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The attached letter is the same as below in regards to Agenda item #16-1357

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Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

I am writing in OPPOSITION to the recent agenda item #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 William Warden and I have dedicated my life to the conservation of animals in the wild as well as to welfare of animals in captivity. I had the unique opportunity of getting my training from the Exotic Animal Training and Management (EATM) program at Moorpark College before I began a career as a studio trainer and a part of Union #399. I have also been able to be a part of an amazing outreach and education company, although not accredited it is regulated by USDA, California Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and local law enforcement. Each year it reaches over a million children in the southern California area alone.

Many of these children are in the Los Angeles area and are reached through school programs and library programs but MANY are reached through private events like birthday parties. It is at these programs and parties that these children receive a one on one experience with an animal that has lead them to take efforts to help in conservation. I have received many letters from parents and children explaining how the animal ambassadors I brought changed their outlook on animals around the world. I have also been stopped on the street being reminded of when I had spoke at a child's party and how they now wanted to do what I do and be active in saving animals when they grow up.

It is due to these experiences that I know this bill will eliminate those experiences for current and future children as well as endanger animals around the world. Thus, I am in STRONG OPPOSITION of agenda item #16-1357 and hope that we can find another way to actively help animals and children grow together for years to come.

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