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Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

Opposition to agenda #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 Raymond W. Beal. I have worked professionally as an animal trainer for the past 29 years. I have trained and worked with both exotic and domestic animals for the government, educational shows, meet and greets, and the entertainment industry.

The reason I went into this field is because of my love for animals and my desire to share that love and respect with others all while educating them. Everyone in my company loves and cares for the animals we work with on a daily basis. All the animals in our company's care are properly permitted by USDA, US Fish and Wildlife, Animal Control Agencies, California Fish and Wildlife and are regularly monitored and checked by these governing agencies.

The proposed ban not only threatens my livelihood, but also limits the possibilities for others to learn more about these beautiful and exotic animals. Being able to interact with the animals in a personal way is much more relatable than simply reading about them in a book. In my own experience, people have more empathy for something they can physically see or possibly even touch. Protection of these animals starts with educating others. One way is offering a hands on experience that starts meaningful conversations and ultimately secures future conservation for all animals.

I strongly oppose this ordinance as it is written and urge you to reconsider the true effect it will have on the animals in question.

Thank you
Raymond W. Beal