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Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

Opposition to agenda item **#16-1357**: Please enter this letter into Public Record to be included in any Hearings, studies, and/or reports pertaining to this issue:

My name is Richard Nyberg. I have worked professionally with exotic animals for the last 10 years. I am a Studio Animal Trainer in the motion picture industry. I am a Member of Local 399, in good standing.

I have worked on many productions, i.e. movies, TV, commercials, music videos and talk shows. I have provided animals for educational use teaching the old and young alike. The value of having knowledge of our exotic and domestic wildlife is imperative. We love and care for our animals as if they were our own children. They get the best of care and treatment. These animals have all been born in captivity.

Cutting animals out of our lives as well as the public's lives will not benefit anyone, especially the animals themselves. **I therefore oppose the ordinance as written.**

Our facility is closely monitored and properly permitted by the USDA, US Fish and Wildlife Services, California Fish and Wildlife Services, California Health Department, as well as City Permits.

Banning exotic animals will not only hurt us and the general public, but will also be devastating to the smaller local businesses.

Sincerely,

Richard Nyberg
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Union Local #399 Member