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**Opposition to agenda item #16-1357**

1 message

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Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 5:41 PM

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

To Whom it may concern,

RE: Opposition to agenda item #16-1357

Please include this letter into public record to be included in any hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to the issue.

My name is Karl Miller. I'm a Teamster Local 399 Wild Animal Trainer. I've worked in the entertainment industry for over 15 years with all types

of animals. I have had the pleasure to specialize in Reptiles, Amphibians, and Insects. Over the years we've safely and humanely worked with animals

all over the Los Angeles area. While out on locations, I'm regularly interacting with the public and have been happy to answer questions about the animals we are working with.

These interactions inspired me to spend more time volunteering at educational events. Events such as the Reptile and Amphibian Day at the Natural History Museum and the open house at the LADWP Chatsworth Preserve.

I have personally seen the spark in children's and adult's eyes when presented with a live beautiful animal that they had no idea lived in their neighborhood. They understand how important

it is to protect our environment. also we educate them on how to avoid negative encounters with potentially dangerous native wildlife such as rattlesnakes. we can show photos all day long, but

nothing compares to having the real thing displayed in a safe manner.

The City of Los Angeles has been a leader in Environmental Protection.

I believe denying the public a chance to feel that spark to make positive changes is counterintuitive to the goal of saving our natural world.

Sincerely,  
Karl Brian Miller