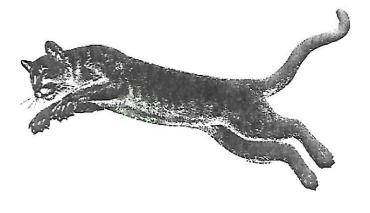
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TO : LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE 200 NORTH SPRING ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

RE: OPPOSING FILE # 16-1357

HELLO

PLEASE ENTER THIS LETTER TO TH PUBLIC RECORD.

Let me introduce myself, I Nicholas Toth , have been working with exotics animals my whole life (53 years). My father a Hungarian refugee who escaped Hungary in 1956 started Cougar Hill Ranch in October 1970, and when he passed away in August 1985, I took over the family business. I hold permits from the U.S.D.A , U. S. Fish and Wildlife, California Fish and Wild life, Los Angeles County Animal Control and Los Angeles City Animal Regulation, and I am in good standing with all these agencies and have helped them in the past when they asked for professional expertise when they needed it. I am also in good standing with the American Humane Association and the Animal Protection Agency who monitors my work while on a motion picture, television, and commercial sets. I also have done Education presentations for L.A. County Library system, Antelope Valley School district , Keppel Union School District and the Boy Scouts of America to name a few.

I strongly oppose 16-1357 the banning of exotics animals in Los Angeles. Your summary is not only misleading but does not apply to me. I, as a permit holder to Los Angeles city have a green book with what I can do legally and have always done so. I am not sure who wrote the summary, but it looks a lot like something a animal rights group would do. They don't like people like me. Why? because I can and do work, play, recues, and devotes my life to animals?

Please do not let the Animals Rights people fool you to believing that we hurt or treat our animals badly. It is a lie.

What I have done with animals has always been positive and enriching for they life's I have never abused any animal.

So please do not pass this misleading ban.

Thank you Nicholas Toth President and Head trainer Cougar Hill Ranch Inc.