



Adam Lid &lt;adam.lid@lacity.org&gt;

---

## Opposition to Agenda Item 16-1357

1 message

---

**Jared McGowan** <jbmcg@att.net>

Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 10:47 AM

Reply-To: Jared McGowan &lt;jbmcg@att.net&gt;

To: "Adam.Lid@lacity.org" &lt;Adam.Lid@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: "David.ryu@lacity.org" &lt;David.ryu@lacity.org&gt;, "Paul.koretz@lacity.org" &lt;Paul.koretz@lacity.org&gt;

Greetings,

My name is Jared McGowan, and I am the vice-president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Southwestern Herpetologist Society, and I do have some concerns about Agenda Item 16-1357, and how it may potentially impact legitimate businesses and nonprofit organizations in their efforts in promoting education and conservation of animal species. I do understand that this Agenda Item is also meant to protect exotic and wild animals from entities that may exploit them in abusive or neglectful manners, and that protection is absolutely crucial for any animal's welfare. I can assure you that organizations such as our Society provides speakers to educate our members and guests about conservation, care, education, current educational studies, etc., as well as support community events at school science nights, field trips and exhibits at city, county, and state parks, as well as the Museum of Natural History and the National Park Service events.

It is because of how important our efforts are in helping to spread much needed education and awareness of these animals and conservation efforts that they take part in, that I am requesting that an addendum to Agenda Bill 16-1357 be written to include legitimate businesses and nonprofit organizations who promote the education and conservation of all animals.

Please include this letter into public record to be included in any hearing, studies, and/or reports pertaining to this issue.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jared McGowan

Vice-president of the Los Angeles Chapter,  
Southwestern Herpetologist Society