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Opposition to Agenda Item 16-1357, April 25, 2017

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

Prohibition on the Exhibit of Wild or Exotic Animals for Entertainment or Amusement

As a Co President of the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council and a long time California State Parks volunteer in the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park, I am requesting that bona fide nonprofit organizations that promote the education and conservation of wild or exotic animals be excluded from Agenda Item 16-1357.

This relatively minor change to this Agenda item would not alter the intent of the measure in effectively limiting the great majority of backyard people from using and or abusing wild and exotic animals for Entertainment or Amusement. While the title of the Action does not include the word (and therefore may not include) Education, it greatly concerns me that the ordinance could be interpreted to prohibit educational use also. There certainly is an entertainment factor as well as an educational value in showing reptiles and wild birds / animals. I am very concerned that we would be precluded from showing native reptiles to the third graders that visit our park to learn about history and natural science on field trips for Title 1 and other schools in and near the Chatsworth area. Or us visiting Schools with the same purpose to teach about critters that live in our hills.

For some of the children it may be the first time or only time they can experience nature up close and may influence the path they take in life towards protecting and preserving the only home all living things have - EARTH

This ban would also significantly impair the Naturalist /docent training program of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains where members of the Southwestern Herpetologists Society and Placerita Canyon Natural Area ranger bring in live animals to teach our docents and interested members of the community about the critters and birds that can be found in the Santa Susana Mountains. It would also prohibit these organizations from doing their community outreach at schools, parks, events sponsored by the Natural History Museum and the National Park Service, and at the Open House at the Chatsworth Nature Preserve.

Thank you.

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