invest in housing, climate resilience, and public-realm upgrades. **We urge Councilmember Jurado and Council District 14 to allocate \$500,000 to evaluate and develop an Infrastructure Financing Plan (IFP) for a Downtown Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD), Climate Resiliency District (CRD), or Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA).** These tools—backed by California and federal law—can unlock billions over decades by channeling rising land value and private capital into community priorities, without requiring new general-fund taxes. Cities across the state are leveraging them. It's time for Los Angeles to lead—and Downtown is the place to start.

These priority investments will ensure that in this moment of crisis, the City is prioritizing a strong, economically vibrant, and resilient Downtown that centers the needs of its residential community.

Downtowners want a budget that reflects our contributions, our challenges, and our potential, and we're asking you to be our champions for our community this budget cycle and beyond.

We're sincerely grateful for your time, support, and investment in a better Downtown.

Thank you for your time and attention,

**Cassy Horton and Leslie Ridings  
on behalf of the undersigned  
DTLA RA Board of Directors and 224 residents**





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First Name	Last Name	DTLA Neighborhood	2025-26 Budget Comments
Abdulkamal	Abdullahi	South Park	
Cheri	Adams	South Park	
carol	ahogren	South Park	
Lawrence	Aldava	Financial District	
René	Almaraz	Fashion District	
Brian	Altounian	Fashion District	
Brianna	Angele	I visit via metro frequently, and one of my work office is in DTLA!	DTLA is a high density housing area that could be a cultural hub for Los Angeles, given its central location and accessibility via public transit. Investing in DTLA is investing in all of LA
Susan	Arick	Historic Core	
Juliet	Arroyo	Historic Core	Need a more friendly walking experience
Yvette	Ayers	Bunker Hill	
Shemma	Bae	Bunker Hill	We are the worst downtown in USA. Homeless and pollution is the only things that are visible in our downtown.
Young	Bae	Bunker Hill	

Alexander	Balladares	Historic Core	DTLA was noted as approximately 15-20% of all revenue for Los Angeles County last year, investing further in the area will push that number higher as more businesses and residents can join into the community. DTLA is one of the few walkable areas we have in southern California, expanding on this to push revenue & productivity higher while leveraging the incoming Olympics swell at the same time is a once in a decade opportunity!
Eric	Banes	South Park	
Gabriella	Barbosa	Historic Core	
Diana	Barillas	Bunker Hill	
Samir	Bitar	Financial District	For every \$1 invested through tax credits or similar taxes incentives, generates \$3 in base tax revenue. With strategic investments in Downtown LA CD14 can generate necessary resources to support programs across CD14.
PT	Black	Historic Core	Downtown is LA's most efficient, mixed, and historic neighborhood that generates economic and cultural power for the whole vast city. A strong safe and vibrant downtown serves all of Los Angeles.
Tyler	Blaisdell	Historic Core	
Matthew	Bowers	Historic Core	To be a world class city we need a safe, clean, and thriving downtown. Every other world class city has this, and a vibrant DTLA will be a huge boon for all of Los Angeles

Lauren	Brown	Boyle Heights across 4 th st bridge near Arts District	Everyone benefits!
Makena	Buchanan	Arts District	
Jaime	Bueno Marcos	South Park	DTLA is the heart of the city with incredible potential as a community center, cultural center, and tourism destination but local leadership seems OK with it being a safe haven for crime, filth, and lack of community. We hear our elected leaders speak of the greatness of Los Angeles and when friends and family visit they are in shock at the conditions and take with them a terrible impression of what Los Angeles is. Shoplifting is rampant, vandalism is rampant, filth is everywhere, lack of respect for our laws is rampant. Everyone who lives and works in this community, of all backgrounds, deserve better. This can be a vibrant community. Why is city leadership OK with being in charge of a decaying DTLA????
Gesa	Buttner Dias	Historic Core	
Katina	Calvin	Little Tokyo	The people who keep our streets tidy and the Public Services assistants on bikes are important because they literally patrol the streets and engage with the homeless and assist those who need it.They clean the sidewalks and pick up trash that vagrants discard onto sidewalks and streets. These are important jobs for the people who have them and to the community. Admittedly, I am unsure if they are employed by non for profits but I think they are important.

Gina	Chamberlain	South Park	We have national & international attention, so more investment is needed to make the area an attractive destination.
Eunice	Chan	South Park	
Cecilia	Chandler	Historic Core	The city has to invest in safety, clean streets and economic development to continue to protect and grow the number of residents in DTLA. Since LA has a housing crisis, DTLA is an essential part of solving the problem.
harry	chandler	Historic Core	
Celine	Chen	South Park	
Michael	Chen	South Park	
Neva and Paul	Chevalier	Historic Core	
Andrew	Chiu	Little Tokyo	Building owners should be responsible for keeping empty retail store fronts decorated and lit up at night.
lydia	clarke	Historic Core	
Brandye	Combs	South Park	
Francisco	Contreras	Historic Core	
Eric	Cooper	Sherman Oaks	

Linda	Cordeiro	Historic Core	<p>Lighting, all DTLA parks, and safety are a priority. You need to please include the park at First and Broadway (FAB) as a priority. Kevin De Leon killed it by siphoning and transferring all the remaining millions out of that project into East LA projects and Pershing Square to support his own campaign efforts. He was also last-minute trying to burnish his "homeless advocacy" credentials by proposing putting a temp homeless shelter there - at the civic, historic, and tourist heart of DTLA. No regard for the Historic Core. Even Recs and Parks advised repeatedly that he use the remaining millions to install a more modest park there than the originally proposed \$25+ million dollar plans, and he refused. Instead, he drained a fund that was targeted for our neighborhood. We got screwed. Sorry for the strong language but a lot of us in the Core were and remain really upset about this. We organized against this and won. We plan to move on this with DLANC and CD-14. Your support would be invaluable. Also, they need to clean up the square at 3rd and Main. Once again, KDL installed a chain link fence and a few pots there after a murder. Pots now hold dead plants. It's an eyesore. No planning, no foresight. Pershing Square is another DTLA disaster - we residents can't even walk it - imagine what the tourists think.</p>
Rebecca	Couch	South Park	<p>We're at a critical juncture here. I've lived here since 2004 and used to walk all over DTLA (even at night) and wasn't concerned for my safety. That's no longer the case. I've never seen DTLA so dirty and unkept.</p>

			<p>I feel like we still haven't recovered from COVID. You see it in resident morale - they litter more and let their dogs poop everywhere. That's unacceptable.</p> <p>We need DTLA to be vibrant and exciting again. Bringing back Broadway was always an amazing event. We need more events to showcase DTLA.</p> <p>We need to make some real investments going forward. What ever happened to the streetcar? I've never seen property values so stagnant. My condo isn't worth what I paid for it three years ago - yet property taxes and HOAs have never been higher. I understand some of this is area/bldg specific. But we need to do something if we want people to continue to invest in and get excited about DTLA. The eyesore by the convention center reminds me of DTLA in the last 80s - people might come visit but they don't STAY. We don't want to go back to that...if we do we might never recover.</p>
Kimberly	Creighton	Fashion District	I am a long time resident and employee of downtown and investment in the community is a priority
Brandon	Cruz	Historic Core	
Antonio	Cuevas	Chinatown	
Veronica	Cutinella	Financial District	

Sara	Daleiden	Historic Core	DTLA is a neighborhood with a beautiful range of neighbors in terms of income levels, generations, ethnicities, gender and other qualities we want to celebrate together. Small creative and other businesses like mine are key to the health of our neighborhood and we need support to stay in DTLA.
Abrey	Daniel	South Park	
David	Dapper	South Park	
Danielle	Davis	Bunker Hill	Los Angeles
Thomas	De Simone	Financial District	Downtown is one of the region's primary economic engines. It has an outsized share of economic activity, tax generation, housing production, and major events. The area was thriving before the pandemic but has lagged other regions after the pandemic. The city, county and state need to provide concentrated and coordinated investment to support its revival so that it can continue to be an asset and economic driver for the region.
Nate	Dehnert	Historic Core	
Susan	DesCombes	Historic Core	
Albert	Diaz	Historic Core	
Donna	dietterick	Financial District	



Nicole	Dimitrius	South Park	DTLA is deteriorating and needs critical attention and funding NOW! We are the heart of this beautiful city and watching so many businesses close down is unacceptable.
Daniel	Doody	South Park	
Mario	Duarte	Financial District	
Chanir	Duque casanova	South Park	The city must invest in the implementation of SB-43 law and 41.18 ordinance in order to attract business to DTLA. With hundreds of people with mental illness roaming DTLA, hundreds of drug addicts getting high on the streets, and close to a thousand homeless camping in/around DTLA its very difficult to attract business, investment and tax payers residents.
Brian	Duss	Financial District	I would like to see money moved from the LAPD budget to services that actually impact quality of life for DTLA residents.
Kate	Farrar	Historic Core	
Daniel	Fehder	Financial District	
William	Feliciano	Bunker Hill	
David	Fenn	Historic Core	Downtown shoulders a lot of the City's burdens with homelessness and housing construction and suffered some of the worst impacts of COVID while safeguarding historic resources and hosting countless visitors in regular years and upcoming major events. We need the City to invest in safe streets and business programs to

			help revitalize this neighborhood at the heart of the City to put our best face forward.
Shabri	Forrester	Historic Core	
Michael	Fraser	Historic Core	Downtown generates roughly 40% of the city's business and sales tax revenue, but tends to receive minimal investment from the city in return. I would love to see a level of investment which reflects DTLA's importance to the city and region.
David	Freid	Bunker Hill	There's nowhere in the city with more potential to alleviate the housing crisis and to incentivize a pedestrian-first, multimodal commuter lifestyle to help get cars off the road. If DTLA were made to be safe and clean, trees were planted, and more pedestrianized spaces were considered , it could be an overnight success story while the rest of LA will need to chip away at housing for many years to make a difference.
Joyce	Fried	South Park	
Kristin	Friedrich	Historic Core	
Kevin	Fulton	Chinatown	
Betty	Gabriel	Fashion District	
Paul	Gamberg	Fashion District	
Mariana	Garate	Historic Core	

Mathieu	Giraud	Historic Core	Invest NOW so we don't look like fools during the 2028 Olympic Games!! No time to waste, our beloved downtown needs massive investments and love!
Urzulo	Glaviano	Historic Core	I think any investment in DTLA needs to prioritize our most vulnerable citizens. Especially as attacks on the LGBTQ community have increased, sending a message that Los Angeles is proud of all our people is incredibly important. In addition, addressing gentrification has to be a part of this conversation. Revitalizing downtown cannot come in the form of sweeps and displacement of the poor and working class.
Henry	Gnoza	South Park	
Angela	Gomez	Historic Core	The health of downtown is a cornerstone of the financial capability of Los Angeles during the upcoming Olympics
Terrence	Graham	Historic Core	
Yulia	Graham	Historic Core	It's not truly a city unless every corner is utilized effectively and efficiently. Right now, Downtown LA is full of empty storefronts, dirty parking lots, and underused buildings—something clearly isn't working. Cities like Copenhagen, Barcelona, and Amsterdam have shown how smart urban planning—walkable neighborhoods, mixed-use development, and vibrant public spaces—can bring life back into city centers. DTLA needs that same vision.

Josh	Gray-Emmer	Historic Core	DTLA is the economic engine of our great city but receives only a small portion back in funding and investment, please change that!
Sebastiaan	Gregoir	Historic Core	
Nicholas	Griffin	Financial District	Downtown is the economic and cultural center of the city and hub of the transit system, thus its health and vitality impacts the whole city. It is a major tourist destination, particularly for major events, thus its safety and appeal impacts the image of the whole city. But it is also one of the city's biggest residential neighborhood with almost 100,000 local residents and a density of businesses 10 times that of the rest of the city. For all of those reasons, DTLA requires and warrants a higher level of investment to support the public realm than other parts of the city. That may sound inequitable, but it is just the truth that many more people use downtown - both locals, visitors, workers, and businesses - and thus there are more demands on its infrastructure, public spaces, and services. And that needs to be supported if it is to be the center the city needs.
Andy	Griffith	Arts District	
Tom	Grode	Skid Row	
Tatiana	Guionnet	Fashion District	
Dahlia	Gutierrez	Historic Core	Our community !

Michael	Guzman	Little Tokyo	
Zahra	Hajee	Historic Core	
Robert	Harbour	South Park	
Jared	Hardy	Financial District	LAPD already gets too much, including from bullying pedestrians near film shoots. Invest in preventing crime, not on continuing to fail at de-escalation and curbing recidivism.
Allan	Harris	Historic Core	
David	Hartle	South Park	
Matthew	Harvill	South Park	
Klaus	Havelund	Historic Core	DTLA is really struggling. As an international city it is an embarrassment. Walking down the street is like fighting your way through a jungle of homeless and drug users.
Teresa Y	Hillery	South Park	
Mary Anne	Hillier	Bunker Hill	Safety issues need to be addressed in order for growth of the community to continue. The unpredictable behavior and the lack of cleanliness of the homeless destroys the hard work of those who live and work downtown. This is a great place to live if you felt safe.

Nicole	Hinds	South Park	DTLA is a vibrant RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. We love and care for our neighborhood and hope that the rest of LA invests in our livelihood. The success of DTLA is the success of LA.
Pj	Holloway	Historic Core	
Cassy	Horton	Financial District	Investing in Downtown is investing in CD 14 and Los Angeles. Leaving Downtown by the wayside is bad for the city. Our residential community is carrying the load of supporting the people who live here, the people who visit here, and the people facing the highest concentration of deep need. The path to a vibrant, healthy city is through Downtown. Please make the necessary investments to address public safety, mental health, and basic residential infrastructure and economic development in the year ahead. We need you to fight for us, support us, and believe in us as a neighborhood and the long-term returns will be worth your investment.
Cassy	Horton	Financial District	
Rashan	Hunter	Historic Core	
Yuri	Huxley	Fashion District	
Jad	Ismail	Historic Core	DTLA, and specifically Historic Core, seems to have become a forgotten part of the city. We don't get investments anymore and the things we were promised are lacking.

Andrey	Ivannikov	South Park	
Liz	Jacobi	Historic Core	Investment in DTLA for a walkable, safe neighborhood to live and work, with preservation of cultural and historic buildings and support of small businesses.
Melinda	Johnson	Historic Core	
Kori	Joneson	South Park	
Casey	Junod	South Park	
Marissa	Kagele	South Park	
Heera	Kapoor	Historic Core	
Walter	Kartman	Historic Core	I love DTLA, but it will never be its best until we help clean up skid row. And by “clean up” I don’t mean “make disappear”, but make a real effort to give more mental health services, expedite permitting and constructing of affordable housing, even supervised injection sites. I would also support government supplemental support to convert empty office buildings into affordable housing. Also wholeheartedly support continuing to promote public transportation.
paul	kaufman	Historic Core	DTLA is the heart of Los Angeles, with an unparalleled collection of historic buildings, creative energy and community. Now is the time to invest in people-friendly solutions that will make DTLA more livable and help people feel more secure to live work, create and

			<p>play in downtown DTLA.</p> <p>As a small business owner in DTLA for over ten years, i believe there are low-cost, high return ways to bring more people and businesses back to DTLA: more people and businesses will bring more security and safety... which in-turn will bring more residents and visitors.</p> <p>The buildings alone make a visit to DTLA worthwhile... imagine if there were more viable shops and restaurants and bars and music and film and theatre and more residents? DTLA would become LA's crown jewel... again.</p>
Patti	Kilroy	Arts District	<p>DTLA can be so great, if it can just be made to feel like it is safer! The perceived lack of safety, in my area often unfortunately due to unstable people on the street, I think keeps development from happening like it should. Regarding homeless services, I really want to support them, but I think it is also very important on the part of the city councilmember's office to state clear metrics regarding what is being done and how it is working out (I liked the messaging coming from Nithya Raman early on, for example.) It's really easy, especially living close to Skid row, to feel that nothing is actually getting accomplished.</p>
John	Kim	Historic Core	
Vlad	Kopman	Skid Row	
Anita	Kriplani	Bunker Hill	



Amanda	Lao	Historic Core	
Kenneth	Lee	Historic Core	
Anson	Lee	Historic Core	DTLA has yet to recover from the covid lockdowns. Please continue to invest in our neighborhoods, businesses, and residents.
Adam	Lewis	South Park	
J. A.	Leymore	Historic Core	
Jen	Linck	Historic Core	
Davora	Lindner	Financial District	
Alex	Lindsay	Fashion District	
Robert	Lobo	Historic Core	
Cris	Lombardi	Historic Core	Investing in Downtown Los Angeles is a high-return proposition! Over the past few years there's a new residential DTLA population that moved here because they believe in the neighborhood. DTLA has good bones in the beautiful historic buildings and culture, it just needs the City's help to flesh it out and get the blood flowing again. This is the heart of Los Angeles and could become one of it's best assets and a great source of civic pride.. all of us who live in DTLA are looking forward to unlocking this potential with the support of City leaders!

David	Lopez	Skid Row	
Emiliano	Lopez	Historic Core	
Juan	Lossada	Historic Core	Investing will help turn around the historic core which has notably deteriorated ever since the pandemic and the prior riots.
Stephen	Lovegrove	Financial District	
Matthew	Luery	Historic Core	
Stephan	MacDonald	Bunker Hill	DTLA can be a great place to live! But it's going to take investing in helping move the homeless off the streets into temp housing, as well as investments into opening more restaurants/cafes and converting vacant office buildings into more residential units.
David	Madeo	Historic Core	
Melissa	Manousos	Historic Core	Residents in other parts of Los Angeles think of Downtown as dangerous. It's not dangerous, just neglected. It could be vibrant and beautiful if properly funded and maintained. It should be a jewel of the city but right now it is treated as a forgotten pocket because we have fewer tax-paying homeowners raising concerns.
Chad	Manuel	Bunker Hill	
Derek	Mazzeo	Historic Core	
Marisol	Medina	Historic Core	If we had easy/affordable parking like in Pasadena or Santa Monica, then we could have a bustling area since there are so many small

			businesses for people to visit. DTLA's strength is in local, mom and pop shops/restaurants all in walking distance.
David	Miller	Flower District	DTLA had made great strides to become a desirable city prior to COVID. It was the place to be and had the potential to be the downtown it always could have been with shops, restaurants, and the energy of LA. The backdrop for Laker games, Dodger games. There was nothing that could stop it. Now is the time to bring it back before its all lost again.
Alexa	Moe	Chinatown	a thriving downtown will only help build the community of los angeles by adding economic and social density into the LA
Scott	Moe	Historic Core	
Kristine	Moe	Historic Core	
Austin	Moreau	Arts District	
Michelle	Morehead	South Park	An investment in DTLA is an investment in Los Angeles.
Xavi	Moreno	Historic Core	<p>I grew up in Downtown L.A. My entire family worked at Dearden's on Main Street, and we did all our shopping on Broadway. Now, I work here too.</p> <p>I remember the Downtown of the 1990s — as soon as the sun went down, the rolling gates came down with it.</p> <p>That's why it means so much to see people out today — enjoying</p>

			bars, restaurants, shopping, and having a good time in the city.  But safety is still a major concern. We need real action to clean up our streets and make Downtown a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.
Kelly	Musgrove	South Park	
Lesley	Muzio	Fashion District	
Lisa	Napoli	Bunker Hill	How can the city possibly think it's okay that so many buildings (the LA Grand Hotel, the World Trade Center, Ocean-side Plaza, and many smaller ones) are vacant or nearly so....we are a world-class city and downtown should be our thriving pride of the city.
Noah	Nash	Historic Core	
Kahlil	Nelson	Arts District	
Terin	Ngo	Fashion District	We are Downtown LA, the center of the city. It should be full of life and thriving. It should be the hub and heart of the city!
John	Nilsson	South Park	Safety, Security, Safety, Security.....Safety, Security
Enid	Nilsson	South Park	
Clinton	Oie	Historic Core	

BellaNaomi	Ostby	Skid Row	Investing in DTLA is investing in residents and in tourists alike. The return on investment is greater than money alone. To be proud to live here.
Ann	Owens	Historic Core	
Ryuko	Ozawa	Historic Core	It would be great to have more events in Downtown that would appeal to many people in Los Angeles. The most recent event that brought many people from across the LA area was the Fight Oligarchy Rally. I thought that was a great turnout of people and I really noticed an increase in foot traffic and groups of people that day in the Historic Core. We really need our Downtown to thrive and be a unique center of activity to make people want to explore the various districts that make up Downtown LA.
Brian	Paik	South Park	I'm very embarrassed at the condition of DTLA (particularly the homelessness, graffiti, crime, etc) and we need significant investments to boost economic activity and to develop DTLA which is literally the center of the City of Los Angeles.
Paul	Patterson	Historic Core	
Ken	Pelletier	Historic Core	
Lauren	Pettit	Historic Core	
Carol	Pfannkuche	Bunker Hill	

Mario	Pleites	South Park	<p>Investing in Downtown LA means investing in the future of our entire city. DTLA is the heart of Los Angeles—it’s where cultures converge, small businesses thrive, and community can flourish when given the right support. I want the city to prioritize affordable housing, mental health services, accessible public transportation, and safety—without over-policing. This matters to me because I live, work, and spend time here, and I’ve seen both the potential and the challenges firsthand.</p> <p>DTLA also has the potential to be a safe, vibrant, and affirming space for the LGBTQ+ community. We need intentional investment in queer spaces, events, and resources—similar to the way West Hollywood has championed inclusivity and created a community that uplifts and celebrates LGBTQ+ residents and visitors. Downtown should be a place where everyone, regardless of identity, can thrive, feel seen, and experience joy. Real investment—centered in equity and community—can make DTLA a model for urban renewal done right.</p>
Shane	Quentin	Historic Core	
Lorana	Quintero	Bunker Hill	
Marcus	Richeson	Historic Core	
Leslie	Ridings	Financial District	<p>Downtown Los Angeles is the civic, cultural, and economic heart of our city and region. It is one of the few areas in the city that generates revenue for the rest of the city—all the more important</p>

			<p>given the city’s current economic dire straits. Despite this, the city and county have neglected Downtown for decades. Outside of the immediate civic center or tightly constrained LA Live are, DTLA has been perceived as primarily as “9—5” central business district on bunker hill, and a convenient place to sweep complicated issues that other parts of the city didn't want to deal with. This is not only unacceptable and untenable: it’s unconscionable and must end.</p> <p>Something has changed, however, and there is something new about downtown that has never been true before: DTLA now hosts a residential population nearly 90k strong, and we are calling on our city leaders to partner with the county to be champions for DTLA and to do the right thing—to invest in DTLA so that it can thrive and help pay for programs both in DTLA and across the city. To get folks experiencing mental health crises off the street and into treatment in facilities that can take care of them across the county—not just in Downtown. And to build transitional and supportive housing for our unhoused population to get them housed and off the street around the city and county as well—not just in Downtown. Downtown is willing and able to do it’s fair share of taking care of our vulnerable, generating revenue, building housing across affordability levels for our entire city thanks to DTLA 2040, and being the thrumming heart of our city—it just needs the rest of the city and county to do it’s fair share of caring for our vulnerable populations as well.</p> <p>DTLA needs more amenities for its recent explosion of residents—a</p>
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			population which will continue to grow under DTLA 2040 and based on the planning department’s plan to have the majority of new housing and population in Los Angeles be centered in DTLA. We need schools, parks, grocery stores, daycares, and residential amenities. We need the sidewalks to be wide and well-lit, for cars to slow down, for traffic laws to be enforced, and for folks across downtown— regardless of neighborhood or income level—to feel safe and secure in walking through their community at any hour of the day or night.
Athena	Riley	Financial District	
Prince	Riley	Financial District	Downtown LA is the economic center of the city we need to prioritize it and prioritize safety and business development over leniency on criminals. It is extremely challenging for business’s to survive under the current conditions the city provides and I fear if the city continues not taking any real action or change we will see a economic tail spin the city won’t be able to recover from.
RUSSELL	RONEY	Arts District	
Lily	Rosenberg	Financial District	
Terry	Rubinroit	South Park	
Rosa	Sanchez	Historic Core	Must invest in cleaning up the city by getting rid of all the drug addicts and enforcing laws. No more open sales and usage of drugs. Make sleeping on sidewalks illegal. Put trash cans again we desperately need them. Stop passing out drug paraphernalia. Stop



			focusing on the homeless so much and focus on the residents and businesses, we deserve help cause we actually contribute to society.
Sarah	Schellpeper	Financial District	
Molly	Schmidt	Historic Core	
Ricardo	Sebastián	Fashion District	
Dan	Silver	Bunker Hill	
Marc	Sinnott	Historic Core	
Julian	Smalley	Bunker Hill	
Jeffrey	Sommerville	Historic Core	We have gone backwards, especially since the pandemic, and new investment is crucial to build a sense of community that is safe and vibrant. Too many empty storefronts and buildings vandalized by tagging, which will not attract new businesses or residents.
Joshua	Spalding	Fashion District	I've lived in the downtown/ktown area since 2018. Homelessness has gotten progressively worse and is showing no signs of getting better. Downtown is awesome and could really be revitalized and become a thriving community. The first step in doing that is to address the homeless problem. It's dirty and unsafe in downtown. That should be the first step.
Scott	Stearns	South Park	

Nichole	Stenbak	Financial District	
joel	stoeker	Fashion District	
Alison	Stolpa	Fashion District	
Rodney	Stone	Historic Core	<p>We need safe and clean streets/sidewalks to encourage new businesses and new residents to populate our DTLA neighborhoods. Our city will not survive many more years of what we have now.</p> <p>Instead of cutting the sanitation departments budget, hire more workers to clean streets every day, not once a week or once a month. The city seems to find money for their pet projects to make the politicians feel good. Instead make DTLA the pet project.</p>
David	Stukas	Fashion District	
brent	sullivan	Historic Core	
Jennifer	Sun	Financial District	
Deborah	Suyehara	Historic Core	Not investing in a city's core is to condemn it.
Noemi	Tagorda	Historic Core	
David	Thomas	City Center West	
Justin	Thongsavanh	Historic Core	
Christine	Thornton	Historic Core	

Dr. Terri	Tinsley	Historic Core	I live here; shop; pay taxes. It is LA.
Anita	To	Historic Core	
Catherine	Tomiczek	Historic Core	
Lisa	Tseng	Historic Core	
Candi	Valente	South Park	I am proud to live in DTLA and the city leaders of DTLA should be proud of our city too, which means it should be reflected in the way they care for the neighborhood and how dollars are spent. Repairing city street lights and caring for homeless are basic services. I'd like to see my city and my tax dollars do the bare minimum for it's community.
Tiago	Valente	South Park	
Lauren	Vallier	South Park	The heart of the city deserves to be nurtured and strengthened; we will be the gateway for untold numbers of 2028 Olympics visitors. I envision a thriving downtown full of independently owned small businesses of diverse offerings merged into our historical architecture and long-standing businesses, creating a destination that will engage our growing residential population and encourage visitors to return.
Steven	Vanderveer	Historic Core	
Leni	Vazquez	South Park	Keeping streets safe for residents, businesses & tourists should be a priority

Jennifer	Vincent	Historic Core	San Diego has made their downtown into a central business location that attracts San Diego residents and tourists. DTLA should follow in this example instead of allowing our downtown to go to waste with businesses shutting down.
Sebastien	W.	South Park	
Daniel	Walters	Historic Core	
Alexandra	Weber	Historic Core	<p>Many of us choose to live downtown as a way to live car free in a dense, walkable environment. Even though living here is a choice (for me), I realize I'm allowed to expect things from our public officials and city services. We should have additional restrooms as to eliminate the amount of urine and feces on the sidewalk. I should be able to sit in our closest park without being jumped on by a dog, and I should be able to ride my bike in the bike lane without dodging cars/valets using it as their personal HOV lane.</p> <p>I love living here, I will continue to live here, and I hope many others join us.</p>
Cynthia	West	Financial District	
Brandon	Williams	South Park	
Gary	Wise	South Park	
Danielle	Wolff	Historic Core	DT is the heart of Los Angeles, and both residents and visitors desperately want it to live up to its potential. Public safety and

