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OPPOSITION to agenda item # 16-1353

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To whom it may concern,

To begin, I need to say that this letter may be used for hearings, studies, and/or reports pertaining to this issue.

My name is Adriana Villasuso. I am 23 years old. My opposition to agenda item #16-1353: banning exotic animals from animal entertainment in Los Angeles, CA will begin and end with what's best for the animals. Banning exotic animals for animal entertainment, from my personal experience being a student at an exotic animal training and management program, would be greatly aversive to the current animals in facilities as well as on coming animals.

Outreach programs, conservation shows, and even short commercials that you see on tv educate people who don't have the chance to see these animals elsewhere. These resources are also that. Resources to animal education. Lacking proper animal education will only lead to poor animal care and ignorant people. This will probably also compromise the safety of our people. Without entertaining education (this being outreach programs, training sessions, and activities that enrich the animal's lives for which the public can observe) people don't care. Without education people make bad choices because they don't know any better.

So if not for the rescued exotic animals these facilities save and help out, then do it for the people you serve every day.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Adriana