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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/14/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/19/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Animal Services Commissioners

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Summary: The PICO NC strongly opposes reducing the already paltry funding that the City provides to Los Angeles's extremely overcrowded animal shelters ("Los Angeles Animal Shelters" or "LAAS") in next year's—or, indeed, in any year's—budget. Los Angeles's treatment of unhoused non-human animals is already unacceptable. Last year, the city killed 72% more dogs than it killed in shelters the year prior with over 1,200 dogs killed from January to September. Cats often face even worse outcomes with thousands of cats entering a shelter system wholly inadequate for their needs every year. Passing the budget without amendments would be catastrophic for the city's animals by increasing overcrowding, forcing the city to kill thousands more animals each year, and reducing or eliminating the few enrichment programs that

help animals maintain their mental and physical health in shelters to preserve their chance at being adopted. Instead of cutting LAAS's funding, the city Instead of cutting LAAS's funding, the city should increase its funding. Specifically, PICO NC calls on the City to: Fully fund all requested animal care technician positions. Allocate adequate resources for both canine and feline enrichment programs. Address animal shelter overcrowding by expanding capacity or reopening shuttered facilities. Ensure proper medical care, nutrition, and behavioral support for all animals. Take urgent steps to reduce "euthanasia" through spay/neuter initiatives, adoption campaigns, and partnership with rescue organizations.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

OPPOSITION TO MAYOR BASS PROPOSED BUDGET AND TO ANY CUTS TO ANIMAL SERVICES

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Dear Mayor Bass, City Council Members, Chief Administrative Officer Szabo & City Controller Mejia:

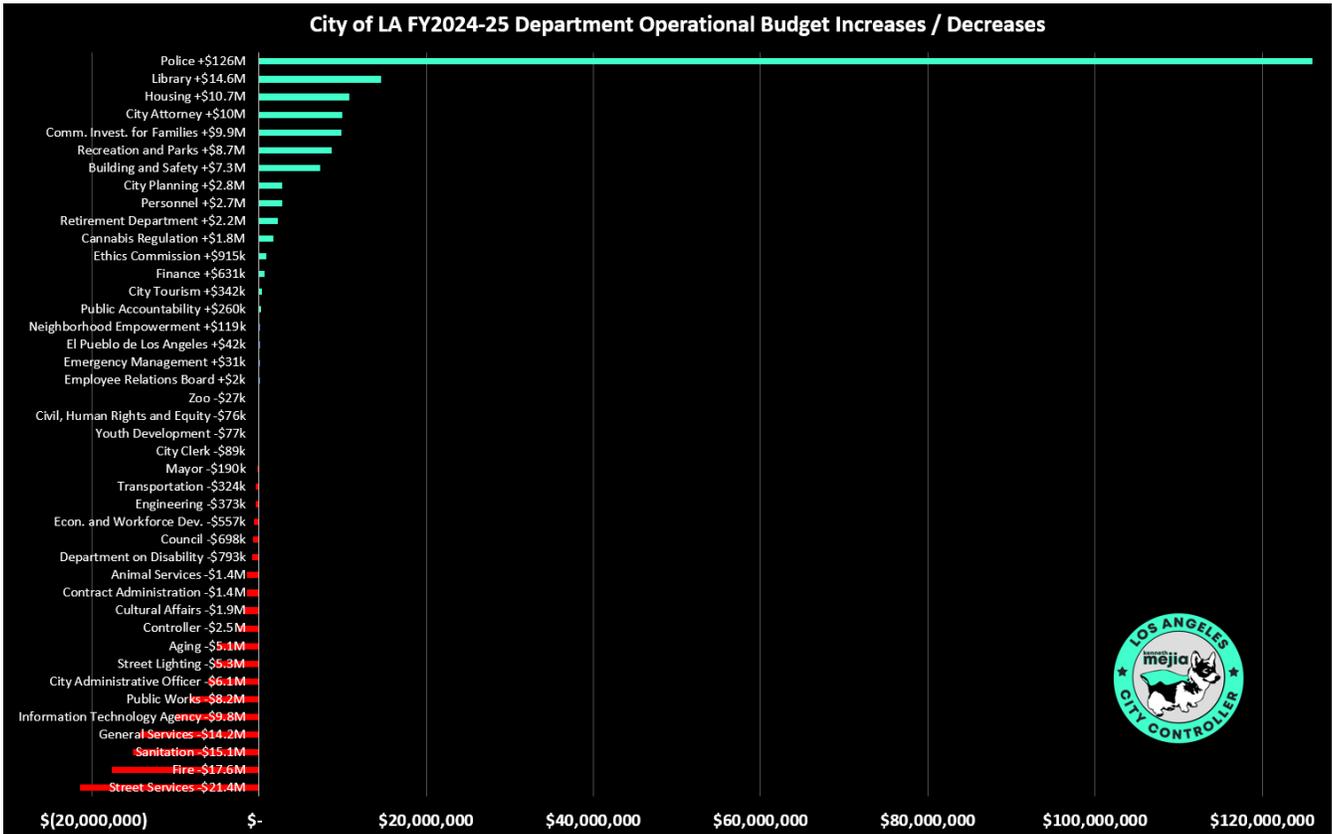
The PICO Neighborhood Council (“NC”) strongly opposes the proposed 2025-2026 City of Los Angeles Budget. Specifically, the PICO NC strongly opposes reducing the already paltry funding that the city provides to Los Angeles’s extremely overcrowded animal shelters (“Los Angeles Animal Shelters” or “LAAS”) in next year’s—or, indeed, in any year’s—budget.

The proposed LAAS budget falls gravely short of meeting the needs of our city’s already overstretched animal shelters. Currently, LAAS shelters are operating at 155% capacity. Two and three dogs are packed into kennels meant for one animal, creating not only stress and suffering but also increased aggression, illness, and even worse.

Los Angeles’s treatment of unhoused non-human animals is already unacceptable. Last year, the city killed 72% more dogs than it killed in shelters the year prior with over 1,200 dogs killed from January to September. Cats often face even worse outcomes with thousands of cats entering a shelter system wholly inadequate for their needs every year.

Passing the budget without amendments would be catastrophic for the city’s animals by increasing overcrowding, forcing the city to kill thousands more animals each year, reducing or eliminating the few enrichment programs that help animals maintain their mental and physical health in shelters to preserve their chance at being adopted.

Instead of cutting LAAS’s funding, the city should **increase** its funding. And there are plenty of city services and programs whose funding could be cut to provide for those increases as Controller Kenneth Mejia’s graph of the 2024-2025 budget changes (posted to X f/k/a Twitter on 10/21/2024) below clearly demonstrates:



For all the foregoing reasons, PICO NC strongly opposes the proposed 2025-2026 City of Los Angeles Budget and strongly opposes any further budget cuts to animal welfare services in this or any year.

The PICO NC calls on the City of Los Angeles to:

- Fully fund all requested animal care technician positions.
- Allocate adequate resources for both canine and feline enrichment programs.
- Address animal shelter overcrowding by expanding capacity or reopening shuttered facilities.
- Ensure proper medical care, nutrition, and behavioral support for all animals.
- Take urgent steps to reduce “euthanasia” through spay/neuter initiatives, adoption campaigns, and partnership with rescue organizations.

If cuts are needed in order to do the above, PICO NC is confident that the City can identify savings and financial efficiencies in other line items of city’s budget. No animal should suffer or die because of a budget issues. We cannot and should not balance the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable Angelenos (non-human animals).

PRESENTED By: Lisa Kaye
 SECONDED BY: David Riva
 YES: 16, NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, RECUSAL: 0
 ON THIS DATE: May 14, 2025