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eComment: This should be a no brainer! Our city is drowning in dog/cat overpopulation. And we need tough laws on irresponsible pet owners. The city needs to step up and get something done about this. Thank you.

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LaDonna Snow

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eComment: I support to help the stray population a proactive approach is by providing spay and neuter services to the community. 🍌™ 🍌 🍌

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eComment: Being a volunteer at our local TNR, fostering kittens I randomly find off the street, and trying to help my neighborhood and my friends fix the severe cat over population (and other issues which comes with that) I firmly believe that the budget needs to be expanded as much as possible. Just speaking for myself, living expenses and caring for my personal animals is demanding, so adding on the extra cost of fostering, and then trying to help with spay and neutering, it feels impossible. It seems to be one of the biggest reasons people don't want to help their area out with spay and neutering strays and abandon animals, because it's so costly. I believe, and not going off of opinion, but from talking to people, that having less of the financial burden placed on the trappers would entice more people to want to participate in our T.N.R program. I appreciate you reading my comment and taking my words into consideration :)
Respectfully, Theresa

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eComment: I do believe that operating very aggressive spay and neuter programs will do more to slake the flow of animals in the shelters than just collecting and euthanizing animals. It is less cruel to trap fix and then return feral cats to their homes. I fully support any public funds to help that cause. Thank you .

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eComment: I support! I'm disabled but am a trapper n promise to continue trapping, spay neuter and TNR! Please approve we need help please help us change the innocent lives in our city!!

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eComment: Continue and increase the budget for Spay and Neuter. Too many animal lives are lost due to irresponsible pet owners.

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eComment: The budget for animal welfare needs to be expanded as much as possible. Innocent animals need our help, and private rescuers like myself desperately need more veterinarians offering affordable spay and neuter programs. We also need stronger accountability and stricter laws for irresponsible pet owners. The overpopulation of dogs and cats is not an animal problem. It's a human problem. Let's do better. Let's support rescues, promote spay and neuter programs, and help these innocent animals the best we can.

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eComment: Please increase the budget for the spay and neuter program. Our city is in desperate need and the resources do not currently match the need. The non profits work as diligently as they can but struggle with the financial aspect of keeping strays spayed and neutered. Thank you.

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eComment: How is 1,800 spay/neuters supposed to make a dent in Fresno's overpopulation problem? We've spent many, many months, years, putting unaltered animals back where they were found without addressing the root cause through spay and neuter programs for community animals. 1,800 might help with maintenance, but maintenance alone won't solve the crisis. We need to get ahead of the problem, not keep spending resources reacting to it after the fact. Please make spay and neuter more important until our city's overpopulation problem is under control.

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eComment: Please increase funding for spay and funding for TNR

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eComment: This issue needs to be taken seriously. The stray animal population in Fresno is not hidden. It is visible in every part of the city. Drive down any road, through any neighborhood, and you will see dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens struggling to survive. This crisis is happening in plain sight. This is not just an animal welfare issue. It is a community issue, a public health issue, and a taxpayer issue. The City cannot continue to allow this problem to grow. Spay and neuter funding is one of the most effective ways to reduce the population humanely and prevent more animals from being born into suffering. Taxpayers deserve to see their money used for real solutions, not temporary responses after the crisis has already worsened. More needs to be invested in spay-and-neuter services. It's the only way to reduce suffering, reduce shelter intake, reduce euthanasia, and reduce the long-term burden on the city. Please prioritize additional funding for spay-and-neuter programs in this budget. Fresno needs action, accountability, and a real commitment to solving this crisis.

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eComment: Increase the spay-and-neuter funding for the 26-27 budget and future years to come if you want my support. Animal overpopulation and neglect in Fresno is shameful and it is 100% on the city to solve by funding cheap or free spay/neuter and TNR services.

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eComment: The overpopulation of cats and dogs in the Central Valley is a serious issue, and the City of Fresno can help address it by increasing funding for spay and neuter programs. Supporting the organizations already doing this work will directly reduce shelter overcrowding and the tragic euthanasia that happens simply because there is no space. Preventing unwanted litters is far more effective and far more humane than trying to manage the problem after animals end up in shelters or on the streets. Unaltered pets often roam without food, water, or shelter, suffering through extreme heat and cold. Many residents want to help but cannot afford spay or neuter services. I've seen the need firsthand. In one night of trapping cats near Barstow and Fourth, we caught five unaltered females one pregnant, four with previous litters. At a Memorial Day event, an entire apartment community begged for help because their complex was overwhelmed with cats. People are trying to do the right thing, but without accessible services, the problem grows out of control. More no-cost or low-cost spay and neuter options would empower communities, reduce suffering, and save the City money long-term. Fix the problem at the beginning not after shelters overflow and euthanasia becomes the only option.

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eComment: Please increase funding for community spay/neuters. This will help reduce unwanted pet pregnancies. The shelters are constantly full, and many of the dogs and cats that are turned in is due to a lack of sterilization because people are not able to keep up with new litters being born.

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eComment: I fully support the efforts increase spay and neutering thus decreasing the suffering of so many animals. Please consider investing into this efforts as we continue to do our part to helps the crisis of overpopulation of cats and dogs.

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eComment: I support community efforts to provide outreach and education for spay/neuter/adoption for animals. We need to address this vital issue as a community. Volunteer organizations alone cannot provide all the resources necessary.

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eComment: Los Angeles and Fresno have the largest over population of cats. We urgently need funds for Fresno TNR. No one should have to think twice about supporting this. Do we want to be known as the city most cruel to animals? Vote yes!!!

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eComment: Please don't turn your back on the urgent necessity for additional funding to help control the severe overpopulation of unwanted animals. Step into the local shelters and they're ALWAYS at capacity and unable to take in strays. It's heartbreaking in so many ways.

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eComment: I live in the Lowell neighborhood and experience stray cats and dogs on a daily basis. Because of the spay and neuter program I was able to fix two of those strays, that are now family. Please expand spay and neuter funding within the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. I fully endorse Councilmember Annalisa Perea's motion to bolster the spay and neuter budget and urge the City to implement a permanent, increased annual funding stream for these essential programs.

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eComment: Support increased funding for spay/neuter

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eComment: I appreciated hearing from the Director of the Fresno Animal Center and from the community several weeks ago. As a volunteer with a rescue, I see firsthand how urgently Fresno needs stronger spay and neuter programs. With the help of rescue and Fresno TNR, I have been able to trap, spay and neuter and stabilize the dumped, forgotten cats in the greenbelt behind my house along with fostering and caring for cats and kittens preparing for adoption. With matching support from partners like Dogwood, the impact of this investment grows even stronger. This is a moment where smart, compassionate action can create long-term change. This is one of the most effective and humane ways to reduce stray populations, prevent injuries, and ease the burden on our shelters. When funding can be matched by partners like Dogwood, the impact is even greater. I respectfully ask for your support in increasing funding for Fresno's spay and neuter programs so we can create a healthier, more sustainable future for our community and its animals.

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eComment: This funding is needed to help save these animals lives. Many rescues including Fresno TNR actively work together to spay/neuter the stray animals and give them medical attention needed. Fosters also help to socialize and care for the ones they can to get them off the streets and in living homes.

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eComment: I have experienced and witnessed 1st hand the cat/kitten population. Three months I have spent TNR, and watched many doing same. The budget funds must help this situation in our cities and counties, it's humane for all animals to have TNR funding and or low costs to do. I have spent a month of social security payments to address helping feral community.

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eComment: The homeless and feral cat population is at crisis levels. Fresno TNR is truly making a difference but this is still a monumental undertaking. Please see that funds are allocated for these volunteer organizations. Without intervention the cat population will continue to grow rapidly.

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