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Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare;

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 this issue.

My name is Jennifer Henderson. I have worked with animals professionally for the last 35 years, both in the entertainment Industry as a Studio Animal Trainer, as well as educational shows, events, and meet and greets. The people with whom and work and I , love the animals we work with and have dedicated our lives to their care and well being. All of the professional animal companies and trainers in this industry are properly permitted by USDA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish and Wildlife, as well as local city permits (i.e. Animal Control).

The service we provide to the public will obviously be jeopardized by this proposed ban. Conservation starts with people who have empathy and regard for all life, which in large part comes from their personal experience and education. A hands-on personal experience with animals that you can actually see and ask questions about is far more impactful than reading about them in a book.

The statements with regard to the treatment of these animals has absolutely no merit and I would ask that anyone on the Committee please research the actual care and training of these creatures

I oppose this ordinance as written and urge you to reconsider its' effects.

Thank you
Jennifer Henderson