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**Agenda item #16-1357: Please include this letter into public record and it is to be included in any hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to this issue.**

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April 21, 2017

Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

Opposition to agenda item #16-1357: Please include this letter into public record and it is to be included in any hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to this issue.

I am an animal trainer for film, television, events, live shows and commercials since 1974.

The Motion #16-1357 proposed is extremely offensive and insulting to me in every respect. My life has been centered and molded around animals.

I have rescued hundreds of cats and dogs that would have been euthanized. I have worked exotic and domestic animals and have been a member of teamster local 399 for over 35 years.

To even consider a motion such as this is a horrible mistake for Los Angeles.

Because some police abuse suspects, does that mean police should not function? Should all police be judged by their wrong actions?

Because some priests sexually abuse small children, does that mean priests should not function in LA?

Because some businessmen practice fraud and white-collar crime, does that mean business people should not conduct business in LA?

Because some politicians are corrupt and use their office for financial gain, does that mean people in public office are all corrupt?

In this motion, the negative example of trainers and handlers mishandling animals are the exception, and not the norm.

How dare people who do not know us say that we misuse and mistreat animals this way!

How dare you consider putting forth a law that helps to take away our way of life, takes away our careers and livelihood!

This motion is a stepping-stone to removing animals from all animal work in Los Angeles.

Our animals are cared for with love, excellent homes and excellent training, and excellent care.

We are monitored by humane organizations, USDA, FISH AND GAME, and ANIMAL REG. We comply with all the regulations of all these government entities.

If you drive legitimate, kind, talented and caring animal trainers out of work, you help send animal work to Mexico, India, China, and Argentina!

This is already happening repeatedly, since these remote places are cheap and welcoming.

These places require no oversight, humane group monitoring, or animal care regulations.

Animals will certainly suffer working out of LA and the USA.

Your short sightedness, if you pass this motion, will only send animal work away, far, far away.

It will hurt good people who make a living here working with animals.

But mostly, it will hurt animals. Animals will be used in projects out of this country with no oversight, and no long-term history of humane animal training.

If you care about animals, you will encourage, welcome and cultivate as much animal work as possible right here in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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