



Fwd: Public Comment – Protect Animal Shelters and Prevent Further Euthanasia Crisis

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am submitting this comment to express my strong opposition to any plans to close or underfund Los Angeles animal shelters.

This year alone, euthanasia rates have surged by 72% for dogs and 17% for cats. These numbers represent thousands of lives lost — not because these animals were unadoptable, but because our system failed them. This is a moral crisis that demands immediate leadership and intervention.

Closing shelters or reducing services would not only abandon vulnerable animals to the streets and to death, but it would also deepen the trauma faced by shelter employees and volunteers, who already endure unbearable emotional strain witnessing preventable suffering daily.

I urge the Council to:

- Fully fund and staff our existing animal shelters
- Launch an urgent public education campaign about responsible pet ownership
- Strengthen partnerships with rescue groups to increase positive outcomes
- Maintain transparency in shelter statistics to ensure public accountability

Los Angeles has long claimed a commitment to compassion and to becoming a no-kill city. To abandon that commitment now would not only cost lives — it would cost public trust.

Please act with urgency and conscience. The animals and the people who care for them deserve far better.

Sincerely,

Felicia Greely

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