

Communication from Public

Name: J. Goldman

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 07:39 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am 89 years old. I am one of the most vulnerable elder citizens. A family member is also dealing with severe dementia. I count among the low income seniors as do my children. I have lived in California since 1972 and have contributed to LA County with taxes and services. Does the Mayor forget that she and her loved ones will someday be senior citizens...but well off? So many hard working folks will be terribly abandoned by this cruel proposal. What has happened to our high-level servants! How sad that I have lost respect for and confidence In Madam Mayor.

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Name: A Goldman

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 07:52 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Los Angeles is already struggling to provide care and shelter as well as spay/neuter programs and education regarding its animal population. Further budget cuts will be detrimental and lead to untold amounts of pain and suffering. It is shameful, embarrassing and cruel that a city with the resources that we have can shirk its responsibilities and fail to care for animals in this way.

Communication from Public

Name: Karina Lariz - Center for Employment Opportunities

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 08:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Center for Employment Opportunities, we write in strong support of a critical element in Mayor Bass's proposed budget: the \$2.7 million allocation for the LA:RISE program. LA:RISE is a proven and transformative initiative that connects individuals experiencing homelessness, reentry, or chronic unemployment with meaningful employment and the long-term support necessary to succeed. We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to maintain this funding. LA:RISE has already changed thousands of lives—and many more Angelenos still rely on this pathway to stability and opportunity. Preserving this investment is essential to advancing economic equity and supporting some of our city's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, as the City considers consolidating the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), we urge you to ensure that this process does not result in the loss of critical leadership and institutional knowledge. In a time of significant economic uncertainty, strong and experienced leaders are essential to guiding this work forward. In a critical time where more individuals are being incarcerated, the futures of those we serve—and the values of equity, dignity, and opportunity that define Los Angeles—depend on your continued leadership and commitment.

Communication from Public

Name: Vivien Kotler

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 08:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I'm an LA resident (zip code 90039) concerned that Mayor Bass's proposed budget cuts will increase the need for euthanasia across LA animal shelters. Please don't let this happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie C.

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 08:31 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To City Council: please fight to reduce the proposed reduction of positions in the City. My husband started with the Personnel Department a year ago as a Management Assistant in lieu of a Personnel Analyst. His position is a liaison to Sanitation. His position already saves the City money by having him perform work that is out-of-class for lower pay. Please consider pushing unions and workers to advocate for a delay in COLAs to offset expenditures in filled positions so that the positions slated for displacement/layoff. Even though there are many positions not included in the list, the concern is that someone can still bump people out of their positions if they choose to displace, creating an uncertainty. This is so unfair to make people sit and wait until July to know what could happen with their jobs and their livelihoods. Please advocate for anything you can do to mitigate the displacements/layoffs. Save jobs!!

Communication from Public

Name: Stephan

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 04:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a producer of commercials, TV, and features in Los Angeles for over 35 years the high costs of shooting in Los Angeles are untenable and unwarranted and are leading to a devastation of the production community. No other city in the US charges as much for permits or requires permits for private property, does not take into consideration production realities when assigning fire or police to productions. I understand that there should be some costs but if so it should be a tiered basis based on budget and footprint. Location rentals and costs have increased drastically and Los Angeles, once the capital of high quality production services and crew has become a ghost town. As a film professor as well at LMU, I fear very much that my students will not be able to work in this town and leave. We also need tax credits.

Communication from Public

Name: Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants South Bay
Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 02:57 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants South Bay strongly urges the Los Angeles Mayor and city council to restore full funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers in this year's budget. As an organization which advocates for workers and immigrants, we recognize the need in the community and are in support of centers like IDEPSCA which serve day laborers. They are able to provide preventative services to workers who otherwise wouldn't be reached such as through pop up health centers. Thank you, Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants South Bay



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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the complete elimination of funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers/Centros Jornaleros in the recently released city budget. This decision directly contradicts the city's professed values and prior commitments to this vulnerable workforce. It was just in 2019 that Los Angeles proudly declared May 3rd as "Día del Jornalero," recognizing the vital contributions day laborers make to our economy and communities. To now eliminate all funding for these centers represents not just a policy reversal but a betrayal of trust to thousands of workers who depend on these facilities.

Day Laborer Community Job Centers provide far more than employment connections. They are essential community hubs that:

- Create safe, organized spaces where workers can connect with employers, eliminating the dangers of street-corner solicitation
- Establish fair wage standards and working conditions, preventing exploitation and wage theft
- Offer crucial educational resources including English classes, literacy programs, and information about health, labor, and immigration laws
- Serve as community gathering spaces that foster dignity, connection, and mutual support
- Function as public safety alternatives, reducing neighborhood concerns while protecting vulnerable workers

Without these centers, we also lose valuable community infrastructure that supports economic mobility and integration. The cost of maintaining these centers is minimal compared to their enormous social and economic benefits. They help ensure that work is performed safely, that proper wages are paid, and that both workers and employers have a structured, dignified system for connecting with one another.

We strongly urge you to restore full funding for Day Laborer Community Job Centers in this year's budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Communication from Public

Name: Diana Caspi

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 05:37 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: Maria Lopez

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 05:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why is Karen Bass cutting funding to animal shelters? All she cares about is the homeless and that bottomless pit of funds instead of firefighters, voiceless animals or any other cause. Animals are already dying , the shelters are overcrowded and this absolute failure of a mayor wants to shut down shelters and lay off shelter workers who do so much for the animals? Where is all our tax money going? Every year my property tax goes up and LA is flush with cash but we can't see anything useful being done. Corruption is off the charts with everyone pocketing our money but animal shelters are what you choose to attack. Keep the shelters funded!

Communication from Public

Name: Brianna
Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 06:00 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express deep concern over the proposed bill that would reduce funding for our city's animal shelters. As someone who has spent time in city shelters, witnessing firsthand the tireless efforts of staff and volunteers, I can say without hesitation that cutting funds from an already underfunded system will result in devastating consequences—not just for the animals who rely on shelter care, but for the community as a whole. Shelters are more than just buildings that house stray and abandoned animals. Every dollar taken away means fewer vaccinations, fewer enrichment programs, and fewer hands available to care for these lives. The staff and volunteers in these facilities are already stretched thin, giving everything they have to ensure these animals receive kindness, safety, and the possibility of adoption. Cutting their resources will directly impact the welfare of countless dogs and cats who, without shelter intervention, will likely die on the streets in horrific ways. A budget cut isn't just numbers on paper—it's the difference between life and death for shelter animals. We owe them better. I urge you to reconsider and prioritize humane and sustainable solutions that support the people and animals who need it most. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Guadalupe

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 06:05 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed closure of shelters and the potential layoffs of dedicated employees who provide essential services to our community's most vulnerable populations. These decisions would have devastating consequences for both those who rely on shelter support and those who have committed their careers to serving them. Closing shelters would directly impact individuals and families experiencing homelessness, many of whom rely on these facilities not only for a safe place to sleep, but also for access to food, hygiene, medical care, mental health services, and job assistance. In a time of rising economic pressures and increasing housing insecurity, eliminating these lifelines would only worsen the crisis and push more people into dangerous and unstable living situations. Furthermore, the employees at these shelters are more than staff — they are frontline workers, advocates, and sources of hope for countless individuals in need. Laying them off would not only strip them of their livelihoods, but also dismantle the trust and relationships they've built with clients. Their experience and dedication cannot be easily replaced or replicated. Rather than cutting resources, we should be investing in sustainable solutions that expand access to housing, mental health services, and workforce support. The costs of inaction — including increased strain on emergency services, hospitals, and law enforcement — far outweigh the investment required to maintain and improve shelter operations. I urge you to reconsider this course of action and work toward preserving these critical services and the employees who make them possible.

Communication from Public

Name: Billy Wagner-Huang

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 06:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not close any of the City's animal shelters. The shelters are an important service and fill needs of the community and a RESPONSIBILITY of the City. Ultimately, in closing shelters, real economic costs will increase. Moreover, closing shelters removes a critical public good from the City. Please keep the shelters and make sure there is sufficient staffing. This community need is an expectation of a city the size of Los Angeles and the budget of Los Angeles. I see lots of money spent on other initiatives that could be cut instead, that is less crucial than this need.

Communication from Public

Name: Iliana Quintana

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 10:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You ought to be ashamed of yourself for cutting the animal shelter budget. These animals are already suffering and are unfairly put down everyday and there is no compassion . No real solutions to a problem that was created by other people not the animals themselves. You do not represent what the people want. If anything these budgets should be increasing to help with the overcrowded shelters. You should me ashamed mayor Karen Bass.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 10:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Where will the money go from closing these shelters? Are you fattening your pockets? Your state is becoming well known for euthanizing so many dogs & cats! You are right there with Texas!

Communication from Public

Name: Kensie Soule

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 10:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not think the shelters should be unfunded. This will cause a huge spike in euthanasia rates and is something that is completely avoidable.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley K Adams

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 09:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts for Los Angeles Animal Services in the 2025-2026 city budget. Reducing funding to this essential department will have devastating consequences for the animals in our city's care, the staff and volunteers who support them, and the overall health and safety of our communities. LA Animal Services is already operating under significant strain, with overcrowded shelters, staffing shortages, and limited resources. Further budget cuts will only worsen these conditions, leading to decreased animal welfare, increased euthanasia rates, and an overwhelmed shelter system unable to adequately serve the public. Our city's homeless pet population is a public health and public safety issue — and cutting resources to address it is shortsighted and dangerous. Instead of reducing funding, the City should prioritize investment in LA Animal Services to ensure humane care for animals, provide support for adoption and spay/neuter programs, and maintain critical services that protect both animals and residents. Animal Services is not an optional or peripheral service — it is a core function of a compassionate and responsible city government. I urge you to reconsider these harmful budget cuts and work toward a budget that reflects our city's values of care, safety, and community responsibility. Los Angeles can and should do better for its animals and the people who care for them. Thank you for your consideration

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/26/2025 10:01 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly oppose the closure of the animal shelters in La!

Communication from Public

Name: kelsey wuensch
Date Submitted: 04/27/2025 11:21 AM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerk and Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing today as a deeply concerned resident of Los Angeles regarding Mayor Karen Bass's proposal to reduce funding for animal welfare services in the upcoming city budget. These cuts are not only irresponsible—they are inhumane. The animals in our city are already suffering, and further reducing the meager support they receive will only deepen a crisis that is spiraling out of control. The current state of our city's animal shelters is abhorrent. Animals are packed into filthy, overcrowded kennels, often living in their own waste, deprived of proper medical attention, enrichment, and even basic care. Volunteers and whistleblowers have consistently reported unacceptable conditions and negligence, yet the situation remains dire. Instead of receiving help, animals are routinely euthanized within days, with no real chance at rehabilitation or adoption. Animal control, whose job it is to protect animals and enforce laws, is virtually absent—both inside and outside the shelters. When residents call for assistance with neglected or abused animals, response is slow or non-existent. It often takes massive public pressure or media attention to get any action at all. This is unacceptable in a city of our size and resources. What's worse, the City has taken no real steps to address the crisis of backyard breeding or to invest in proactive solutions like free or low-cost spay and neuter programs. In areas like Skid Row, there is a brutal underground breeding and dog-trafficking pipeline where animals—especially pit bulls—are raped, abused, and sold for thousands of dollars. These dogs are exploited as currency in the drug trade and used for illegal fighting. It is heartbreaking, and yet the City turns a blind eye. Slashing the animal welfare budget sends a clear message: that these lives do not matter, and that our leaders would rather ignore suffering than address it. This is not the Los Angeles I believe in. We need more funding, not less—more oversight, more staff, more humane education, more enforcement of breeding regulations, and more resources for spay/neuter access, outreach, and community care. Please stand against these proposed cuts and fight for the most voiceless among us. Animals cannot vote, but the people who care about them do—and we are watching.

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Name: Ivy
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 12:46 AM
Council File No: 25-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't kill innocent animals. There's more evil people living in this world and I still get to live .. please these are gods animals

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Name: Jacqueline Hayata

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 04:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not take away funds from animal shelters. Deduct funds from elsewhere or raise tax but to take away shelters and funds from innocent animals is wrong. Message to Karen Bass: as a fellow USC PA, I urge you to do the right thing. I've always admired you and know you have it in you to do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Christian Robinson
Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 02:15 PM
Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am absolutely incensed that the Mayor's office is proposing to eliminate the landmark Climate Emergency Mobilization Office. In light of recent data released by the IPCC's international cohort of scientists regarding temperature increases, Climate strategy and advocacy are essential bedrocks of a functional city that has *any chance* of making through the upcoming '26-'28 of major sporting events and structural shifts within the city's infrastructure. Resiliency is the key - have we learned nothing from the recent wildland fires? It is unconscionable that the city wants to forfeit the \$750,000 of grant funding already awarded to CEMO and try to shutter this office, especially given the interplay between heat and public safety - it's a known fact that excess heat is a driver of violence in communities and this must be avoided at all costs. The People of Los Angeles value a Peaceful Los Angeles! CEMO must be empowered to make sure we are prepared for future disasters and the challenges of extreme weather. Many Angelenos live near oil and gas wells that are leaking hazardous chemicals that impact our health, as Los Angeles has the most urban oil wells in the nation. Downsizing the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas and eliminating positions that oversee pollution from oil wells in the city and work to phase out urban oil drilling is a threat to our health and safety. CEMO cannot be cut from the LA budget!