



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexis

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 08:10 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need free spray/neuter clinics!!! That is the only way to stop the influx of so many animals. The community is begging to help support animals in need.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Chen

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 08:19 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol Smith

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 08:42 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council, I urgently call on you to immediately halt the proposed closure of three Los Angeles animal shelters and the layoff of 92 essential shelter staff—a devastating move that threatens both the welfare of our city’s animals and the livelihoods of those who care for them. Our shelter system is already operating beyond capacity. These cuts would push it into a full-blown crisis, resulting in more animals abandoned on the streets, fewer adoptions, increased suffering, and a tragic rise in euthanasia rates. These are not just statistics—these are living beings who deserve compassion, care, and a chance at life. Eliminating these vital resources is not a solution—it’s a moral failure. Dedicated shelter workers who serve on the frontlines of animal care will lose their jobs. Community members will lose a critical public service. And our neighborhoods will feel the impact as more stray, injured, and vulnerable animals are left with nowhere to go. We implore you to reconsider this harmful proposal and explore alternative budget solutions that do not sacrifice the safety and dignity of innocent animals or the livelihoods of hardworking Angelenos. There are other paths forward—paths that protect both fiscal responsibility and the values of our city. If these shelters close, countless dogs and cats will suffer and die. They will be left without sanctuary, without care, and without hope. The people of Los Angeles will not stand by while this happens. Please—protect our shelters, our workers, and the animals who rely on them. Do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 07:08 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not decrease funding to our animal shelters. We need more help not less.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Delia Cortez

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 07:33 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Bass, Members of the City Council, and the Los Angeles Animal Services Commission: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." – Mahatma Gandhi I'm writing today not just as a resident (this is my dear hometown so it is very close to my heart) of Los Angeles, but as someone deeply invested in the lives this city is entrusted to protect—both human and animal. The proposed \$6.4 million budget cut to Los Angeles Animal Services is not a simple adjustment. It is catastrophic. It threatens to shut down three shelters, eliminate over 60 vital staff positions, and leave thousands of animals—and the neighborhoods they live in—at serious risk. This is not an exaggeration. This is what will happen -Shelters that are already overcrowded will collapse under the weight of demand. -Euthanasia rates will skyrocket.

Euthanasia Trends in 2024: Dogs: From January to September 2024, LAAS euthanized 1,224 dogs, marking a 72% increase from the 710 dogs euthanized during the same period in 2023. Cats: Over 1,500 cats were euthanized in the first nine months of 2024, reflecting a 17% increase compared to the same timeframe in 2023. These increases occurred despite only a 17% rise in dog intake during the same period, suggesting that factors beyond intake numbers—such as overcrowding and staffing shortages—may have contributed to the higher euthanasia rates. Animals will continue to suffer in kennels, often sitting in their own waste due to a lack of staff. Stray populations will surge in our neighborhoods, increasing bites, property damage, and disease transmission—costing the city more in the long term. Taxpayer dollars already invested in lifesaving programs—such as spay/neuter services, adoption campaigns, and shelter improvements—will be wasted. These initiatives were designed to reduce intake and improve outcomes, but without staff or open shelters to support them, their effectiveness will be nullified. Animals that could have been saved through those investments will now face euthanasia due to lack of care and space. The system is already broken. These cuts don't fix the problem—they pour fuel on a fire. The city has long depended on volunteers and community partners to keep this system afloat. But no amount of goodwill can replace trained professionals, safe shelter space, or daily care. Community members have stepped up again and again.

It's time for the city to do the same. We urge you to: -Reverse the proposed budget cuts to LAAS. -Ensure shelters remain open and fully staffed. -Explore alternative budget solutions that do not endanger vulnerable animals and neighborhoods. -Please stop this before it's too late Do not shut our shelters. Do not silence the cries from behind those kennel doors. Do not turn your backs on the people of Los Angeles who care and who have carried this broken system on their backs for far too long. We are watching. We are organizing. And we will not stand by quietly while lives are thrown away. Sincerely, Delia Cortez Lifelong and proud resident of West Los Angeles

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jarrod Baniqued  
**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 07:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding the Mayor's proposed budget for 2025-26: While I support the increased funding for the Fire Department (as long as historically underserved neighborhoods get first priority in funds), I would recommend that police funding be held at current levels. I find that the cuts to the Planning, Transportation, and Civil Rights Departments would be detrimental to the Mayor's mission of densifying housing and improving environmental reviews of infill housing, raising transit frequencies in time for the Olympics, and healing the racial and gender divides of the City. It's not enough to preach abundance through streamlined environmental laws—what is needed is a liberalism that builds trust and power. These cuts would undermine state capacity to build and would alienate the many factions that have supported the Mayor's campaign. A strong and many-headed public sector workforce will make permitting jobs faster, and early stakeholder engagement for housing and infrastructure easier. If the only mission of the City is to enrich bondholders and the infamously brutal police force, rather than, say, expand Metro Rail or make power purchasing agreements or help Altadena residents recover, then the Mayor's budget does well towards that mission.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lois Keller

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 06:29 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed elimination of the LA City's Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO). Climate change threatens the health and well-being of EVERY LA resident. We have the ability to make LA a healthy and thriving metropolis, by paying attention to science and funding innovative science solutions not slashing programs that are combatting the effects of climate change every day. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee NOT to attempt to fix one crisis while causing another. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Craig Barry

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 04:41 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council, I oppose the proposed cuts to climate-related programs in the 2025–2026 city budget (Council File 25-0600). I'm a resident of Los Angeles and I object that these cuts come just months after the devastating wildfires in January. It is sadly clear that our city will not be not be prepared for the escalating impacts of climate change if we do not take action now. Cutting investments in climate resilience is short-sighted and dangerous. I urge the City Council to restore climate funding in this year's budget. Thank you for your leadership.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 05:46 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Counsel members Please STOP Mayor Bass from closing the Harbor Animal Shelter in San Pedro. The shelter is so important to our community and serves as a great resource not only to care for so many animals, but to provide low-cost pet care and vaccine care for our furry family members. Our local community loves and relies on our Harbor Animal Shelter and it is a Vital resource for us. I'd prefer you to vote for Karen Bass removal rather than see our beloved local Harbor Animal Shelter in San Pedro be closed, (and regretfully, I voted for her). Please vote NO to closure of Harbor Animal shelter. Thank you for your consideration. Kind regards, Noel Collins

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katia Imaicela

**Date Submitted:** 04/26/2025 03:40 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to make known my strong opposition to 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 Services Operations. These are the funds that could and should be used to retain staff and keep all six shelter open. Please do not cut funding to an already suffering department.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madeline ryan

**Date Submitted:** 04/25/2025 05:35 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hands Off our critically needed animal shelters where employees and volunteers take care of those animals that the public discards with little care or surrender because the animal grew up, untrained, no longer cute - so many lame excuses. We gave you money for our firefighters, police and homeless and you failed us taxpayers thru your careless budgeting and questionable spending. Hands Off!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Plott

**Date Submitted:** 04/25/2025 12:50 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, Cutting the budget/funding for LA Animal services is NOT the answer! There has to be another solution. That department is already scraping by on a skeletal budget, there's nothing more to cut. We have to do better for the animals and the community! Losing the shelters will have a disastrous effect on the city, the residents and especially the animals. Those shelters are a pivotal part of the city and we should be fighting to protect them. All of them are practically overflowing as it is, can you imagine if they're dismantled? Losing any will have dire consequences for everyone. We should be adding more, not cutting them.

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**Name:** Olivia Williamson  
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