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## 25-0600 PC 04-29-2025

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

Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 1:15 PM

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From: Office of the City Clerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>  
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2025 12:14:52 -0700  
Subject: Fwd: Council File number 25-0600  
FYI. Thank you.  
Email: [hadleyphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:hadleyphoto@yahoo.com)

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From: **'Sarah Hadley' via Clerk - CityClerk** <[cityclerk@lacity.org](mailto:cityclerk@lacity.org)>  
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 12:09 PM  
Subject: Council File number 25-0600  
To: <[CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly oppose Mayor Karen Bass's proposed budget cuts to Los Angeles Animal Services. Reducing funding for our city's animal shelters would have devastating consequences for both animals and our communities. Our shelters are already under immense strain—understaffed, overcrowded, and struggling to provide basic care for the thousands of homeless, abandoned, and injured animals that rely on them. Cutting their budget will only worsen this crisis, leading to increased neglect, suffering, and potentially higher euthanasia rates. It is unacceptable for a city as large and resourceful as Los Angeles to turn its back on its most vulnerable creatures. These shelters also serve the public—supporting pet owners, reducing stray animal populations, and protecting public health and safety. Budget cuts would limit essential services like adoptions, spay/neuter programs, and emergency response. The impact will be felt citywide. I urge you to reject any proposal that cuts funding to animal services. Instead, we should be investing in solutions that address this crisis humanely and effectively. Our city must do better—for the animals, and for the people who care about them!

Thank you,

Sarah Hadley

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
Cc:  
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Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2025 12:13:40 -0700  
Subject: Fwd: Restore Office of Historic Resources Positions in FY 2025–26 City Budget  
FYI. Thank you.

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From: **Erika Rogers** <[erikaarogers@gmail.com](mailto:erikaarogers@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 12:11 PM

Subject: Restore Office of Historic Resources Positions in FY 2025–26 City Budget

To: <[Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org)>, <[heather.hutt@lacity.org](mailto:heather.hutt@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org)>, <[councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org)>, <[CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)>

Cc: Erika Rogers <[erikaarogers@gmail.com](mailto:erikaarogers@gmail.com)>

To: LA City Budget ad Finance Committee Members

Subject: Restore Office of Historic Resources Positions in FY 2025–26 City Budget

My name is Erika Rogers, and I am a resident of Council District 13. I'm writing to urge the Budget and Finance Committee to restore the five positions eliminated from the Office of Historic Resources in Mayor Bass's proposed FY 2025–26 budget.

Cutting nearly one-third of OHR's staff will severely harm Los Angeles' capacity to protect its rich architectural and cultural history. These aren't just bureaucratic jobs—they are essential to the stewardship of our historic neighborhoods and landmarks. The physical landscape of Los Angeles is constantly changing and although building more housing for Angelenos is critical, we cannot afford to lose our city's architectural and cultural history. As someone who was born and raised in Los Angeles, with parents also born and raised in Los Angeles, I have seen far too much disinvestment in preserving the history and roots of the magical city that we are lucky to call home.

As a resident of CD 13, and former resident of CD 4 and CD 11, I've seen firsthand how Historic Preservation Overlay Zones improve community identity, preserve affordable housing, and support neighborhood-scale development. Removing three HPOZ planners will result in fewer meetings, slower project reviews, and weakened oversight that leaves our historic resources vulnerable to inappropriate alterations or demolition. Additionally, eliminating the sole staffer responsible for HistoricPlacesLA threatens the future of one of the city's most valuable planning tools and ends a long-standing partnership with the Getty Foundation. The loss of that work compromises years of investment in documenting and valuing our city's cultural assets. Historic preservation is not just about saving old buildings—it supports economic development, environmental sustainability, and community pride. Once these places are gone, we cannot get them back.

I respectfully request that the Budget Committee restore these five critical positions in a revised City Budget. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Erika Rogers

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## 2 attachments

 **Fwd: Council File number 25-0600.eml**  
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 **Fwd: Restore Office of Historic Resources Positions in FY 2025–26 City Budget.eml**  
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## Fwd: Public Comment: \$5M Long COVID Line-Item to Prevent \$3B in Losses (CF 25-0600)

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From: **Michael Askren** <mike.askren@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 1:36 PM  
Subject: Public Comment: \$5M Long COVID Line-Item to Prevent \$3B in Losses (CF 25-0600)  
To: <Clerk.BudgetFinanceandInnovation@lacity.org>, <katy.yaroslavsky@lacity.org>  
Cc: <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <DOD.Contact@lacity.org>, <controller.mejia@lacity.org>

Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members,

Please accept this email as my official public comment for inclusion in the record for Council File 25-0600 regarding the Fiscal Year 2025–26 City of Los Angeles Budget.

In the face of a \$1 billion budget shortfall, it is essential to act strategically. I urge you to reverse the proposed \$1.075 million cut to the Department on Disability and to allocate a \$5 million Long COVID Response line-item as a critical fiscal stabilization and cost-containment measure.

Key facts:

- \$1.075 million cut to the Department on Disability proposed
- \$5 million requested dedicated for Long COVID case management, benefits navigation, public outreach, prevention, and more
- \$3 billion in projected five-year economic losses if Long COVID is ignored<sup>1</sup>
- \$5 million investment now is less than 0.2% of projected losses over the next five years
- 268,000 Angelenos living with Long COVID (and growing)<sup>2</sup>
- Over 20× the number impacted when the City first funded AIDS services<sup>3</sup>

By Harvard economists estimations, Long COVID will cost Los Angeles over \$3 billion in five years<sup>1</sup>. Globally, Long COVID is already costing more than \$1 trillion per year<sup>4</sup>, and U.S. losses exceeded \$152.6 billion in 2024 alone<sup>5</sup>. Without intervention, these costs will continue to rise and directly undermine the City's tax base and services.

For comparison, during the AIDS crisis, Los Angeles began allocating dedicated funding in 1987, and by 1990 independently invested from its general fund—even though annual AIDS diagnoses in the County peaked at roughly 4,000 cases in 1992. Today, over 267,000 adults in Los Angeles are living with Long COVID, which is more than twenty times the peak impact of AIDS. Targeted investment at scale is again urgently needed.

A \$5 million starter investment today would stabilize residents, reverse critical service cuts, prevent escalating liabilities, and position Los Angeles to leverage future State and Federal pandemic recovery funds. This small, targeted investment today is a cost-saving, revenue-protecting action for the City's future. It strengthens our workforce, protects public health infrastructure, and positions Los Angeles to leverage additional State and Federal recovery funding. And, it's the right thing to do.

Investing now is responsible governance. Thank you for your leadership and for considering this critical measure.

Respectfully,  
Michael Askren  
Los Feliz Resident

References:

<sup>1</sup> Cutler, D. (2022). The Economic Impact of Long COVID. Harvard Kennedy School.

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Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 3:26 PM  
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Emily Nicholson  
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