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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 53.39.1 TO THE LOS ANGELES  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE EXHIBITION OF A WILD, EXOTIC OR  
DANGEROUS ANIMAL IN THE CITY, AND AMENDING SECTION 53.50 TO UPDATE  
ANIMAL PERMIT REGULATIONS**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 16-1357

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Section 53.39.1 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). Section 53.39.1 would impose restrictions on the exhibition of a wild, exotic or dangerous animal in the City. The draft ordinance also amends Section 53.50 to update animal permit regulations.

The draft ordinance places limits on the permits issued by the Department of Animal Services for the exhibition and filming of a wild, exotic or dangerous animal in order to impose safeguards for the humane treatment and safe transportation of each animal and for the safety of the public. Permits will be limited to conservation or educational presentations and to filming.

The draft ordinance contains a specific ban on exhibiting a wild, exotic or dangerous animal in connection with a loud or unruly gathering, such as a house party, as defined in Section 41.58.1 of the LAMC.

The draft ordinance also contains a specific ban on circuses and other performing acts using wild, exotic or dangerous animals. Section 53.50 is updated for consistency to eliminate permits for circuses and performing acts using wild, exotic or dangerous animals.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Dov S. Lesel at (213) 978-8154. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal