

April 12, 2017

Bob Dunn
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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 hearing, studies, and or reports pertaining to this issue.

My name is Robert Dunn, owner of Bob Dunn's Animal Services, Inc. I have been providing animals for the motion picture industry for over 40 years. My facility is closely monitored and permitted by USDA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish & Wildlife Service, as well as numerous city permits. We uphold many regulations to ensure that the animals are getting the best care possible.

Some of my animals are born in captivity and the rest are rescued. To the best of my knowledge, I don't know of animals working in the industry that are taken from the wild. Many of them come to us from unfortunate situations such as being housed as illegal pets. It is then my responsibility to provide them with proper veterinary care, give them a healthy diet, and nourish them with endless enrichment.

Banning exotic animals from some of these appearances will take away a form education that the public receives. The local businesses will lose money; such as feed stores, schools, local pet shops, etc. It will also force my trainers out of the career that they've worked their whole lives for.

I ask that you please reconsider this ban as I believe it will do more harm for the community than good.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dunn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Dunn