

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alina Gegamiam  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 10:43 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phuong

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 02:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Your comment can be something as simple as “I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020. Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city’s animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable.”

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annie Psaltiras  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 03:25 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE keep the West Valley Animal Shelter OPEN as a full municipal animal shelter ONLY!!! This shelter is desperately needed for it's main purpose of sheltering animals and should not become a hybrid of any sort.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** TammyH

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 03:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** We Needed at valley animal shelter to remain open. Please

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heidi Kebbas

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 10:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** The closing of the West Valley Shelter has been devastating for those of us in the neighboring area. We have homed a number of dogs from that shelter and it's reputation of being the best shelter around is well known. What a complete crime and extremely selfish act to allow this shelter to close. Prior to its closing in 2020, a bond measure was passed to renovate the shelter and after all of our tax dollars went to do exactly that, it was closed. The closing of this shelter leaves only one shelter in the San Fernando Valley, Please re-open the West Valley shelter. The Pandamec was simply used as an excuse to give this shelter to another rescue organization. What a crime.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 11:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April of 2020. We adopted one of our doggies from this shelter! Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable. Thank you for your consideration  
Regina M.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cheri Pratt

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 11:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reopen the West Valley animal shelter. It has much better accommodations for the animals than the East Vallley shelter. If only one can be open it should be West Valley. The animals deserve more humane treatment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Girgis

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 11:45 PM

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**Name:** Christine Avalos

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**Name:** Christine Espinosa

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**Name:** Yena Kim

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lizette Castro

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 06:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I wanted to give some of my thought in writing as to why it is immensely beneficial to maintain the West Valley Shelter open. I work at a veterinarians office in the city of Chatsworth. I tend to be the one who answers numerous calls throughout my day. Many of them or at least once per day will be in regards to the West Valley Shelter. Asking about when will it open and why has it closed. There have been on occasion people who have found animals on the street and wanted to take them to a safe location just like the West Valley Shelter. But they become discouraged when they find out west valley shelter is not open. At times they have even told me that they will just let the animals go on the street because they cannot drive that far. Or there is no way for them to bring them to that far away location. Thus, instances like this making life horrible for the animals in need. Please reconsider carefully, and see how beneficial it is to re-open it and have it as a municipal shelter. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 06:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vanessa

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 06:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not close the West Valley animal shelter. Our tax dollars are supposed to be used to run this facility, and the East Valley shelter is not enough to cover The Valley alone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Krowne

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 06:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is absolutely preposterous that the West Valley Animal Shelter be closed. There is literally not one sound, logical reason to choose it over another location. The shelter is air conditioned unlike any other, takes large animals in a Valley of over 1 million people, is still being paid for by tax payers and the list goes on and on. As someone who's a longtime pet owner, have adopted from WVAS, had to retrieve a pet from WVAS, worked with the animal control officers at WVAS, I am personally invested in the shelter's outcome. Do not permanently close WVAS and immediately reopen as a full municipal shelter. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebel Berggren  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:06 PM  
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**Name:** Ana Machuca

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marie C

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reopen the Los Angeles West Valley Animal Shelter. There is no viable reason to close it. We certainly pay enough taxes, solicited enough donations, and pay enough in fees to warrant having more than one animal shelter in this valley. I always believed in the system in place in LA regarding our animal shelter...that when you find a lost animal, the best place to bring it was our WV Animal Shelter. It was the best resource for reuniting the pet with their owner, or the best option for re-homing a pet that needed it. Now we have nothing, except for a kill shelter. There's no excuse that can be made for closing this animal shelter. Our property taxes, donations, shelter fees, etc, paid for it before this time. Why is this suddenly insufficient? The cost to build this state of the art and beautiful animal shelter was exceedingly large, and to use that money only to end up closing such a beautiful place reveals that something is wrong with the management of the funds. I would like to be wrong in my thinking. Please open the LAAS West Valley location. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Migdal

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a public shelter as it was before it shutdown in April 2020. Taxpayers and voters paid for this. That shelter has air conditioning for the animals and a place for horses. It should be open now. I've been involved with animal rescue and animal welfare for over 25 years and it's about as bad as it gets for our animals right now. This is what the taxpayers and voters want....it's the will of the people. (Just not Brenda Barnett's)

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** “I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020.”

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Lopez

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020. After all, Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable. Additionally, it has AC and dogs are being left without and the public paying for ice, pools, fans. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. BRENDA NEEDS TO BE FIRED IMMEDIATELY. Signed, A very frustrated law abiding tax paying citizen

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Virani  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:58 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council, I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to be REOPENED. I DO NOT WANT IT GIVEN AWAY TO NON-PROFITS!! We NEED our shelter. Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable. The shelter should be there when we need it! Who will respond to calls for help? Animals will have to be transported quite a distance if there is no shelter, as well as to retrieve lost animals. And now the East Valley Shelter is overcrowded. Why did we pay for A/C and upgrades if the service was to be given away??? PLEASE RESTORE THE SHELTER TO THE PUBLIC, TO BE MANAGED BY THE CITY!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Arce Palmer

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 08:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** It has been six months, why is West Valley shelter still closed? East Valley cat room is now full, because it's taking on all the cats that would normally go to West valley (which has a much bigger cat room). So you know what that means, lots of killing. LA is No Kill?? Do you have any idea how much LA kills. Have any of you looked at the actual stats? You're ok with this? Good to know for all upcoming elections. I hear you're looking to sell WV to a private rescue. This is a terrible idea, LA needs as many open admission shelters as it can have. Private shelters just pull from public shelters, so where will all the strays go? Please, I am begging all of you to look at the numbers and think is this ok for me to sign off on this? Lastly, please consider replacing Brenda Barnette. She is a terrible manger. Please get someone who believes in shelter innovation, and actually cares about making LA No Kill. There are so many passionate candidates who have been so successful turning their city's shelter system around. Why is LA still using a shelter mentality of 30 years ago? Let's get someone fresh and new who **ACTUALLY WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**. Why shouldn't Los Angeles have one of the best shelter systems in the country. Right now, it's abysmal. Numbers don't lie. Open WV! Please.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Animal Lover

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 08:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Open the West Valley Shelter as a full municipal shelter Do not allow the General Manager to close it. Do not allow it to be privatized, a city shelter for all of the citizens of Los Angeles. I vote!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 08:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020. I rescued my last dog from there and am scared to think what would have happened to her if the previous owners didn't have West Valley to surrender her to (they were awful and kept her tied in the backyard with other dogs; they certainly wouldn't have driven to East Valley to surrender her. Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 08:37 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joni

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 08:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reopen the West Valley Animal Shelter as soon as possible. There is clearly a large currently unmet need for an animal shelter in the West Valley. I have personally witnessed over the last 20 years the vital role this shelter plays in our community. I know of many beloved pets reunited with their owners or adopted from this shelter . Our community wants and needs this service and our tax dollars were earmarked to fund it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 09:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** “Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city’s animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable.”

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carolina Conde  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 09:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand for the west valley shelter to remain a full municipal shelter !!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melanie Brown

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 09:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** “I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its closing in April 2020.” “Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city’s animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable.” We in the rescue/foster community are ALREADY STRUGGLING! Please don't close this shelter!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charles Lichter  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 09:41 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the West Valley Animal shelter to stay open and operate as it had been by the city of LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Beth Brudniak  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 12:10 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I want West Valley to remain OPEN as a full municipal shelter  
[NOT HYBRID] - PLEASE!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Elmer  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 01:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a 30 year resident of Council District 12. Please do not close the West Valley Animal Shelter. It is the only animal shelter with air conditioning, which is desperately needed with this year's record breaking heat wave. It is also the only shelter serving over a half-million residents in the West Valley, and we need one in a high risk fire area such as the West San Fernando Valley.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marti Spero Radosevich

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 12:10 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain OPEN as a full municipal shelter [NOT HYBRID], and this it the time to replace GM Brenda Barnett. It is the most modern facility in Los Angeles with an overhaul of the grounds in the last 5 years. Our population is to dense to leave only the East Valley Shelter open. We need the space, the animals need the space, and the people in the west valley deserve a facility that is close and open to service the area.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly Cortez

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 12:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like the West Valley Shelter to remain open and part of the city just as it was operating before it was closed in April of 2020. The fact that a shelter that could save lives is even being considered to be given to a private organization is appalling.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 01:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep open the West LA Animal Shelter and provide full services. More animals WILL die if the West Valley Animal shelter is allowed to be repurposed, it is indisputable and do not listen to double speak. The Valley contains 45% of the City's population, over 1.75 million residents and growing and covers 200 square miles. The area was serviced by only two animal shelters and they have closed one and are trying to make this permanent and have East Valley, already one the most overburdened of our shelters carry this entire load. It is disastrous for the animals. It is time to replace Brenda Barnett!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tanya Nelson

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 05:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our West Valley Animal Shelter must be reopened and remain a municipal shelter. Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable. My hard earned taxpayer money went towards Prop F in order to improve the quality of life for animals in the West Valley Shelter. The West Valley Shelter was upgraded with air conditioning to help relieve the suffering of animals during the HOT months of the year. The East Valley Shelter, though newer, was not. REOPEN OUR SHELTER!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Donnelly

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 05:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** I think we can all agree that it's been a pretty crappy year. My family is so thankful that we've had our sweet pets to comfort us, especially our son who loves every cat and dog that he comes across. Understand budgeting is an issue but I think any service that allows people to find and adopt furry friends probably goes a long way in supporting mental health for people during a time that people are extra stressed out about, well you know, everything. Having a shelter in your area affords people that opportunity. I don't think it's the right time to be collapsing down services such as these, short run it might look nice, but long run will lead to worse collective outcomes for the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need the West Valley Animal Shelter to remain a full municipal shelter, just as it was prior to its COVID-19 emergency closing in April 2020. We depend on our trusted public servants to carry out the terms of bond measures we have approved by vote. Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Dern

**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1114

**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep West Valley Animal Shelter open as it was before April 2020! Prop F was a bond measure passed to in 2000 to build, expand, and renovate the city's animal shelters. The San Fernando Valley was supposed to have 3 shelters but one was already given to a rescue. If West Valley is also given away, that would leave only one shelter to serve over 1.5 million people and 260 square miles in the SFV and that is not acceptable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tammie Peacock

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**Council File No:** 20-1114

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erin  
**Date Submitted:** 09/22/2020 07:50 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1114  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not close the West Valley Shelter. We desperately need it to remain open as a full municipal shelter. The time has also come to replace GM Brenda Barnett. She needs to go!