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## Fwd: Oppose the proposed cuts to the Department of Animal Services budget!

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Office of the City Clerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 2:17 PM

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Thank you!

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From: **Amanda Kempker** <kempkera@hotmail.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 2:13 PM

Subject: Oppose the proposed cuts to the Department of Animal Services budget!

To: Amanda Kempker <kempkera@hotmail.com>

Hi,

My name is Amanda, and I'm a constituent in your neighborhood 90066.

I'm calling to strongly urge Council members 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.

Amanda