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May 1, 2025

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair, City Budget & Finance Committee (BFC)  
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Vice-Chair, BFC  
Hon. Heather Hutt, CD 10, Member, BFC  
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, La City Council  
Hon. Traci Park, CD 11  
Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4

*Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk filing portal in CF 25-0600*

**Re: OPPOSE any proposal to cut animal shelters and/or funding reductions or layoffs for  
Animal Services in the proposed City Budget for fiscal year 2025-26 – CF 25-0600**

As you know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles.

WRAC members have long been concerned about the deplorable conditions and mistreatment of animals at City animal shelters. See our letter of December 7, 2022:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/WRAC-letter-re-Animal-Shelter-Conditions.pdf>

In 2024, we asked for an immediate plan for action to improve conditions and more funding for staff at shelters. See our letter of March 5, 2024:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/WRAC-Letter-Animal-Shelters2.pdf>

WRAC accordingly strongly opposes the cutting of animal shelters (including the West LA Shelter and the West Valley Shelter) or other funding reductions or layoffs for Animal Services in the proposed City budget for fiscal year 2025-26, and further urges the BFC to disapprove any such proposed budget cuts or layoffs for Animal Services.

At the same time, we understand from reporting today that the Mayor has now “recommended that \$5 million in what's called the ‘unappropriated balance’ be put back into the Animal Services budget, which would restore funding so no shelters would close” (per reporting on NBC4LA News). WRAC respectfully requests that the BFC approve the recommendation to restore \$5 million in funding to the Animal Services budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Robin Greenberg & Christina Spitz*

Robin Greenberg, Chair  
Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair  
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