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From: **'Andrea Miele' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>
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Subject: Stop the LA Animal Services Budget Cuts — Protect Our Shelters and Animals
To: <karen.bass@lacity.org>, <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, <animalservices.commission@lacity.org>

Dear Mayor Bass, Members of the City Council, and the Los Angeles Animal Services Commission:

I'm writing today not just as a resident 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,
Andrea Miele

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Hello,

As a member of the Los Angeles community and a business owner, I am EXTREMELY concerned and dismayed by the proposed LAAS budget cuts that would significantly impact our animal shelters' ability to care for the hundreds of dogs they look after. To top it off, closing three vital shelters that would be a travesty and leave animals in the worst possible situation. It eliminates the positions of the very people and technicians who keep animals fed, and clean and care for the shelters animals daily. It would eliminate the adoption events, community outreach and public visibility for these living, breathing animals. It cuts animal food, medical supplies and enrichment programs. Medical care would be impacted greatly. We need more spay and neuter programs to minimize the crisis we are in - and Mayor Bass wants to eliminate those jobs?

Is this who we are? Is this what LA stands for?

This is more than a budget cut you are proposing - this is a public safety crisis and an animal welfare crisis. You must use the \$5million+ you have available to protect life.

The shelters are full because breeding is allowed. The shelters are full because they are no spay and neuter programs available. It is a travesty. Please don't make it worse. Please help.

The city of Los Angeles deserves much more than we are seeing. There is absolutely a better solution than cutting budgets and closing the shelters. We must do better as a community and that starts with LA CITY COUNCIL leading the charge on a positive path forward for our animals.

This community demands better.

Best,
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