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Opposition Agenda item 16-1357

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Dear Committee on Personal and Animal Welfare,

RE: Opposition to 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 Veronica Jamerson. I have worked professionally with exotic animals for the last 25 years. I am an Animal Trainer in the motion picture industry and have been a studio union member of Local 399 in good standing. I have worked on hundreds of productions over the passed three decades, for a company that has been providing animals for well over 40 years.

In addition to studio work, we provide animals for educational presentations and special events. We do this skillfully and safely. We give information and answer questions regarding the animals they are encountering. It is our goal to have every guest leave knowing more than when they arrived, to feel a connection. Conservation starts with people who have empathy and regard for all life, which in part comes from personal experiences, education and a connection. Preventing people from having the freedom to be up close and personal with our animals and their knowledgeable trainers is a disservice to everyone.

Our facility is professional and well kept. Our animals are happy and well tended too. We are properly permitted by the USDA, Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish & Wildlife Service as well as Los Angeles City permits.

I Oppose the ordinance as written.

I think the way the ordinance is written, hurts to many of the good trainers and keepers that really care about the animals.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Veronica Jamerson San Fernando, CA 91340 Animal Trainer Animal Actors of Hollywood, inc Union Local #399 member Sent from Windows Mail