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**OPPOSE PERFORMING ANIMAL BAN - SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC RECORD**

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Dear Council Members and Representatives of LA City Government,

Please accept my letter of OPPOSITION to the proposed performing animal ban, as being submitted for public record. As a Shrine Circus Chairman and Promoter for over 25 years, I am very familiar with the topic of animal welfare. I know first hand about the training, care and love these performing animals receive on a daily basis. There are already Federal, State and Local laws enacted to ensure the welfare of animals. If these laws are being enforced, then there is no reason to pass an overreaching proposal that bans all performing animals. We all agree that anyone that abuses animals should be charged as a criminal...but it should not be criminal to own an animal. With the investment of time and money that the owners and trainers occur on an annual basis, why in the world would they want to risk losing it or abusing it? It makes no sense at all. To cower to special interest groups that have only one agenda is not the way any issue should be handled, because trust me, they have no intention of stopping with just a ban on animals. Americans have been enjoying animals in entertainment for centuries. They should continue to have the right to choose what they want to see, and not have PETA choose for them. Please listen to the facts that are presented by those who oppose this ban....not the propaganda and slander offered by those who want anything animal and/or meat related removed from our lives. We all believe in animal welfare, even those of us in the circus industry, we just have a different way of showing it.

Please OPPOSE this proposal.

Sincerely,

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