

LA Zoo's Male Asian Elephant: Council File #17-0453

Joe Hogg

Jan 22, 2018 9:12 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Asian elephants are now endangered in the wild and relocating captive elephants to sanctuaries is not the answer. Modern zoos, such as the LA Zoo, play an important role in species protection and survival through superior care and captive breeding where appropriate.

I doubt there's a sanctuary in the United States that can match the level of board-certified veterinary support and 65+ years of keeper experience in managing elephants. The recently rebuilt elephant facility at the LA Zoo is large and modern, and I have seen hundreds of Zoo visitors fascinated by the elephants and educated about their life style and care.

The issue of moving Billy to a sanctuary has come up before. It was a bad idea then and a bad idea now. It would be detrimental for Billy and a loss for the many LA Zoo visitors who admire elephants and love Billy.

Respectfully,

Joe and Aprille Hogg
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Billy at the LA Zoo

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Kathy Fogel

Jan 21



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As a long time (40 years) member of the LA Zoo, I am concerned that people who do not fully understand the work that has gone into making sure that our elephants are cared for at the best facility and by the best keepers are trying to remove Billy from his home environment.

Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America, at a state-of-the art facility where he benefits from tremendous resources: a dedicated team of animal care staff and top-quality health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

The success of the Zoo's elephant program and Billy's good health is based, in part, on the quality of care he has received from highly qualified and dedicated animal care professionals who have a combined 65+ years of working with him daily.

It is not an exaggeration to say that a sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys at the Los Angeles Zoo. **Never.**

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I hope that the Council will understand that he is in the best environment now, and would be harmed by moving.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kathy Fogel

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Shirley Richardson

Jan 22 (23 hours ago)



Billy at the LAZoo

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This is in regards to file #17-0453

My name is Shirley Richardson. I am retired from the LAZoo. I also worked for nine years with Elephants, and Billy was one of them. I was a Zoo Keeper for over 25 years.

I will say the keeper staff is very dedicated to the care and maintenance of all the animals. The care of the Elephants has always been the best. Their welfare is always top of the list for keepers.

Management has always been there for the keepers.

I have traveled all over the United States and Europe, to visit Zoos. Especially Elephants. I can say the LAZoo is tops in all areas for animals.

If you need any more information from me please feel free to E-Mail me.

Shirley

file #17-0453

Lawrence Phelan

Jan 22, 2018 9:57 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Council

Please follow the recommendations of the professionals relative to the elephants well being.

Lawrence Phelan



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My wife and I live in Los Angeles and vote in every election. We are opposed to having Billy the elephant moved out of the LA Zoo. We are very familiar with the care he is getting. Those who want him moved are part of a very small minority. It is hard believe this should be a pressing issue before the council. Unbelievable.

James and Patrice Mitchell

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Kristin Kieft Hagemeyer Jan 22 (22 hours ago)



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To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email regarding the issue of Billy the Elephant. I strongly believe that a vote to keep Billy at the Zoo is important for his well being. I know that animal rights groups favor moving him to a sanctuary and are pushing the Council to vote to move him. While I applaud the efforts of these groups as they do a lot to help animals, in this particular circumstance, I do not agree with their recommendation to the Council.

1. I support the L.A. Zoo and the professionals who are entrusted with Billy's care to provide the best for him. I believe they would be in favor of moving him if it was in Billy's best interest. The keepers and others at the Zoo are educated and trained in areas pertaining to animal welfare, health, etc., therefore it is not just for the sake of the Zoo (and money) that they believe it is best for Billy to remain at the Zoo, but it is for the sake of Billy.
2. Moving Billy from his "home" where he has lived for many years would be extremely stressful. Moving is stressful for humans, why would it not be for Billy? He would be leaving the surroundings he has known for many years as well as the caretakers who have been with him. Think about your pet's reaction to a move - did your dog get sick? did your cat find a place outside of the litterbox to go? Think about your reaction to a move - did it take quite a while to adjust? did you find it hard to connect and make new friends? Why would it be different for Billy?

As a member of the LA Zoo, I am concerned, as I know you are, about the state of the Zoo. I want to be sure that the guiding principles are in the best interest of the animals as well as the fiscal health of the Zoo. In this instance, I support the Zoo, its keepers and its administrators in keeping Billy where he should live out the rest of his life - the LA Zoo.

Thank you,
Kristin Kieft

BILLY, THE ELEPHANT AT THE L.A. ZOO

Teri Lambert-Odom

Jan 22, 2018 1:49 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Whom it May Concern:

The purpose of my email is to state that I am directly opposed to the transfer of Billy, the elephant at the L.A. Zoo, to a sanctuary. Billy is an extremely well cared for elephant, receives the best medical attention when needed, and is loved by all his handlers and caretakers. I visit the Zoo on average two to three times monthly, and Billy is always a stop I make to visit this wonderful boy. I see absolutely no evidence of Billy being distressed, in ill health, or mistreated. I am absolutely certain that Billy would not receive anywhere near the care and love at a sanctuary he receives at the Zoo, not to mention the psychological damage Billy could incur from being separated from those Billy loves.

Please, for Billy's sake, I appeal to those involved in this issue to not transfer Billy.

Most sincerely,

Teri Lambert
916/960-3083



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Moving Billy; CF#17-0453

1 message

C A Alexander <zoobear95@gmail.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 7:05 PM

Dear Michael Espinosa,

This is in reference to CF#17-0453.

It is against all kinds of reason to move Billy the elephant from the life and humans that he knows, trusts and depends upon. Sanctuaries are not inspected by any responsible agency. The LA Zoo is.

His routine and life will be totally uprooted and destroyed. That is NOT in the best interest of his health and well-being.

Since these sanctuaries tout that the elephants don't have to come in unless "they want to", the animals are not assessed daily as to their health concerns. Their feet have to be maintained or there is a high likelihood of infections leading to death. If there is TB (tuberculosis) present at a sanctuary, it can spread to a heretofore healthy animal that normally wouldn't have gotten it. The depression caused by being taken away from his home, his herd, his keepers would be devastating.

I don't know what you have been told, but it goes against good husbandry practices for any animal, much less and elephant.

While I am not a zookeeper, I do have an AS in Zoo Animal Technology. I am also a pet sitter by trade.

Please reconsider this action. It is not in Billy's best interests.

Cheryl Alexander

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**Marians Herrera**

2:37 PM (27 minutes ago)

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

The Elephants of Asia habitat at the Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. In fact, it's the only home that he has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America and benefits from tremendous resources, a dedicated staff, and top-quality health care. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Billy's quality of care at the L.A. Zoo far surpasses that which he would receive at any sanctuary. Elephants are highly intelligent and sociable animals, and they form deep emotional bonds with their caregivers and other elephants. Billy's caregivers have known him for decades and he receives the best care possible at the L.A. Zoo. If Billy were sent to a sanctuary, the ties he has with his caregivers and fellow elephant companions would be broken. Further, any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull and would not be allowed to mate.

The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction.

At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as

that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

Marians Herrera

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453

1 message

Alison <ababin32@hotmail.com>

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 5:36 PM

To: "clerk.cps@lacity.org" <clerk.cps@lacity.org>, "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please leave Billy the elephant in his home, and with his family. As evidence has proven over and over, elephants form strong social and emotional bonds with their family members. Billy's family has been his keepers at the zoo, for 33 years. He has strong bonds with the people who love him, have cared for him for over 23 years, and know him better than anybody else ever will. He has an exciting, varied and stimulating environment, with training and enrichment. And he has visual and olfactory contact with 3 female elephants. Sanctuaries promise space, but barren space devoid of his people, and any other elephants (bulls are housed separately at sanctuaries) will leave him confused, lonely and heart broken.

For Billy's health and well being, please leave him in his home.

Sincerely,
Alison Babin

Council File #17-0453 - we want the motion dismissed

Cynthia F

Jan 22, 2018 2:22 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

There is something about this issue that you may have not considered yet. What do you believe is the difference between a zoo and a sanctuary? The Los Angeles Zoo has one of the most renowned elephant programs and habitats in North America. Just because a facility is labeled as a zoo or a sanctuary does not make it better or worse than another and it is never black and white.

"Sanctuaries" are virtually the same as zoos. What's the point of moving this highly intelligent creature away from everything he has ever known just so he can be in a place labeled as a sanctuary? For semantics?

I am willing to bet the vast majority of the supporters of this motion HAVE NEVER VISITED THE LOS ANGELES ZOO nor seen how incredible Billy's habitat is.

Before making this important decision that will impact Billy's life, please consider visiting or researching the Los Angeles Zoo and speak with his caretakers and supporters. People in the animal care profession have vast amounts of knowledge about the species they care for. There is no one better to speak to than the people and veterinarians who care for Billy EVERY DAY to find out what is best for him.

The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has very strict requirements for accreditation. Facilities with accreditation, like the Los Angeles Zoo, are continually inspected in order to maintain said accreditation. "Sanctuaries" can operate with no accreditation from any such organizations. To move Billy from the AZA accredited LA Zoo to a sanctuary makes zero sense.

At the L.A. Zoo, Billy serves an important role as an ambassador for his species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. Visitors who may otherwise never even see an elephant in person. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter as an animal care professional who battles the semantics of zoo vs sanctuary on a daily basis. I also strive to help others understand that the real battle exists out in the wild where many animals, like Asian elephants, are losing their habitats at an alarming rate. I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Allow him to live out his life in peace and comfort at home.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Findley

Animal care professional<div id="DAB4FAD8-2DD7-40BB-A1B8-4E2AA1F9FDF2">

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Billy the LA Zoo elephant

Edd Stepp

Jan 22, 2018 8:10 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I very much oppose Councilman Koretz's attempt to relocate the LA Zoo's Billy.
File #17-0453.

Once again he is under the sway of the animal rights' people. It is a bad idea.
Billy has a large new home and the best care and expertise of the Zoo's staff.

I am a longtime member of the Zoo since 1970. So I know what I am talking about.
Unfortunately, Koretz is my council person.
Please acknowledge my opposition since I cannot attend the meeting on Wednesday.
Thank you. Carole Stepp

Carole Stepp
Mobile: 310-689-8102
Sent from my iPad

Billy the L.A.Zoo Elephant.

Jon Bernstein

Jan 22, 2018 12:41 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I am in support of keeping the elephant at the LA Zoo. I have seen many captive and wild elephants and can attest to the exemplary care given to the elephant(s) in our zoo. Thank you for your concern. JJBernstein DVM LA Zoo Veterinarian 1968-1971

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Lissette Solt

Jan 21



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No..... Please don't take the elephant no where because he couldn't survive in wild environment, he's costum with people

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Sheila Swicker

Jan 21



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To move Billy , the elephant, to a sanctuary would be a against all the facts. The animal rights activists do not seem to understand that a prime breeding male should be where he can help preserve the species. Where he receives the best vet care.In a sanctuary he would probably have to be castrated.

What a waste when the Asia elephant is endangered.

Please leave Billy where he is safe and can help educate the public. Educate the public to the dangers of extinction, to wonder if the species.

Most people don't get to see these creatures in the wild. A Zoo is so important to educate the public.

Leave Billy at the LA Zoo

Sheila Swicker



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Jan 22 (20 hours ago)



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Billy need to remain at the LA Zoo! Those who think otherwise are simply UNINFORMED. He receives the best care at the LA ZOO facility that could not possibly be reproduced anywhere else, especially a preserve. Elephants only roam to find food-- and Billy has plenty where he is-- both on the food and the spacial front. Leave him where he is and stop this nonsense and get to something that needs attention-- Like the homeless problem...

Sincerely,

Deborah C Learned, Docent since 1992
Los Angeles Zoo

Council File #17-0453 KEEP BILLY AT THE LA ZOO

Alex Lasser-Gold

Jan 22, 2018 1:42 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To whom it may concern,

Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America, at a state-of-the art facility where he benefits from tremendous resources: a dedicated team of animal care staff and top-quality health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

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It is not an exaggeration to say that a sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys at the Los Angeles Zoo. *Never.*

The best place for Billy is right where he is; the Los Angeles Zoo

Sincerely,

Alex

Council File #17-0453 Needs to be Dismissed

Brynna Campbell

Jan 22, 2018 1:25 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello,

I'm writing to you to ask that you dismiss Council File #17-0453. I am a Los Angeles resident who is in full support of the Los Angeles Zoo keeping Billy the Elephant. The Los Angeles Zoo's elephant care is held to a strict standard that a sanctuary will not provide, and so I would like the motion to be dismissed.

The L.A. Zoo takes expert care of their animals, and this motion will not only remove one of their elephants to a less-regulated facility (**where elephants have died recently of TB**), it will also cause the L.A. Zoo to lose their AZA accreditation, which means it will have to pull out of their conservation breeding programs. These programs are critical in saving endangered species for future generations - this includes species like the Western lowland gorilla and the Andean condor.

I would also encourage you to consult actual unaffiliated elephant experts who are not part of these animal rights groups on the matter about Billy's welfare. The animal rights groups in favor of this bill are uninformed, and moving Billy to a sanctuary would hurt him rather than help him. Please don't let these political groups manipulate their way into compromising Billy's care.

Thank you for your time,

Brynna Campbell
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Billy, OUR elephant...

Andrea Maier

Jan 22, 2018 5:56 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Leave him to a life uninterrupted ad SSF and healthy! His home is the LA Zoo!

Sent from my iPhone

Billy the elephant File #17-0453

Karen Azenon-Garlington

Jan 22, 2018 2:01 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Council,

I only have one question, why is it that the people who want Billy relocated are only concern about Billy and not any other elephant or any other animals at the LA Zoo?

Sincerely a happy Zoo member,

Karen

Council File #17-0453

Brian Walker 

Jan 22, 2018 2:37 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

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I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

Brian Walker 

brian@brydenmedia.com

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Billy the Elephant, LA Zoo

Valerie Hunter

Jan 22, 2018 12:02 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Good morning, As a long term member of the LA Zoo, 26yrs, I would like to express my concern over moving Billy, the elephant. He has been part of our zoo for many years, and went through significant stress during the time his new enclosure was delayed, but has shown tremendous improvement over the last 3 years as he adapted to his new area and companions. I have watched him gain back his normal weight, become calm and interactive and my impressions have been validated in discussions with his handlers at zoo events. I believe it would be to his detriment to move him and a significant loss to our zoo and all the children and families who come to see him. Sincerely, Valerie Hunter,PT
CHT

Billy the elephant

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Elizabeth Bower

Jan 21



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I am writing to express my opinion that Billy the elephant be allowed to stay at the LA Zoo. He's happy, well cared for, and a highlight when my Grandchildren and I visit the Zoo.

Elizabeth Bower

Sent from my iPhone

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Shaw-Young

Jan 21



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Dear Sir or Madam,
I've been going to the zoo for years and I have seen first hand how much staff cares about Billy and his well being. I know I would miss seeing him if he was relocated. So, I'm against it.
Please keep Billy at his Los Angeles Zoo home.
Thank You,
Robert Young



Debbie Andersen

Jan 21



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Every time we visit the zoo, my grandchildren can't wait to visit Billy. We watch the talk all about his care, and how important elephants are to our world. Please don't remove him from our zoo. Debora Andersen
Sent from my iPhone



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Jan 21



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I have been a member of the Los Angeles zoo for over 30 years and am strongly in favor of keeping Billy the elephant under the zoo's care. With a state of the art facility and world class staff, it makes no sense to move him.

Please ask the City Council to stick to what they know best, when you discover what that is. Animal husbandry is certainly not a skill in their wheelhouse.

Richard E Fleishman

Richard E Fleishman, MBA
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Becky Gelhaar

Jan 21



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Please do not let the activist cause you to vote to move Billy from the LA Zoo. He has been very well cared for at the LA Zoo and moving him would be disruptive to him.

Children get attached to Billy when they visit the zoo and in the process begin to learn and care about elephants around the world. The exhibit was modernized and now gives Billy a wonderful environment.

This isn't like a circus or a facility that offers rides to tourists.

Billy is a treasure to Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gelhaar, La Canada



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Richard Baumann

Jan 21



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Keep him in the L.A. Zoo where he is well cared for and a joy for our children to see!!

Sent from my iPhone



marip...@yahoo.com

Jan 21



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File #17-0453

Dear L.A City Council members,

As a teacher, mother of 3 young children and an animal lover I urge you to please leave Billy stay at the L. A zoo. I have had the pleasure of taking my children and students with special needs to see Billy many times in the past few years. During each visit children and adults alike are enthusiastic to see this enormous creature in person and spend some time admiring them. In this time of age where technology runs most of our lives you should understand the incredible opportunity of actually seeing a live elephant is for a young child. Despite the incredible advances that technology has made there is no comparison to seeing the actual size of an elephant, how it smells and the noises it makes when it is playing in the bright sun. I became a L.A zoo member a few years back, thanks to a visit to the zoo, specifically based on the obvious improvement in zoo appearance and animal care. The elephant area is so large and provides us with an opportunity to see the animals relax by a water fall, play in the dirt or walk around. You never know what you get to see them do, but every time it's an extraordinary experience. Please give the L. A zoo an

opportunity to keep caring for Billy and give us parents and educators an opportunity to further provide the children an amazing experience.

Sincerely,
Lizbeth Noriega



NANCY LEVINE

Jan 21



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I support the L.A. Zoo and I have seen no credible evidence in the written record that Billy's treatment is inhumane and that he will do better anywhere else. If there is such evidence from a reputable source, please send it to me and I will revise my opinion.

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Nancy E. Levine
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Lori Conley

Jan 22 (22 hours ago)



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This email is in reference to council file #17-0453. I am writing to express my support for the Los Angeles Zoo. I have been a member and frequent visitor of the LA Zoo for 5 years . I can assure you that the animals there receive the best of care and are well loved by their keepers.

I have toured the elephant habitat and it is a state of the art facility. Billy's keeper's are experienced and well trained. Are you aware that this "sanctuary" that Mr. Koretz wants to send Billy to doesn't even exist yet? Sincerely, Lori Conley

Sent from my iPhone



Raymond A. Mendez

Jan 22 (17 hours ago)



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Dear Chris and Rich,

The full reply to this issue would involve conversations on all sorts of ethics, how we treat animals, ourselves and the very spirit of life. Seems we have lost the ability for polite discourse and have relegated conversation to Id based opinion. Here is something I wrote some time ago when this issue came up at an AZA meeting.— There seems to be some confusion in the threads of what animal groups should do about human animal interactions. In most cases animal rights advocates stray well beyond the original groups founding philosophies, that for example working horses deserve a more humane existence. Much of this goes back to the Magna Carta but I digress. Many modern animal rights groups serve as wonderful mirrors for society to test beliefs in animal care, housing, testing and in some cases gratuitous scientific experimentation. However, other groups stand firm upon some strange romantic view of the natural world.

So when you get to an animal as an individual who might want to live at all cost and could receive human aid, even if this means living as a story telling partner in a Zoo, we fall into

the trap of what would happen in nature. I wonder how many animal rights folks would refuse medical aid since that is not really natural – you know, break a leg – die.

Many years ago, after the discovery that lead-shot was stopping proper digestion in condors, a huge decision needed to be made, to ban all lead-shot from hunters as this was the main culprit, to bring the animals into captive situations until safe havens could be found and no lead laws enacted or to let the animals die out as a huge rallying flag for pushing conservation laws. The lead shot community had lots to say but of course no one asked the condors. One of Americas largest bird groups wanted the romantic view of condors flying free or their death as the final outcome. How sad if this position had been adopted. Now under captive breeding these wonderful animals still live, they can be seen, some flying in the winds of the Grand Canyon. How much stronger a message for all to see the living bird instead of just a mounted condor behind glass as just another sad tale where egos trumped kindness and sanity. Most importantly, if we as a species ever grow up, the acts of selfish indulgence that precludes sane stewardship of our planet may change. I look forward to that day.

Absolutes solve nothing, help no one and in the end alienate possible like hearted individuals from helping in the stewardship conversation. That is the conversation we must all be part of if we ever hope to have a future holding as core a saner use of our one and only world. Here is one of my favorite cuts from a book I read as a young boy while surviving Jesuitical training in an all boy high school.

"We need another and wiser and perhaps a more mystical concept of animals. Removed from universal nature, and living by complicated artifice, man in civilization surveys the creature through the glass of his knowledge and sees thereby a feather magnified and the whole image in distortion. We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken form so far below ourselves. And therein we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendor and travail of the earth." HENRY BESTON, *The Outermost House*

The Zoo is doing a fine job in an imperfect world. How much better for a visitor to see this magnificent animal and wonder and perhaps develop a passion for their survival. How sad to tuck them away, in another also non perfect place, while the guest have no opportunity to see them as real.

Remember I rodeo and am a real believer in human animal interactions as both work partners and as teaching partners. No horse, sheep, dog, cat, bird, fish, reptile would willingly live in our homes (include barns) except for the fact that this is how it is. Many, probably like your elephant, know nothing else. The 6.5 acre holding facility is spacious by the settings of the past. I have designed a world class elephant facility in Australia and helped with the enclosures for Animal Kingdom. More important to me is that these are partners in moving people to a saner use of our planet and how much does the exhibit contribute to education, funding for in situ conservation action wherever the animal comes from.

Defend the Zoo.

Well you asked :>)

Cheers, Ray

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On Jan 21, 2018, at 2:13 PM, CHRISANNA MINK <cmink@ucla.edu> wrote:

Is what the Zoo says true?

Hope all is well, xoxox

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **John Lewis – L.A. Zoo Director** <info@lazoo.org>

Date: Sun, Jan 21, 2018 at 12:06 PM

Subject: URGENT: We need your support for Billy the elephant

To: Richard and ChrisAnna <cmink@ucla.edu>

Take action to help Billy the elephant at the L.A. Zoo.



Dear Richard and ChrisAnna,

Last May, we reached out, asking members to express their support of the Los Angeles Zoo and opposition to a Los Angeles City Council motion that has been filed to remove Billy the Asian elephant from the Zoo to a sanctuary. Thousands of you responded by sending emails and postcards to the Council's Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee expressing why it is so important to you that Billy remain at his home. And for that, we thank you!

Now, we are asking for your help once again. The Los Angeles City Council Arts, Parks, and River Committee is meeting this Wednesday at 2:30 pm and the matter of Billy's relocation is on the

agenda. The opposition has mobilized and we need to demonstrate to the Council that, while animal activists are making a lot of noise and expressing their opinions, the facts are not on their side.

Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America, at a state-of-the art facility where he benefits from tremendous resources: a dedicated team of animal care staff and top-quality health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

The success of the Zoo's elephant program and Billy's good health is based, in part, on the quality of care he has received from highly qualified animal care professionals who have a combined 65+ years of working with him daily.

It is not an exaggeration to say that a sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys at the Los Angeles Zoo. *Never.*

Please take a moment to send in your comment via email to the City Clerk's office at clerk.cps@lacity.org and reference Council File #17-0453. Let the Council know that you support the L.A. Zoo and the professionals who are entrusted with Billy's care to provide the best for him, in your own words.

Or, if you prefer, you can use our system to [send the email on your behalf](#).

However you choose to take action, you'll help ensure that our animal care professionals continue to make vital decisions about preserving and protecting animals. You'll also help ensure that all Asian elephants have a future.

For more information about our elephant program, visit www.lazoo.org/elephants

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot above the "i" in "Lewis".

John Lewis
L.A. Zoo Director

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Council File #17-0453

Samuel Cohen

Jan 22, 2018 2:37 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Samuel Cohen

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925-519-7041
samuel.cohen@outlook.com

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

The Elephants of Asia habitat at the Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. In fact, it's the only home that he has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America and benefits from tremendous resources, a dedicated staff, and top-quality health care. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Billy's quality of care at the L.A. Zoo far surpasses that which he would receive at any sanctuary. Elephants are highly intelligent and sociable animals, and they form deep emotional bonds with their caregivers and other elephants. Billy's caregivers have known him for decades and he receives the best care possible at the L.A. Zoo. If Billy were sent to a sanctuary, the ties he has with his caregivers and fellow elephant companions would be broken. Further, any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull and would not be allowed to mate.

The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction.

At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

Samuel Cohen

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens (<http://www.lazoo.org>)

Billy the Elephant File #17-0453

Saybrookgrant

Jan 22, 2018 9:19 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Billy deserves to stay in his home, one of the most carefully designed elephant habitats in the USA. Sending him to a sanctuary is putting amateurs with a political agenda ahead of caring, trained, professional keepers.

You know that there is no frontier in this, and if activists are successful in getting elephants out of zoos, who knows what animal will be targeted next? It's shameful. Please do the right thing.

Yours truly,

Peter Grant
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Los Angeles CA 90026

Council File #17-0453 Discussion of Billy's relocation from the LA Zoo

Lucinda Reilly

Jan 22, 2018 1:16 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Please do not relocate Billy from his long time home at the LA Zoo. I have seen Billy many times when visiting the zoo. I believe him to be well cared for. Please do not consider this request from uneducated activists.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Reilly, concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

Please keep Billy the elephant at the L.A. Zoo

Mel or Nora Butler

Jan 22, 2018 8:50 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Billy gets stupendous personal care at our zoo. Please leave him there. Mel Butler, M.D.

Billy the Elephant @ LA Zoo

Steve Gera

Jan 22, 2018 11:58 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello!

As a conservationist and member of the LA Zoo I wanted to register my support for the Los Angeles Zoo and their effort to ensure that Billy the Elephant remains in the excellent care and facility he now resides.

While I applaud the animal activists who are working for the rights of animals everywhere, it's evident to see that the care our Los Angeles Zoo gives to every one of it's precious animals is far better than a less proven environment.

Please do your best to listen to all sides, and confirm our vote for Billy staying at the LA Zoo.

Best regards,

Steve Gera
760-434-9361

Council File #17-0453 - Billy The Elephant

Katalin Michaels

Jan 22, 2018 10:27 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am a long time supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo and all of the amazing work that they do to promote animal welfare.

Please look at the FACTS when evaluating the best place for Billy the Elephant (Council File #17-0453). There is no way that an animal sanctuary, no matter how good, can match the level of care that Billy is currently receiving. His quality of life at the zoo is excellent and it has been his home for many years. The move alone would be traumatic, but more importantly, the level of care in the long term would decrease.

I am a HUGE animal lover and a supporter of many animal welfare charities. This is, however, a huge misstep on the part of a few radical animal activists. This is not in Billy's best interest, so please let him stay in his excellent home at the LA Zoo.

Best Regards,

Katalin Michaels
LA Resident since 1975

Billy @ the Zoo

jane stauss

Jan 22, 2018 3:50 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I am appalled to think that Billy would be removed from the home he has known most of his life. He knows his keepers who have thousands of hours caring for him and know him well. He has lots of space to roam in several configurations. He is treated with respect and dignity.

HE SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CARE AND ATTENTION HE RECEIVES AT THE LA ZOO.

Jane Stauss

17-0453

3 posts by 3 authors



Bob Young

Jan 21



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Please keep Billy the elephant here at the Los Angeles Zoo.
Thank You,
Bob Young

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rklo...@sbcglobal.net

Jan 21



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The Asian elephant Billy only knows the Los Angeles Zoo as his safe home environment. The city of Los Angeles and the Zoo community have been a tremendous support to Billy and to educate children and visitors to the Los Angeles Zoo about the plight of elephants in the wild. Shame on the city if it turns its back on Billy and sends him from the only safe place he knows where he exhibits as a healthy normal engaging elephant with a professional staff supporting the elephant exhibit.

Sent from my iPhone



Leroy Vego

Jan 22 (23 hours ago)



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Unless activist can find Billy's family and put him back in his lost habitat there is no better place for Billy then at the LA zoo. The intelligent care and concern is apparent in every moment of of Billy's life at the LA Zoo.
I am glad the activists are concerned about the animals, but they have no idea how to care for them. Most of them don't know the difference between an African and Indian elephant nor their culture.
Please be sure that knowledgeable custodians take care of these animals. That is our job as humans.
Thanks,
Dr. Leroy Vego

CF #17-0453

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Kate Gilmore

Jan 21



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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Zoo professional, I feel it is my duty to add my thoughts to this motion. The care given to all animals there -- elephants among them-- is excellent. Great care is taken to meet their needs, both physically and mentally. The elephant staff are highly trained and have dedicated their careers to caring for these magnificent animals. The Zoo and its staff are held to the highest standards of zoological facilities, and surpass them in many cases. Those who oppose Billy residing at the LA Zoo are unaware (or do not care to learn) about the wonderful care he and the other elephants receive there. He has lived there almost his entire life, and has worked with his human family for decades. Let him stay at the LA Zoo.

Thank you for your time,
Kate Gilmore

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Alison

Jan 22 (14 hours ago)



CF#17-0453

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please leave Billy the elephant in his home, and with his family. As evidence has proven over and over, elephants form strong social and emotional bonds with their family members. Billy's family has been his keepers at the zoo, for 33 years. He has strong bonds with the people who love him, have cared for him for over 23 years, and know him better than anybody else ever will. He has an exciting, varied and stimulating environment, with training and enrichment. And he has visual and olfactory contact with 3 female elephants. Sanctuaries promise space, but barren space devoid of his people, and any other elephants (bulls are housed separately at sanctuaries) will leave him confused, lonely and heart broken. For Billy's health and well being, please leave him in his home.

Sincerely,
Alison Babin



AMVoeller

Jan 22 (12 hours ago)



CF#17-0453

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Dear Mr. Espinosa,

I am a concerned citizen with many years of animal experience I can tell you that the elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo are taken care of with the utmost professionalism, caring and concern for their well-being. Billy is an iconic part of the Los Angeles Zoo to lose him would be to lose a family member, he is beloved by not only the keepers and the

people that work at the Los Angeles Zoo but by every single Patron that visits every day of every year. I've always considered myself an advocate for conservation an advocate for good care to animals in captivity and I believe strongly that the Los Angeles Zoo offers everything the elephants need maintaining the highest of standards. Certain animal activists continue to think they know better, they do not possess solid and concrete facts they base their opinions on emotions they don't take the time to sit down and really check out what's going on they speak in innuendo and sensationalism. The elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo are loved, they are taken care of, every need is handled they are treated with respect and they're treated with dignity. It is very sad that we have to address having Billy removed from the Los Angeles Zoo. But i am part of a tenacious group and we will continue to fight to have Billy remain where he is, we will fight with passion but we will fight with knowledge and knowledge is the strongest power anyone can have. Billy has a home, he does not need to be uprooted.

It is my sincere hope that this letter in some ways serves to represent not only me but others whose voice might not be heard. Billy is part of the Los Angeles Zoo, the Los Angeles Zoo is part of Billy. I'd like to thank you for your time I appreciate you reading this letter.

A.M.Voeller

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Billie the Elephant

gnp...@roadrunner.com

Jan 22, 2018 4:33 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear City Council,

I urge you to keep Billie the elephant in the home that he has known since he was a youngster. He is well taken care of. Moving him to an unfamiliar place would be very stressful. He has a very large area to roam and a staff of keepers and vets who he knows well.

DO NOT MOVE HIM.

Norma Port

5848 Ranchito Ave.

Valley Glen, Ca 91401

Billy

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Victoria Goddard

Jan 21



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Billy has been cared for by dedicated people for decades. He is approaching the end of his life. Why put him into a setting unfamiliar to him when he could live out his remaining years in the home he has known.

Sent from my iPad

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Leslie Moreno

Jan 21



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A sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys at the Los Angeles Zoo. *Never!!!!*



Cheryl revkin

Jan 21



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Please don't remove Billy to a sanctuary. He has bonded with his environment and it would traumatize him to move. That would be so sad for him!

Cheryl Revkin, member LA Zoo



Alan Lamas

Jan 21



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Billy has lived at GLAZA too long and with too much stress in the past to be moved to another home. He doesn't get along with other elephants but appears to be happier now at GLAZA.

He'll have a longer and a happier life where he is now.

Sincerely,

Alan & Alice Lamas
GLAZA Members



Mark Garbarino

Jan 21



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City Clerk's office at clerk.cps@lacity.org and reference Council File #17-0453.

Dear sirs, I've been a member of the LA zoo since 1987. At one time the elephant confinement was horrendous. Presently this is not the case. The new enclosure is brilliant and compassionate and I also agree that no sanctuary, unless it's in Africa, (where it could still be killed for ivory) can compete with the la zoo.

Thanks

Mark Garbarino PASADENA



Susan Y

Jan 21



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Billy the elephant is doing just fine. I have been going to the LAZoo since 1967. I have never seen the elephants mistreated. The stress of moving him would be awful.

Just leave him alone.

Sent from my iPad



traci havens

Jan 21



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My name is Traci cazares my children and I have been Los Angeles Zoo members for 25 years. My children have learned so much about the care of animals, the habitat of animals and why animals are so important to our planet. To take Billy away from the home that he has that he knows that he feels comfortable in and to remove him from the people that care for him and love him would be cruel. Billy was not ripped from Africa last week and placed in the middle of a understaffed dirty Zoo. He is an extremely well cared for and well-loved animal living in a clean home. I hope you will consider the well-being of Billy and leave him where he is where he can be loved and cared for for the rest of his life.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



PAT LOVERME

Jan 21



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Billy has a good home. Pleae him there!



Frank Baldacci

Jan 21



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My wife and I, along with our now adult children and many grand children love the LA ZOO. We believe that Billy and the other elephants have a wonderful home at the zoo and would love to have them remain there where we believe that they would continue to receive the love and care they need.

Thank you.

Frank and Sharon and family



terrell cabrales

Jan 21



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Keep him at the zoo.

Terrell cabrales jr

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Los Angeles 90039

Sent from my iPad



Jose Maria Andres Martin

Jan 21



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Billy is an ambassador of his species to all the future generations who would visit him at the zoo, please leave him at this facility. Also the relocation to the sanctuary could be even more harmful to the animal after all this time with us. Please, leave him with us.

Jose



Claudia Serrano

Jan 21



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I writing this letter cause we are so worry that you want to take our billy away from us . My kids enjoy go to the zoo and see billy once a month please don't take him he always happy and the zoo always take an excellent care on him we love him and we need him in the zoo he is part of our family every one who is coming to the zoo enjoy to se him around us. Thank you
Sent from my iPhone



Sherry Hertel

Jan 22 (22 hours ago)



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I would be very sad if I couldn't take my grandson to see a real live elephant. My father took me to the LA County Fair every year so I could learn about animals. And that's what the zoo does too. Thks

Regards,

Sherry Hertel
Vice President of Sales



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Good stuff.



Linda Seiter

Jan 22 (21 hours ago)



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Please leave Billy where he is! He is getting excellent care at the zoo. That is his home. Linda Seiter
Pasadena, CA 91105

Sent from my iPhone



dvr...@buckeye-express.com Jan 22 (20 hours ago)



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Just a quick note to let you know that motion 17-0453 to move Billy to a sanctuary is the wrong move. Billy has been at the zoo for close to 30 years where he gets care from a dedicated staff of professionals. Sanctuaries are not cure-alls and have issues that are not made public since they are run by private individuals. It is wrong when people with no idea what it takes to care for elephants make decisions like this. I suppose the councilman who made this motion gets hefty re-election donations from groups like PETA, who are only interested in their agendas with no regard to how their decisions affect these animals.

Dave Ross

Maumee, OH



Joy Gelb

Jan 22 (18 hours ago)



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I think that the best interest of Billy, he should stay at his home that he knows and enjoys. He gets all the care and attention from the animal keepers and they know him very well. Leave him alone and in peace.



mjmartinez51

Jan 22 (13 hours ago)



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Please keep Billy here he's in good hands the staff really take care of him really good and every time we go he's always happy staying here I take my whole family just to see him and they have so much joy for him please don't send him keep him where he is at thank you from the Martinez family



Donald Galishoff

Jan 22 (11 hours ago)



Other recipients: cler...@lacity.org

Please do not send Billy away. Elephants are very smart and sensitive and moving him could be a death sentence. Thank you for your consideration. Don Galishoff



Bonne McGowan

Jan 22 (10 hours ago)



Other recipients: cler...@lacity.org

Council File 17-0453

On behalf of the zoo keepers, who have over a collective half century of expert experience, I beg you to leave Billy where he is. He is cared for by some of the finest members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in the United States. They have always had, and continue to have Billy's best interest. Sending him away from the caregivers he has known is detrimental to his well being. His current habitat is phenomenal. Sending him to a "sanctuary" where the animals are not managed properly and cared for by appropriately trained staff is a horrendous idea.

Please allow Billy to stay where he belongs.

Bonne McGowan



Carmina Endicott

Jan 22 (10 hours ago)



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To whom it may concern,
I understand there is to be a hearing on whether or not Billy the elephant should be moved from the LA Zoo to a sanctuary.

What I know about elephants is that they are very intelligent and they are capable of forming deep emotions. Removing this animal from its home and "family" will be a huge detriment to, not only this animal but, the others he would leave behind. And the repercussions of the emotions this animal may form once removed from his environment could be harmful to other animals and/or humans.

I know people that work with the animals at the LA Zoo. These animals, and especially Billy the elephant, are in the best care possible.

Please do not allow Billy to be transferred because a group of activists think they know what's best for an animal that has spent the last 29 years forming a home at the LA Zoo.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carmiña Endicott

Sent from my iPhone

Council Member Koretz' Motion (File #17-0453)

Betty

Jan 22, 2018 4:37 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Re: Relocation of Billy

My husband and I visited the Los Angeles Zoo in the 1960s shortly after it opened. How sad the Zoo looks in our photos of our children on their first visit. There was nothing but bare ground and newly-planted young trees. There was no shade. Thanks to the donations of many plants to the Zoo since, the botanical treasures it holds includes many that are now endangered in their natural habitats where they evolved, just like the animals.

In the 1980s when our children entered high school I took the Provisional Docent training class, the 23-week UCLA-accredited extension course on the study of animals in captivity. I graduated in 1982 and became an active docent giving tours to school children on field trips and outreach programs to schools in the greater Los Angeles. During the 1990s, I began serving as chairman for different committees of the Docent Program including that of Docent Chair for a term of two years and as chair of the Zoo-hosted conference for the American Association of Zoo and Aquarium Docents in 2012. At 76 years old, I am still serving as chairman of our Lecture Advisory Committee and still driving to the zoo once or twice a week from Hermosa Beach on that horrible 110 freeway.

In my 50 years of visiting the Los Angeles Zoo with my family and 35 years of being at the Zoo's exhibits at all times of the day and night giving tours and leading behind-the-scene opportunities, I have never seen or known of any animal being

mistreated or neglected and have only been witness to excellent professional care by well-educated and well-trained animal care staff at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Whereas during the past 50 years and especially during the past 35 years, the elephant numbers in the wild have dropped drastically. I have seen this first hand in East Africa. There is almost no room for elephants in the wild. They are being displaced by people, development and destruction of their resources. Without parks and guards, they will disappear from the wild forever. That is exactly why the work zoos do is so very important to the future of so many species. Please see the whole picture.

How much more money will be wasted due to continual calls for the removal of Billy from the home he has known for almost as long as I have been involved with the zoo? One day Billy will get a mate so that his offspring and their offspring carry his genes and survive. Would I rather see him in the wild? Of course. But I know he would not have survived to his current age. He would not have lived long enough to have those magnificent tusks if he had been in the wild.

To be close to a living elephant to hear its low rumble or loud trumpet, to see how large it actually is, to smell its unique bouquet what a thrill! I feel so proud to have been able to share my knowledge and passion for elephants with many schoolchildren whether in the Zoo or in the classroom who may never see an animal in the wild.

Please do not even consider depriving the children of the greater Los Angeles area of an encounter with an elephant at the LA Zoo. The Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. He has a beautiful barn and exhibit space and he has the best professional care available. And he is a magnificent

ambassador for his species.

I urge you to stand on the just side of this argument. Responsible zoos are not in the business of entertainment except that of animals behaving normally. Any training is done for animal care and well being. The entire City Council should be very proud of the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Garden for the excellent educational source it has become for the greater Los Angeles area and its visitors.

We had long lines to see pandas on loan from China for the 1984 Olympics. How about working toward having a young elephant for the 2028 Olympics? How much do you know about the history of our Zoo?

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dunbar
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310.379.3022



CF#17-0453 regarding Billy the elephant

j_be...@aol.com

Jan 22, 2018 11:47 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today in reference to the file #17-0453(moving the Asian male elephant Billy from his home at the Los Angeles zoo to a sanctuary). I ask that you please take the time and patience to read this and think of what is best for the animal, and not just what a group of people believe they think is best for him.

The Asian male elephant Billy has been at the LA Zoo for 29 years out of his 33 years alive on this planet. He has been taken care of by and built strong relationships with all of his caretakers. Three of his caretakers have been with him for 23 of those 29 years.

Elephants are highly intelligent and social creatures. They are very observant and influenced by their surroundings, environments, and interactions. The caretakers and other staff that Billy has been surrounded by, have a huge impact in his everyday life. Those caretakers have the abilities to perform necessary husbandry and medical procedures that he may need done. These procedures help to maintain his health, and aide in the prevention of other potential issues occurring.

Having known Billy for so long, the same caretakers will be the first ones to know when he is not acting himself, eating correctly, or just in general not feeling well. This is very important as with animals and sometimes children they cannot always tell you when they're not feeling good or what is wrong. That's why it's important for the caretakers or parents to be able to interact and to know when something is not right.

Many people want to see zoos as a bad environment and sanctuaries as the answer, but that is not the case. Elephants in the wild are being poached at an alarming rate of one every 15 minutes. The chances of Billy making it to the age of 33 in the wild are highly unlikely. The Asian elephant population has seen a dramatic 50% decline in the last three generations, and it still continues to drop today. His home now provides him with safety, social interaction with three other female cows, as well as the staff that looks after him and takes care of him.

I have had the opportunity to visit the facility, the staff, as well as Billy himself. Having worked with over 21 different elephants, both Asian and African, I have seen a lot of different elephants, their environments, body composition's, and overall sense of mood/attitude or happiness. Of those elephants that I have worked with, five of them were males. Having spent the time observing Billy(multiple hours), it is in my opinion that he is in great physical health, has a great staff taking care of him, and appears to be very comfortable in his current environment. He was full of energy as I watched him playing in his waterfall and grazing and eating all day long in his recently upgraded facilities and yards.

In regards to sanctuaries, not to speak ill of them, but I have heard and seen both good and bad things about them. Sanctuaries feel very strong about and believe in obtaining the elephants and then letting them range freely over the multiple acres. They prefer to have them do their own thing, with very little human interaction. Yes, in theory that sounds great and the best thing for the elephant, but unfortunately it is not.

Elephants still need and rely on social interaction that many of them have become accustomed to through the relationships built with their human caretakers and other elephants over the years. The same interaction benefits them not only socially, emotionally, but with medical/husbandry care as well.

Some examples of that care, would be proper footcare, bathing and skincare, medical exams, dental exams, and just overall health checks to make sure the elephant is living a healthy life.

For instance, elephants have six sets of teeth that they go through throughout their whole life. They have two teeth on the top and two teeth on the bottom. Each one is about the size of a red house brick. As the elephants grow older they lose a chunk of their tooth and the rest of the tooth pushes and moves forward. It's very important for the caretakers to keep up on what set of teeth the elephants are on through exams. This helps the elephants as they near the end of their last set of teeth or show signs of difficulty chewing certain foods. The caretakers can then adjust their food so that they can comfortably chew and still continue to receive their daily nutrition. This is just one example of the many things that taking an elephant away from their home and sending them to a sanctuary would negatively affect with their overall health and life.

With these elephants being placed in a sanctuary, they are being ripped away from their existing herds and caretaker families. Unfortunately they will not receive the same quality or amount of care that they received every day in their previous homes. That care is what helps to ensure the chances of a long and healthy life for them. Many times I have seen and heard, where the elephants arrive at the sanctuary and become distant or even aggressive. This I believe comes from being ripped away from their previous relationships and herds, and being placed into a brand new environment that they did not ask for, nor are familiar with. This can sometimes lead to acts of aggression or even fatalities towards the caretakers of the sanctuary or even other elephants residing their. Also, many times the unnecessary traveling causes the elephants to arrive severely dehydrated, over stressed, and even pass away upon arrival. This can be due to a condition known as capture myopathy. I have also heard accounts of the elephants being

so stressed or upset that they go completely off food and water, as well as venturing off on the sanctuary and slowly passing away. So my question would be if the elephants are happy and properly cared for in their current homes, why would we move them to a sanctuary where this such thing could happen? It just seems unfair to uproot the elephant and potentially cause them an early death, or to even live out the rest of their years in solitary or under constant distress. I understand the people petitioning and the workers of the sanctuary feel it is in the best interest for the elephant. So they feel better and as if they have won their fight, but at what cost when the elephant arrives and later dies.

I have worked with elephants for over 8 years now, and I could list multiple other facts as well as reasons to not proceed with this move. But I'm simply asking that you please take the information I have provided and stop and think what is best for Billy. Billy currently has a great home, other female elephants to interact with, and an amazing staff that loves him and will do anything for him! So please do not break this up, and please allow him to stay at home where he belongs. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joshua L Becker

Billy the Elephant

15 posts by 15 authors 



Sheri Cohen

Jan 21



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Dear Clerk,

I understand that the Arts, Parks and River committee is meeting on Wednesday to discuss the possible relocation of Billy the Elephant from the LA Zoo. I feel this would be a terrible mistake and would be detrimental to Billy's health and wellbeing.

Billy currently enjoys a large state-of-the-art facility that was designed around his needs and those of the female elephants also living at the facility. He is cared for by experienced animal care staff that have provided continuity of care for most of his life. No sanctuary could match the quality of life that Billy now enjoys.

I know that maintaining captive elephants is a very emotional issue. But the reality is that sanctuaries are still a form of captivity. Please allow Billy to remain with the keepers and other elephants that are part of his life.

All my best,
Sheri

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Patricia Kendrick

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Please do not remove Billy the Elephant from his home at the Los Angeles Zoo. He has ample room to roam, a great barn for nights and bad weather and amazing care from the trained professionals that lovingly care for him.

Sent from my iPad



Lisa Retzlaff

Jan 21



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Dear Council,

The Los Angeles zoo is one of the best things about our city. They have built a wonderful facility to care for and study elephants. A sanctuary is not the best place for Billy. The animal care team at our zoo is exceptional and is committed to conservation in the wild and the ultimate care for the animals in the zoo. Please allow Billy to stay where he is, as it is the best placement.

Thank you,
L. Retzlaff



James Whitman

Jan 21



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I would like to strongly support the Los Angeles Zoo in keeping Billy the elephant. The zoo has done an excellent job in allowing people see the animals in the world and educating them on their threaten status.

Jim Whitman



Keith & Diane Western

Jan 21



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Billy has lived at the zoo most, if not all, of his life. It is his home. To put him in a sanctuary would remove him from his home, he would be castrated and away from the care-givers he knows and trusts and he would probably die.

Why does a sanctuary seem a better life for him? Look no further than Keiko the whale from the "Free Willy" movie who was released into the wild by the mistaken belief that he would be better off. He wound up dead, washed ashore in Norway.

Please, please do not remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo. Again, it is his home and the only one he knows.

Thank you,

Diane Western



Jean Prinz

Jan 21



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The elephant facilities where Billy lives are the top of the line in space, structures and ability to care for him. Transferring him to a place where he roams free does not mean that he gets the medical care or keepers who care for him daily and know him well. In addition, taking him from his home and all that is familiar to him would be traumatic.

Leave him where he is and where all of us can visit and come to know and value him and the whole species. Elephants away somewhere do not raise awareness and concern for them. nor teach children and adults to care about elephants in the wild.

Jean Prinz
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Victoria Fears

Jan 21



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Dear Council,

Please do not send Billy to a sanctuary. He is bonded with his keepers and seems to enjoy his large enclosure at the Los Angeles Zoo. He is a wonderful ambassador for the city. We can all learn a lot from him.

The people who are lobbying for his removal from the zoo are passionate about Billy, but they are misinformed. Do not let a small, but vocal, minority persuade you to make the wrong decision. Billy should stay at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Thank you, Victoria Fears



Helaine Cummins

Jan 21



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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

I've been a GLAZA member since my son attended the North Hollywood Zoo magnet in the early 1990's. I've been to the zoo many many times to see the animals and take photos of these beautiful creatures. I was there during the building of the Elephants of Asia habitat and was a little upset that it took up so much room and made walking to different zoo areas much harder. When the habitat was finished, it wasn't always possible to even see elephants, but it was totally amazing and fun to see one of the elephants playing in the waterfall in one area once it was finished.

In this email I would like to tell you about an incident that kind of sums it up for me.

I belong to a camera club and show pictures once a month for a competition. I was so proud of my photo of one of the elephants sitting up like a dog. I removed the thick cables from my photo so it wouldn't distract from the elephant. As soon as my photo was put on display, some of the other club members said "Oh, that is terrible." "Look what they are making that elephant do." And other comments like that. I actually received a lower score because of those outbursts, when, in fact, that was a really happy shot of this elephant waiting for the keepers to give it a shower. They were checking out areas they couldn't see with it standing up and then came the hose shower and the elephant seemed to really enjoy it!

Not only was I upset with my score, but I was extremely upset that these normally nice kind people were so **brainwashed** by some of the animal activists who are trying to get Billy moved from the LA Zoo.

I see news stories and documentary shows of the cruel things that happen to animals, and really wish something can be done about those terrible atrocities, but removing Billy from our zoo would serve no purpose. Since it's the only home he's ever known, I would think it could be very detrimental for his emotional well being.

Please don't allow something to happen that would be all around BAD for Billy!!!

Sincerely,
Helaine Cummins

The following is the zoo written letter, which I'm sure you have read many times over:

The Elephants of Asia habitat at the Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. In fact, it's the only home that he has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America and benefits from tremendous resources, a dedicated staff, and top-quality health care. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Billy's quality of care at the L.A. Zoo far surpasses that which he would receive at any sanctuary. Elephants are highly intelligent and sociable animals, and they form deep emotional bonds with their caregivers and other elephants. Billy's caregivers have

known him for decades and he receives the best care possible at the L.A. Zoo. If Billy were sent to a sanctuary, the ties he has with his caregivers and fellow elephant companions would be broken. Further, any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull and would not be allowed to mate.

The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction.

At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,



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Jan 21



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In a few words. Keep Billy at the LA Zoo. Children - Especially can learn and realize this magnificent animal is the an endangered species. When you see a live animal - you connect and feel responsible.

Thank you for your time.
Rebecca Nething, annual member GLAZA

Sent from my iPad



Patty Gomez

Jan 22 (23 hours ago)



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I am writing today to express our support of the Los Angeles Zoo and to ask that Billy remain in his home there. He receives state of the art veterinary care there and his enclosure is one of the largest elephant enclosures in the country. Billy is safe, secure, gets excellent care and feeding, and his keepers pour their hearts in to taking care of him. He knows them, he knows when he's getting care, he knows when he's going to be fed. He is happy there! A move to a sanctuary would be traumatic and taking him away from his keepers who love him and work tirelessly to keep him comfortable and healthy and happy would be cruel to him.

Please keep him home!

Sincerely,

Patricia Gomez
Zoo Member
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South Pasadena, CA 91030



Ceja, Luceli

Jan 22 (22 hours ago)



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Hello,

It seems from what I read Billy is better off at the LA Zoo then a sanctuary. Please consider of keeping here in LA.

Best,

Luceli



Williams, Roberta, MD

Jan 22 (21 hours ago)



Billy the E lephant

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Please keep Billy at the LA Zoo, where he is in a familiar environment, has attachments, and is receiving excellent care.

Roberta Williams

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Tamara Goad

Jan 22 (17 hours ago)



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I love Billy I have seen him grow and thrive at the Los Angeles Zoo. My autistic son likes one place in the world. The Zoo yes I was one of those people who thought the zoo was not the best place for

animals. Then I watched truly opened my eyes to the way my son and thousands of children get a chance to see animals for the first time. They are allowed to learn that these animals have faces, lives and likes and dislikes. They see them play, eat and the people who care for them love their job.

One took the time to teach my son that one of the Gorilla's could actually sign just like him. Now we look for her and she always responds to my son. Imagine that a child who lives in a world where he is usually forgotten has a place to share with a Gorilla.

I hate seeing the animals on the news fighting for food and space because of deforestation. We are taking so much from them. These animals are safe and treated with love. NO they could never be set free but are animals truly free anymore? We hunt them down when they crowd us, when we want what they have. When they look good on us. Elephants have memories this one knows his home. Do we have the right to take him from it once again. He is fed, walked, loved and has friends. I think as a mother that's all you can ask for your child.

Stop fighting over him and use the money it takes to fight over this animal and fix his surroundings to make him happier. So many people tell me whats wrong with my child but NO ONE ever stops to see him smile. To see that he is happy, healthy and growing.

If Billy is so mistreated why is he still growing, healthy, and accepting of others? Come on use your brain people sometimes the solution is right in front of your nose. LEAVE HIM ALONE LET HIM GROW OLD IN LA.

Former zoo hater/ Now zoo member for life.



Barry Wallace

Jan 22 (10 hours ago)



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Keep Billy at the Los Angeles zoo rather than send him to a sanctuary. He has adapted to your zoo and moving him could be very stressful to his mental well being.

Barry Denver, CO



Frank Conley

Jan 22 (9 hours ago)



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Council file #17-0453

I am writing to support keeping Billy the Elephant where he is belongs, in the LA Zoo. Billy receives excellent care, from dedicated, experienced keepers, in a great area designed especially for elephants. I have had the opportunity to tour the elephant barn on two occasions, and have observed Billy of times. He appears to be quite content.

I am aware that a group of activists wants to relocate Billy to a sanctuary for all bull elephants. While this is a romantic notion, please be aware that this sanctuary currently as an idea only. There is no such sanctuary in existence.

I understand that councilman Koretz, who has presented motions to relocate Billy, has not once visited Billy at the LA Zoo, despite numerous invitations to do so. I hope that this is not the case, but I know how persuasive the activists can be, so it would not surprise me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Frank Conley
Sherman Oaks

P.S. I would really like to see the council focus their attention on more pressing matters, like public safety, fixing the recycleLA debacle, removing homeless encampments, fixing the roads. Please feel free to contact me if you need any more suggestions.

File #17-0453 regarding Billy the elephant

Cindie Sweitzer

Jan 22, 2018 11:58 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 24, 2018 at 2:30pm it is scheduled for Councilman Kortez to motion to the LA City Parks and Recreation Department to relocate Billy the elephant from his home at the LA Zoo, to a sanctuary. I strongly urge you to deny this motion!

Billy has lived at the LA Zoo for over 30 years. He has established great relationships with the keepers who look after him, with some of them caring for Billy for over 23 years. He is a social, bull elephant who enjoys his everyday activities that his keepers provide him. He has around the clock care with a certified veterinary staff at the LA Zoo. He lives along side 3 females, 2 of which he has been with for close to a decade.

This motion is being backed by animal rights extremists that have very little knowledge in animal welfare and elephant care. They base their arguments purely on emotion and capture their audience by emotional propaganda. They have no real education to back their erroneous claims that Billy is suffering in his current home. As a real animal professional who has worked in a zoo setting for over a decade, specifically with elephants, I can assure you Billy is thriving and content in his current living situation. He is a healthy 33 year old male. He has no health issues for his age. This is due to the around the clock care he gets by his keepers and veterinary team. Routine foot care, visual exams, voluntary blood work, and voluntary trunk washes to test for tuberculosis are just some of the reasons Billy needs to remain with his keepers.

In 2010 the LA Zoo introduced their state of the art, redesigned Pachyderm Forest. A multimillion dollar project designed with Billy in mind to accommodate all of his needs. From heated floors to a temperature controlled waterfall, keepers and the LA Zoo spared no expense for their beloved Billy. He can often be found standing near his waterfall splashing water on himself and foraging for bananas, oranges and other treats his keepers have hidden for him. Everyday he exhibits behavior that confirms he is content in his life.

As true animal professionals, we spend years educating ourselves on animal behavior and interpretation. We are not mind readers, but just as a mother knows when their baby is feeling sick, we know when our animals are experiencing pain or illness and when they are content. We know this by the time we spend with them and by observing their behavior everyday. Animal rights extremists will make you believe Billy is sad because he may be bobbing his head, which is a behavior he exhibited from a very young age. When really, his keepers know that behavior to be an anticipation for something positive to come. They may be getting ready to shift him to a new area, setting up his food, or getting him some toys full of treats to play with. Animal rights extremists twist and manipulate common, uneducated people with the hope that if they can capture a certain emotion, they can manipulate that person into believing anything. His caretakers can not ask Billy how he's doing everyday and expect a response. What they can do is see that he is exhibiting natural behaviors everyday that let them know he is doing well. He eats regularly, he is at an ideal weight for his species, his tusks are strong and thick, he interacts with his keepers willingly, he responds to stimulation around him, and being a bull elephant in his prime, he regularly enters a sexual stage called musth, which is an increased level of testosterone and sexual behavior that all healthy male elephants experience. If Billy was not content in his life, he would not experience these natural behaviors.

Sanctuaries seem to be the "fix all" solutions in animal rights extremists minds. They care more about conquering their cause then the long term effects of their actions. They don't realize that sanctuaries fail to comply with the same standards of care that an accredited zoo such as the LA Zoo is required to do. Through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums organization, zoos are put through a grueling amount of inspections and tests to insure the animals in their care are getting the highest quality of care. Zoos have long grown from large animals in small cages and expanded into conservation havens filled with resources, research and education that has proven to enhance declining and even extinct species. Zoos have brought back to life a passion to help animals, and they have been the forefront of fighting to end extinction, illegal poaching and the illegal wild animal trade. A sanctuary is not going to provide Billy with the care he needs. It

has been confirmed that both elephant sanctuaries: The Elephant Sanctuary, located in Hohenwald, TN and The Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) located in San Andreas, CA have elephants in their care that have tested positive for tuberculosis. Sending Billy, a healthy, disease free elephant to either sanctuary would be detrimental to his health and more than likely, a death sentence. On average, elephants that leave their well established homes and go to these two sanctuaries die within 5 years of being there. In the last decade, tuberculosis has been the main cause of death amongst what were healthy elephants when they arrived. Sanctuaries are not required to do testing for tuberculosis and most of them won't because they are not professional elephant handlers and have no insight on how to work with elephants in order to achieve regular husbandry training. For the few individuals that do have some elephant handling experience, they refuse to test for tuberculosis due to personal beliefs that elephants shouldn't have to be made to participate in training. In 2015, wildfires engulfed the San Andreas area. The fires came dangerously close to the PAWS sanctuary with flames getting as close as a few hundred feet to the elephant enclosure. Elephants experts all over including the LA Zoo begged the owners of PAWS to evacuate their elephants and other animals on the property. PAWS refused to evacuate due to the fact that they didn't want to make the elephants load into trailers. Elephant professionals were offering to bring trailers and to even help load the elephants as most of them were retired circus elephants and very comfortable in trailers. The owners stood their ground and refused as thick layers of smoke filled the air around the elephants. There are aerial photos proving that the elephants stood next to the barn doors, amongst the haze and smoke with flames close by. Imagine if Billy were there in that situation. The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee has had the highest mortality rate from tuberculosis and unknown causes from healthy elephants. Neither sanctuary is equipped to house bull elephants. The Tennessee Sanctuary has refused to take in bulls because they do not have the experience to handle a bull in musth. PAWS will take him in but isolate him from other elephants, causing him to live a lonely life.

Please consider all this information and deny the motion to move Billy to a sanctuary. Allow him to live out his life in his own, specially made sanctuary at the LA Zoo. As you would want people to trust you in your position, please trust his caretakers in knowing what is really best for Billy.

Thank You,
Cindie L. Sweitzer

Jan 22 (16 hours ago)



Mary Ann

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DO NOT REMOVE BILLY OR ANY ELEPHANTS FROM THE LA ZOO

I strongly object to moving Billy or any of the elephants from the LA Zoo. He and all the elephants have all their needs (physical, environmental, medical, social etc.) meet on a daily basis. Do not subject them to an inferior life by a move.

Thank you for your attention and positive vote to keep Billy and all the elephants at the LA ZOO.

Mary Ann Prag

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William Reed

Jan 22 (15 hours ago)



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As an LA native, I have very fond memories of going to the LA Zoo as I was growing up. Over the years, the LA Zoo has become one of the highlights of my trips back to my hometown, as the LA Zoo is now one of the best zoos in the country. The professionals that run the zoo are nonpareil and should be trusted in making the most important decisions in how the zoo should be run. Thus, I am troubled that there is any question as to the zoo's handling of Billy the Elephant. The success of the Zoo's elephant program and Billy's good health is due to the quality of care he has received from highly qualified animal care professionals who have a combined 65+ years of working with him daily. There is absolutely no way that a sanctuary could ever match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys at the Los Angeles Zoo. Trust your staff and allow Billy to continue to thrive in his existing environment.

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453

1 message

AMVoeller <AMVoeller@aol.com>

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 7:14 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Cc: clerk.cps@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

I am a concerned citizen with many years of animal experience I can tell you that the elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo are taken care of with the utmost professionalism, caring and concern for their well-being. Billy is an iconic part of the Los Angeles Zoo to lose him would be to lose a family member, he is beloved by not only the keepers and the people that work at the Los Angeles Zoo but by every single Patron that visits every day of every year. I've always considered myself an advocate for conservation an advocate for good care to animals in captivity and I believe strongly that the Los Angeles Zoo offers everything the elephants need maintaining the highest of standards.

Certain animal activists continue to think they know better, they do not possess solid and concrete facts they base their opinions on emotions they don't take the time to sit down and really check out what's going on they speak in innuendo and sensationalism. The elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo are loved, they are taken care of, every need is handled they are treated with respect and they're treated with dignity. It is very sad that we have to address having Billy removed from the Los Angeles Zoo. But i am part of a tenacious group and we will continue to fight to have Billy remain where he is, we will fight with passion but we will fight with knowledge and knowledge is the strongest power anyone can have. Billy has a home, he does not need to be uprooted.

It is my sincere hope that this letter in some ways serves to represent not only me but others whose voice might not be heard. Billy is part of the Los Angeles Zoo, the Los Angeles Zoo is part of Billy. I'd like to thank you for your time I appreciate you reading this letter.

A.M.Voeller

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Ref 17-0453

lisa malone

Jan 22, 2018 8:26 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

**This is in Reference Council File #17-0453. I live in the Los Feliz area and for the past 3 years I have been very actively going to the LA Zoo and I have their year membership which allows me to frequent the Zoo at various times of the day. I take my grandkids and great grandkids who are thrilled to see the animals. The small toddlers love the interaction they have with the animals as well as the zoo keepers. As such I extend my support for the L.A. Zoo and the professionals who are entrusted with Billy's care to provide the best for him. Even though I can understand animals should be free in their habitat, once removed they might not be able to fend for themselves and at this point the LA zoo has made a nice habitat for the elephant
Lisa Malone**

File 17-0453 Billy

Laurel Wessels

Jan 22, 2018 5:31 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Billy is 33 years old and has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for 29 years. The current keepers have cared for Billy for 25 years. That is nearly his entire life. These keepers are his family and he knows and trusts them. Not only does he have dedicated people who tend to his daily needs, he has 24 hour veterinary care. Billy is in excellent health both physically and mentally. He is in contact with other elephants. This contact is vital to this sensitive creature.

According to Icanimal.org., elephants are one of the most intelligent mammals on the planet and have immensely complex needs. These majestic animals REQUIRE social bonds. These critical bonds are currently being provided by his keepers and the 3 other resident elephants, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi. Billy is able to TOUCH and COMMUNICATE with the girls. If he is taken to a sanctuary, Billy will never again have this critical psychological necessity.

With all due respect to the animal advocates, should Billy be moved, he will be gone from their minds as soon as the "sanctuary gates" hit Billy in his hindquarters. They will be off on another mission. Billy will just be a notch in their proverbial belt of "saves." But, Billy will live on in the hearts and souls of those that care for him on a daily basis. The three ladies, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi, will also miss him as he is part of THEIR world.

Please allow Billy to live his life in the company of other elephants.

Please leave Billy in the dedicated hands of the veterinary staff and elephant keepers of the LA Zoo.

Please consider the psychological needs of Billy.

Please do the right thing, leave Billy in the capable hands of the LA Zoo.

Respectfully,
Laurel A Wessels

Sent from my iPhone

Re: CF#17-0453 Keep Billy at the LA Zoo!

Jessica Sportelli

Jan 22, 2018 10:50 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

I understand you have a big decision to make in a few days regarding Billy the elephant at the LA Zoo, and I am writing to ask you, no, to beg you, to keep Billy at the LA zoo where he belongs.

I am a soon-to-be graduate at the University of California, San Diego studying marine biology and animal science. Before attending UCSD I grew up in LA and volunteered my time in the animal care department at the LA zoo and spent the majority of my 7 months as a volunteer with the elephant keepers and with the elephants. I cannot express to you enough how loved and cared for he is. You are going to hear a lot emotional misunderstandings about the way these elephants are treated, but I must stress to you that none of these accounts are based on science, experience, or facts. They will say Billy is lonely, but in fact male elephants live alone in the wild and only see a female when they want to mate. They will say he is abused, but the elephant keepers have an open door policy. I encourage you to drop by for a tour. As an eye witness, Billy is treated, cared for, and respected by the dedicated and experienced team of elephant keepers that have spent over 20 years of their lives building a deep relationship with this special animal. An animal who has grown up at the LA zoo, and knows nothing else. Imagine living in LA your entire life and then being told by people who know nothing about your life that you don't belong where you grew up, and move you to a foreign, scary, and isolating country where you know no-one and don't speak the language. That is what moving Billy to an elephant sanctuary would be like. That sir, is the biggest form of animal abuse I can think of.

Zoos and Aquariums play a major role in conservation, education, and creating an empathetic and caring generation of citizen scientists. Asian elephants like Billy are endangered in their wild habitat. Having Billy be an ambassador for his species educates the next generation and teaches them to care about the health of the planet and the animals that inhabit it. He can't do that hidden in an elephant "sanctuary".

I truly hope you have gotten to the end of this email, and that you will have an open mind when hearing why Billy needs to stay at the LA Zoo. I trust you will do the right thing.

Thank you for your time,
Jessica Sportelli

Council File #17-0453

Vincent Rocca

Jan 22, 2018 3:12 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens (<http://www.lazoo.org>)

RE: Council File #17-0453 - Support of Keeping Billy at LA Zoo from Christine Ferriter

Christine Ferriter

Jan 22, 2018 3:13 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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Please make sure both letters are independently counted as letters in support of the L.A. Zoo's position.

Thank you,

Christine Ferriter
(Mother of Cooper Lebeda)
1227 N. Brighton St.
Burbank, CA 91506

January 22, 2018

Los Angeles City Council
Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee
Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File #17-0453 – Expressing Support for L.A. Zoo and Opposition to
Proposal to Relocate “Billy the Elephant”

Dear Councilmembers Mitch O’Farrell, David E. Ryu, and Curren D. Price, Jr.,

I am writing today to express my support of the Los Angeles Zoo and their professionals who are committed to the care and conservation of elephants, including Billy, Tina, Jewel, and Shaunzi. Our family has been patrons and members of the L.A. Zoo for over 20 years. Our visits have fostered a love of the animal world and truly inspired our son, Cooper Lebeda, to get educated and involved in elephant and animal conservation efforts (please see his separate letter, attached).

When Cooper first saw the posters around town reading “Don’t Let Billy Die Behind Bars,” and learned of the effort to try to remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo, we all became extremely alarmed and worried. We thought the wording in this campaign was extremely misleading, as it makes it seem like Billy is being kept in some kind of small cramped cell, like a criminal in jail, or an elephant in a circus wagon. From our many visits and observations, we know this is not the case.

As we have educated ourselves about this controversy, we know that we share a common concern with the animal lovers and activists behind the efforts to remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo to a sanctuary – and that is we are all concerned about animals, elephants, and Billy specifically. There is no doubt about that. We differ, however, in what we think is the best way to care for Billy at this time.

I urge the City Council and the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee to really pay attention to details and factual information provided by the L.A. Zoo and its representatives about Billy’s specific situation. Reading about Billy’s history, the care he has received, and the plans for his future care are well-documented, and are carried out by dedicated professionals and staff. The L.A. Zoo is under scrutiny from many different authorities, including the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and so their care of Billy and the other elephants is continuously monitored and evaluated.

I have read the arguments and documentation from both the animal groups supporting Billy’s removal, and the L.A. Zoo. Though the animal supporters are impassioned and well-meaning, I believe it is clear that the L.A. Zoo is currently still the best place for Billy, and I am confident that the professionals at the zoo will continue to care for Billy and the other elephants with their health and well-being as the priority. The elephants currently have access to a large habitat space, exercise, expert medical care, and mental enrichment. They are not mistreated, and are trained with positive behavioral techniques. Should the needs of any of their animal residents change, I believe that the L.A. Zoo – in

conjunction with the AZA – would work diligently to find the most suitable placement for that individual animal, whether at another zoo or sanctuary facility.

I generally agree that the best place for animals is in their native and wild habitats. However, this is becoming increasingly difficult and even unrealistic in many cases, due to human interference. The rate of extinction of many species due to habitat loss, deforestation, and poaching are serious threats to elephants and many other species.

This is why I believe that zoos play an important role, and one that is changing and evolving with the times. The L.A. Zoo, in conjunction with the AZA, is doing its part to help preserve certain species from extinction, including participation in breeding diversity programs. The emphasis on more natural habitat-like environments, including the elephant habitat at the L.A. Zoo, is another example of the way zoos are evolving.

The L.A. Zoo is also helping thousands of visitors – young and old – learn and care about animals. When we get the opportunity to observe animals with our own eyes, it helps foster understanding and empathy on a deeper level than just reading or watching a video can do. This is what I have seen in my son, Cooper. From a toddler in a stroller, to a maturing teenager, Cooper has come to intimately know the zoo and its inhabitants. He knows the personal names given to many of the animals, and has observed their different personalities. He has bid farewell to animals who have been moved to other zoos for breeding, and mourned animals when they have died. Learning about the individual animals at the L.A. Zoo, like Billy, has generalized to Cooper caring deeply about the threatened or endangered status of animal species.

From seeing and learning about Billy and the elephants at the L.A. Zoo, Cooper has become very concerned about elephant conservation. He has written to lawmakers to support ivory bans. He has read articles and watched videos about elephants. After learning from the Wildlife Conservation Society that, “96 elephants are killed every day in Africa,” Cooper solicited donations from friends, family, and classmates. This year he “adopted” an orphaned elephant in Nairobi through the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

I hope you will decide to allow Billy to remain at his home at the L.A. Zoo, under the watchful care of their professionals. A vote to remove Billy would be detrimental, not only to Billy, but to the L.A. Zoo’s reputation. Your support of the L.A. Zoo in this matter will be an important message to our Los Angeles community that our zoo is a place that truly cares about animals, and is an institution to be proud of and to support.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Letter from Cooper Lebeda

Tony Daly webmaster@lazoo.org via ds8732.dreamservers.com
to clerk.cps, me

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Deanna Fisher

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Discussion of Billy's relocation from the LA Zoo

Lucinda Reilly

Jan 22, 2018 1:15 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Please do not relocate Billy from his long time home at the LA Zoo. I have seen Billy many times when visiting the zoo. I believe him to be well cared for. Please do not consider this request from uneducated activists.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Reilly, concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

RE: Council File #17-0453 - Support of Keeping Billy at LA Zoo from Cooper Lebeda

Christine Ferriter

Jan 22, 2018 3:17 PM

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Cooper and I both hope that the City Council and the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee will vote to support the efforts of the Los Angeles Zoo, and allow Billy to remain in his current home.

Sincerely,



Christine Ferriter
(Mother of Cooper Lebeda)
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Yours truly, Cooper Lebeda.

File #17 0453

Harriet Stepner

Jan 22, 2018 7:52 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I would like to add my voice to keeping Billy at the Los Angeles Zoo. The zoo has been his home for many years. He has a wonderful relationship with his keepers. They are part of his family. It would be detrimental to his wellbeing if he were moved to a strange environment. It would be very stressful to him if he were uprooted from his home.

Therefore, I urge a no vote on moving Billy from his home.

Sincerely,
Harriet Stepner
Member of the Los Angeles Zoo
Los Angeles Zoo Volunteer

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cjlwolski

Jan 21



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This e-mail is in reference to the wonderful treatment of the Los Angeles Zoo Asian elephants. I am a resident of Los Angeles and have a membership at the LAZoo and am a proud supporter of the Zoo conservation programs. The elephant habitat where Billy and other female Asian elephants are housed is one of if not the largest in North America where they have state of the art equipment, enrichment and care. The Zoos staff have cared Billy for years and he has the benefit of excellent Veterinary staff as well. Please keep this wonderful animal at the Los Angeles Zoo where he is loved by patrons like myself and has the best care! Thank you for your help and voice in this matter. Sincerely, Marg

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Elizabeth Bontrager Jan 21 (22 hours ago)



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To whom it may concern,
I support the L.A. Zoo and the professionals who are entrusted with Billy's care to provide the best for him. Please allow him to stay at the LA Zoo!
Elizabeth Ramirez

Sent from my iPhone



Mary Lawrence 3:07 PM (7 minutes ago)



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To Whom It May Concern,
I am very passionate about animal welfare, issues regarding animal abuse and animal care. Because of my passion I feel compelled to weigh in on the controversy regarding Billy, the elephant.

My biggest concern here is allowing animal rights activists with little to no background in animal care to drive your decision. Please do not allow this, remember many of these activists are paid and have no genuine interest or knowledge in elephants. The L.A. Zoo is not some roadside zoo lacking in animal care, it is a world class zoo with the highest level of accreditation.

I think their 65 years of experience puts them in a much better position to determine what is best for Billy, than a city council or animal rights activists. If you had a loved one needing round the clock care would you allow politicians & activists to determine what was best for them or would you leave up to the experts? The Seattle City Council faced this same question and decided to let those who had been caring for the elephants to decide what was best for them.

Finally, this is suppose to be about what is best for Billy. Elephants are social, form bonds with other elephants and their keepers. Does it make sense that ripping Billy away from the only family he has ever known would be in his best interest?

Please bow out and allow The L.A. Zoo take care of Billy as they have done so very well.

Thank you,

Mary Lawrence

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As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

I really don't want Billy the Elephant to leave the zoo because he's special to me, and he's a very special zoo friend of mine. I've been getting a lot of chances to visit him at the zoo so I can elephants in both Africa and Asia. After all, Billy is not alone, because Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi are also there with him too. But I know that the poster I saw about Billy is not a fact at all. I c else. Their opinion was that Billy should move out, but my opinion is that he should stay, because he has a big place to move around in, not a small enclosed cage. If Billy would have to lea anger. I would be outraged and devastated too. I really hope Billy stays in his real home at the zoo.

I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary.

Yours truly,

Cooper Lebeda

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I am writing today to express my support of the Los Angeles Zoo and their professionals who are committed to the care and conservation of elephants, including Billy, Tina, Jewel, and Shaur L.A. Zoo for over 20 years. Our visits have fostered a love of the animal world and truly inspired our son, Cooper Lebeda, to get educated and involved in elephant and animal conservation

When Cooper first saw the posters around town reading "Don't Let Billy Die Behind Bars," and learned of the effort to try to remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo, we all became extremely alarmed

was extremely misleading, as it makes it seem like Billy is being kept in some kind of small cramped cell, like a criminal in jail, or an elephant in a circus wagon. From our many visits and ob

As we have educated ourselves about this controversy, we know that we share a common concern with the animal lovers and activists behind the efforts to remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo to animals, elephants, and Billy specifically. There is no doubt about that. We differ, however, in what we think is the best way to care for Billy at this time.

I urge the City Council and the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee to really pay attention to details and factual information provided by the L.A. Zoo and its representatives about the care he has received, and the plans for his future care are well-documented, and are carried out by dedicated professionals and staff. The L.A. Zoo is under scrutiny from many different Aquariums (AZA), and so their care of Billy and the other elephants is continuously monitored and evaluated.

I have read the arguments and documentation from both the animal groups supporting Billy's removal, and the L.A. Zoo. Though the animal supporters are impassioned and well-meaning, I best place for Billy, and I am confident that the professionals at the zoo will continue to care for Billy and the other elephants with their health and well-being as the priority. The elephants cu expert medical care, and mental enrichment. They are not mistreated, and are trained with positive behavioral techniques. Should the needs of any of their animal residents change, I believ work diligently to find the most suitable placement for that individual animal, whether at another zoo or sanctuary facility.

I generally agree that the best place for animals is in their native and wild habitats. However, this is becoming increasingly difficult and even unrealistic in many cases, due to human interfer habitat loss, deforestation, and poaching are serious threats to elephants and many other species.

This is why I believe that zoos play an important role, and one that is changing and evolving with the times. The L.A. Zoo, in conjunction with the AZA, is doing its part to help preserve cert breeding diversity programs. The emphasis on more natural habitat-like environments, including the elephant habitat at the L.A. Zoo, is another example of the way zoos are evolving.

The L.A. Zoo is also helping thousands of visitors – young and old – learn and care about animals. When we get the opportunity to observe animals with our own eyes, it helps foster unders or watching a video can do. This is what I have seen in my son, Cooper. From a toddler in a stroller, to a maturing teenager, Cooper has come to intimately know the zoo and its inhabitants. animals, and has observed their different personalities. He has bid farewell to animals who have been moved to other zoos for breeding, and mourned animals when they have died. Learni has generalized to Cooper caring deeply about the threatened or endangered status of animal species.

From seeing and learning about Billy and the elephants at the L.A. Zoo, Cooper has become very concerned about elephant conservation. He has written to lawmakers to support ivory bans elephants. After learning from the Wildlife Conservation Society that, "96 elephants are killed every day in Africa," Cooper solicited donations from friends, family, and classmates. This year David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

I hope you will decide to allow Billy to remain at his home at the L.A. Zoo, under the watchful care of their professionals. A vote to remove Billy would be detrimental, not only to Billy, but to t this matter will be an important message to our Los Angeles community that our zoo is a place that truly cares about animals, and is an institution to be proud of and to support.

Sincerely,

Christine Ferriter

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I was part of the research department at the Los Angeles Zoo several years ago. I did observation time with Billy for about a month. He was in good spirits, even in the smaller habitat, and

Sincerely,

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Council File#17-0453

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 2:11 PM

I don't want Billy the elephant to leave the zoo. He seems so happy there and he grew up there. Nothing seems bad at all about his enclosure. He has taught me a lot about conservation and about Asian elephants. He looks so happy and seems to have a real important connection with his keepers. Please don't move Billy to a sanctuary.

CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo

Sharon Glaeser

Jan 22, 2018 11:18 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Re: CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo

Dear Mr. Espinosa and members of the Art, Entertainment, Parks, and River Committee

I am writing in opposition to the attempt by Los Angeles city councilman Paul Koretz to remove the elephants from the Los Angeles Zoo. The LA Zoo has an outstanding elephant program with a state-of-the-art facility that supports species-specific needs and a staff that is highly experienced, well-educated, compassionate, and dedicated to the care and well-being of their elephants. The LA Zoo elephant staff are graduates of the the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Principles of Elephant Medicine course, and are members of an organization of elephant professionals committed to advancing excellence in elephant care.

The LA Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), which means they go through an annual review to make sure that all aspects of animal care for every animal in their zoo meets a set of standards. In contrast, the "sanctuary" where Councilman Koretz wants to send Billy is not accredited and does not meet these standards. Adult male elephants (bulls) have unique needs and present unique challenges, and the LA Zoo has proven their commitment to his care. Furthermore, this "sanctuary" has proven they are not able to offer social opportunities for bull elephants, so sadly, Billy would be alone for as long as he lived there. In the care of the LA Zoo he at least has contact with three older cows.

I am a research scientist and have been doing elephant research since 2005 in behavior, communication, reproduction, welfare, and conservation. I hold a master's degree in biology and I am currently pursuing a PhD in animal conservation and welfare science, in which I am using objective measures to assess the well-being of captive Asian elephants. I am involved in the professional elephant community of researchers, veterinarians, handlers, conservationists, and managers; and currently serve on a foundation and in a professional organization that support the care and conservation of elephants in range countries. I am an advocate for humane treatment of animals and people.

As an elephant researcher, I oppose the transfer of Billy or any LA Zoos elephants because I care deeply for elephants as individuals and as a species, and I want them to receive the best care possible and for our communities to care enough to conserve this endangered species. I am appalled at the politics of Paul Koretz on this issue, and I hope that the voice of reason and objectivity of fellow Council members will change the course of action. The 'friends' of Paul Koretz – a group of people with no elephant experience– promote an ideology that animals should be dead rather than in human care. Furthermore, these activist groups have shown little to no commitment to conservation. Elephants are in danger and we need to protect them, but we protect only what we love and we love only what we know. Keeping Billy and the females at the LA Zoo not only ensures they will receive excellent care for the rest of their lives, but that they will continue to give visitors a chance to fall in love and do whatever they can to help protect them in the wild.

The argument to move Billy is an argument of ideology - not welfare - as assessing welfare requires knowledge and experience and objectivity. Please hear the evidence of facts, and take into consideration the experience, commitment, and motivations behind the arguments. Please do not give attention to inflammatory claims and political influence. Billy is an individuals, a magnificent bull elephant, a sentient beings that deserve the best care possible. His fate must not be determined by ideology and politics.

Regards,

Sharon Stuart Glaeser

Council File #17-0453 LA Zoo Elephant Program

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Jan 22, 2018 10:57 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To the Honorable Members of the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee -

I'm writing to discuss the importance of the Los Angeles Zoo. I have been visiting the LA Zoo since birth (1975) and have personally witness the zoo industry change from entertainment for visitors to a comprehensive conservation program for animals around the world. The major conflict here, and the one that will likely be around forever, is about ideology not animal care and conservation. Some people just do not believe in the importance of zoos and therefore spew inaccuracies and false information. The only people who should speak on the care and importance of animal programs are those who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of all creatures.

The staff at the LA Zoo are knowledgeable, passionate, and dedicated to the care of all the animals at their facility. These people are the EXPERTS; activists are not experts on animal care programs. Activists purposefully spread lies to bolster their numbers while completely ignoring what the educated professionals have to say on this matter. Here is the quick and easy Pro/Con for zoos vs. a sanctuaries:

- Zoos provide 24/7 veterinary care to all animals. Sanctuaries DO NOT have dedicated 24 hour veterinary staff.
- Zoos allow interaction between bulls and cows. Sanctuaries KEEP bull elephants SOLITARY.
- Zoos provide educational and conservation giving opportunities. Sanctuaries rely solely on donations to operate; there is no constant revenue stream to keep their facility thriving.
- Zoos allow adults and children to see these magnificent creatures up close. Sanctuaries only allow donors to visit if at all.
- Accredited Zoos are governed by specific care guidelines set forth by AZA and USDA and USFW. Sanctuaries are not held to the same standards.

Lastly and most importantly, "Billy" our infamous Asian bull elephant, has only known the LA Zoo as his home. He is bonded with his keepers and female companion elephants. He was not taken from the wild, he was a gift from Thailand to the City of Los Angeles. "Billy" has a great life here at the LA Zoo; he is loved, cared for, kept company and has space to roam and play from soft sub-straight yards to swimming pools.

The Los Angeles Zoo has been through this ELEPHANT BATTLE enough times. Enough is enough. The Zoo now has a beautiful elephant exhibit that exceeds spacial and environmental conditions.

I would prefer that members of the City Council focus on the ever rising homeless crisis, police involved shootings, and the millions of immigrants in this City being challenged by our President. I urge this committee to drop this motion from future discussions. Mr. John Lewis was appointed to run the Zoo and he should be allowed to do so without the interference of non-informed individuals. PLEASE KEEP BILLY IN HIS HOME - THE LOS ANGELES ZOO. The attached photo shows pure joy.... that is Billy expressing true joy.

Sincerely,

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Council File #17-0453

Dianne Philibosian

Jan 22, 2018 2:37 PM

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary. It would be animal cruelty to subject this elephant to a completely unwarranted move at his age. Being relocated to completely unfamiliar surroundings, people, and other elephants would be a severely traumatic experience for Billy and greatly shorten his life span due to toxic stress. Please do not do this!

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January 24 Meeting RE: LA Zoo

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Jan 22, 2018 5:57 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge the LA City Council NOT to relocate Billy the Elephant from the zoo to a sanctuary. Moving Billy would be extremely detrimental to his mental well-being, and he would also not receive the same quality of excellent physical care and enrichment he currently receives at the zoo. I have toured the elephant barn myself and seen first-hand the the excellent care, love and devotion Billy and the other elephants receive there from the staff.. The elephants reside in a state-of-the art facility; the sanctuary would not be able to provide the same quality of habitat, enrichment and veterinary care to match what the elephants currently receive at the zoo. At a basic level, the sanctuary simply doesn't even have the budget to provide the quality of care he currently receives at the zoo.

Most importantly, separating Billy from his herd and the staff who have cared for him for over 23 years and with whom he has a deep relationship would simply be cruel. While activists will argue that transferring him to a sanctuary would give Billy freedom; this is simply false propoganda that would be extremely detrimental to his well-being. Even at a sanctuary, Billy would still be kept in captivity, and being a male elephant, we would be housed alone, without the contact with other elephants that he currently has at the zoo. Elephants are extremely intelligent, social creatures, and Billy would languish essentially in solitary confinement and without the mental stimulation provided by the enrichment he receives in the state-of-the art facility in which he currently resides. Billy has formed deep social bonds with his caretakers and the elephants that he lives with, and to separate him and force him to live in solitude would be inhumane and cause him to suffer. As you know "elephants never forget," and he will indeed suffer if he is separated from the elephants and the caretakers he has known for over 2 decades.

The activists are using false information to make their point, which is infuriating, because their efforts will only prove to hurt this beautiful creature, rather than help him. Again, I urge you not to relocate Billy to a sanctuary. The move will lessen his quality of life, not improve it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Kern

elephant move

Kristi Dovich

Jan 22, 2018 7:34 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

please do not move this elephant from LA. He has been there his entire life and studies show relationships with people and animas relationships with other animals matter more than exhibit size. please dont do this move

sincerely
Kristi

Sent from my iPhone

LA zoo Billy the elephant

Rebecca Chiavetta

Jan 22, 2018 11:06 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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> I am sending this to express my opinion on this. It would be the worst thing for Billy to be sent to a sanctuary. He is 33 years old the LA zoo has been his home since he was 4 years old. How sad and traumatic it would be for him to be removed from his home and a good happy one at that. Some of the keepers have been there with him for 23 years, he comes running when they call out his name. No animal would come running willingly to anyone if they didn't like or enjoy that person. Billy will taken away and will be lonely as he would be put by himself and have hardly any interaction with anyone.

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CF#17-0453 - To remove Billy The Elephant from Los Angeles Zoo

Robert Porec

Jan 22, 2018 9:06 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Michael Espinosa,

This is in reference to CF#17-0453.

Animal Rights Zealots and Animal Activist Terrorist have no idea what is best for any animal especially an elephant. To move Billy the elephant from the life and humans that he knows, trusts and depends upon is just sheer lunacy.

Have you see these so called "sanctuaries"? They are nothing more than a hospice, caring for animals and waiting for them to die. No preventative care for feet or skin. Some elephants with no interaction with other elephants. Both sanctuaries of name (Paws and the Tennessee Elephant Sanctuary have had cases of tuberculosis which is highly contagious to other elephants and humans also.

To move Billy you would disrupt his existence, his routine and life will be totally uprooted and destroyed. That is NOT in the best interest of his health and well-being.

I know elephants. I have worked and taken care of dozens of them. Currently I am the Mammal Curator for The Honolulu Zoo

I don't know what you have been told, but it goes against good husbandry practices for any animal, much less and elephant.

Keep politics and the animal rights agenda out of this and consider animal welfare instead.

Billy should stay in L.A.

Thank you,

Robert Porec



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Council File #17-0453

21 messages

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

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Re: Council File #17-0453 / Billy the Elephant

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am writing to you to express my concern over the initiative to remove Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo.

I am a member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, as well as a number of other zoo associations.

I am also a person greatly concerned about the welfare of animals.

But in this case I am somewhat baffled by the idea that Billy's welfare is somehow compromised by the conditions and care provided him by the zoo.

Quite the opposite – I believe, having visited his facilities and read various informational articles regarding Billy and the facilities, that his living conditions and care are excellent.

It is comparable or superior to other zoo facilities that I have visited.

While I sympathize with animal activists as to their motives, I believe in this case they are mistaken and that it would be a mistake, not just for the zoo but for Billy, to relocate him.

I hope that you make the decision that Billy should (and in fact needs) to remain where he is.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hopkins

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Letter in Support of Keeping Billy at the LA Zoo

Rozia Francis

Jan 22, 2018 8:03 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Rozia Francis and I am writing to express my support of Keeping Billy at the LA Zoo. I have attached a letter that was written to support Billy, his health and mental well being at his home in the LA Zoo.

Thank you for time,
Rozia Francis

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

Of the 364 days of the year that the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Garden is open, there are about 118,000 students that visit the zoo. In the small amount of time that they spend at the zoo, they get the greatest amount of experience to diversity via the numerous animals that they encounter. Here they get a chance to dream, here they get a moment to relate and here is where stewards of wildlife are created. As a fellow Angelino, I was one of those students. I stood on the outside of the animal enclosure and watched the animals. I wanted to know more about their lives and why they exist and from this small moment it gave me the inspiration to learn about conserving wildlife. As the battle for Billy the Elephant starts to brew again, this is one fact that goes unnoticed; “the number of school children that visit the zoo.” This is also one aspect of the debate that I feel gets overlooked by the politicians and activists that are pursuing this motion.

Billy and I are Angelinos who share a need to thrive in Los Angeles, CA. I was born in this city and attended school in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). As an adult reflecting into my “childhood education” I began to realize that this particular school district did not set its student up to succeed. We were to become the “burger flippers” of society as I remember one of my teachers saying to us. So, why did it matter that we understood science, math or reading? Could we thrive and succeed into getting into college? So, we can expand our chances of success in our adult lives. Every morning that I walked to school, I would have a backpack full of supplies, from notebooks, to pencils and even a calculator. But, to my disappointment the majority of those items were rarely used. I was shuffled from each class only to be “babysat” by a substitute teacher. They would send us home with textbooks, assign homework, and when we returned to class the homework was never collected. But, when it came to doing the standardized testing, we were told to do our best and the reality was that we were never taught the

material that we were being tested on. The scores were low and at the end of the day it was our fault. The school would label its students as having behavioral problems and therefore our education was not a priority. Therefore, the system goes unchecked because the people who can make these decisions do not continue further into the process to ensure that things are being done correctly. So, how does this relate to Billy the Elephant? In many ways it does, are the decisions being made, for his needs, just feelings or for the glory of “finally” winning this battle?

The moment I found my inspiration to conserve wildlife, that was the driving force that I used to push myself to graduate from the LAUSD schooling system, to go on to get my Associate of Art degree in Liberal Arts; attend a four-year university and accomplished getting my Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Biology. The journey itself was not that easy. The learning skills that I needed to obtain from elementary, middle and high school were minute. So, while I would understand the material taught at the college-level I would have to work extra hard than the other students, which made learning a struggle and left me disappointed. But, I still managed to make my education a priority because it is important to me. In order to get to school, I would use public transportation via the buses and trains and take a three-hour bus ride to school and take a three-hour bus ride back home. In the six hours of travel that I put in, I would study on the bus and try to give myself the best advantage as a student. But, I did not complain because in my mind, I was taking back what I lost out on in my “childhood education.”

For all the students that got lost in this schooling system you might wonder where they ended up and how much did they fight to thrive in Los Angeles? For me, my journey took me to the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens where I started out as a General Volunteer in 2005. The moment that I walked into the zoo, I could feel a change in my future outcome mainly because of the people that worked there. On my first day, I was surprised and taken aback by the friendly greetings and the way they got everyone involved in the zoo process and the number of people that asked me “how am I doing?” That one simple question made up for the lifetime of people who never really cared enough to ask me. It may seem odd,

but that was just the reality of growing up in Los Angeles. In 2007, I got my first employment opportunity as a Camp Counselor and it was this moment that I realized that I was in a good place and the window of opportunities would be endless for me. I started out as a “shy/quiet person” at first but from this time I thrived and developed more than I did as a child. I am now working at the zoo as an Education Specialist, where I get a chance to do public speaking, lead tours, do animal presentations, interact with the public and help run children classes. Therefore, in a zoo setting there is growth, potential to thrive, succeed and there exist a safe place for physical, mental and emotional development. For a human being, such as myself, I came from a place in Los Angeles that limited my prospects in life and went to a zoo in Los Angeles that expanded the horizons of opportunities available for me.

For the animal residents of the zoo, they will probably feel the same way that I do. There is an old saying of how we shouldn't implore human feelings onto animals, but for many animals they can sense when they're in good hands. Billy the Elephant does have a story to tell just like me. He came from an unknown world and ended up at the Los Angeles Zoo. Here he gets greeted by the same welcoming people that I meet on my first day at the zoo. His ability to thrive in a zoo setting comes in the form of enrichment, his bonding with his handlers, and the positive environment that they work with him in. How can you tell? What can we use to measure it? We can time out of our busy schedule to visit Billy at the zoo and see how he interacts with his keepers, walk around his entire exhibit and glance at him from afar and watch him and learn about his personality on different days and at different hours. Here Billy is an individual, here he has a team of keepers that lookout for him; in addition, to the 300 plus employees of the zoo. In an alternate perspective, we can ask ourselves about sanctuaries, which can give Billy one thing; space.

One visit to the Los Angeles Zoo, changed the outcome for 1 of 118,000 students that visited each year. One elephant of many is changing the conversation about wildlife. Billy, is one of the many residents of the City of Los Angeles, and his care at the Los Angeles Zoo is a reflection of the many Angelinos that want things to “matter.”



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy

1 message

Tom Therien <tomtherien@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 6:58 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Please leave the Animal where he is it would be terrible to move him he is with his family.

Thank You

Tom

Sent from my iPhone



Kim Ellett

Jan 21



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I am writing in regards to the relocation of Billy the elephant at the LA Zoo. We have been zoo members for many years and have loved being able to observe the animals that are so well cared for at OUR zoo. Billy is not just an animal there, he is an animal ambassador. Billy's presences has helped instill a love of animals, an understand of the need to protect his wild family members and a greater understanding of our human responsibilities towards our planet and all the animals that love on it. Billy is well cared for and thriving in his home at the LA Zoo. Please save Billy from being relocated!

Concerned citizens,
Robert and Kimberly Ellett
Sent from my iPhone

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Jennifer Miller

Jan 21



File #17-0453

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to add my support to the elephant program at the L.A. Zoo and the professionals who have dedicated themselves to caring for Billy and providing him with a habitat and facility that is one of the largest and most thoughtfully designed in the country. The veterinarians and animal care professionals at the zoo are far better equipped to continue to provide Billy with the care that he needs. The motion to place Billy in a sanctuary is perhaps well-meaning, but it is definitely misguided. Billy's needs and best interests should be the paramount consideration, not the statement the activists behind this motion are trying to make with the removal of this elephant from a major city zoo.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Miller
Sherman Oaks

Sent from my iPhone



Laila Keith

Jan 22 (13 hours ago)



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Please do not relocate Billy! He needs his family and the support the LA Zoo offers which cannot be replaced!

Attachments (1)



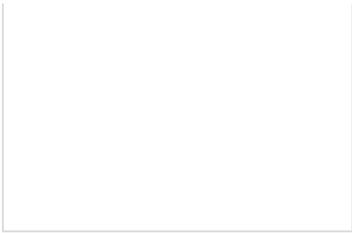
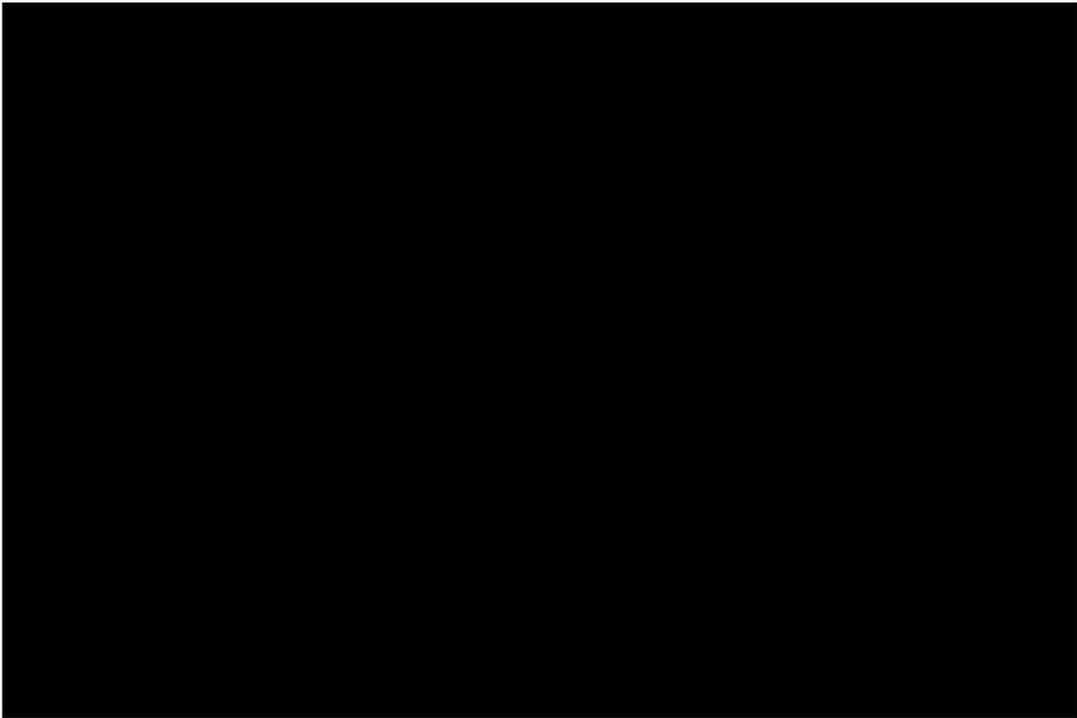


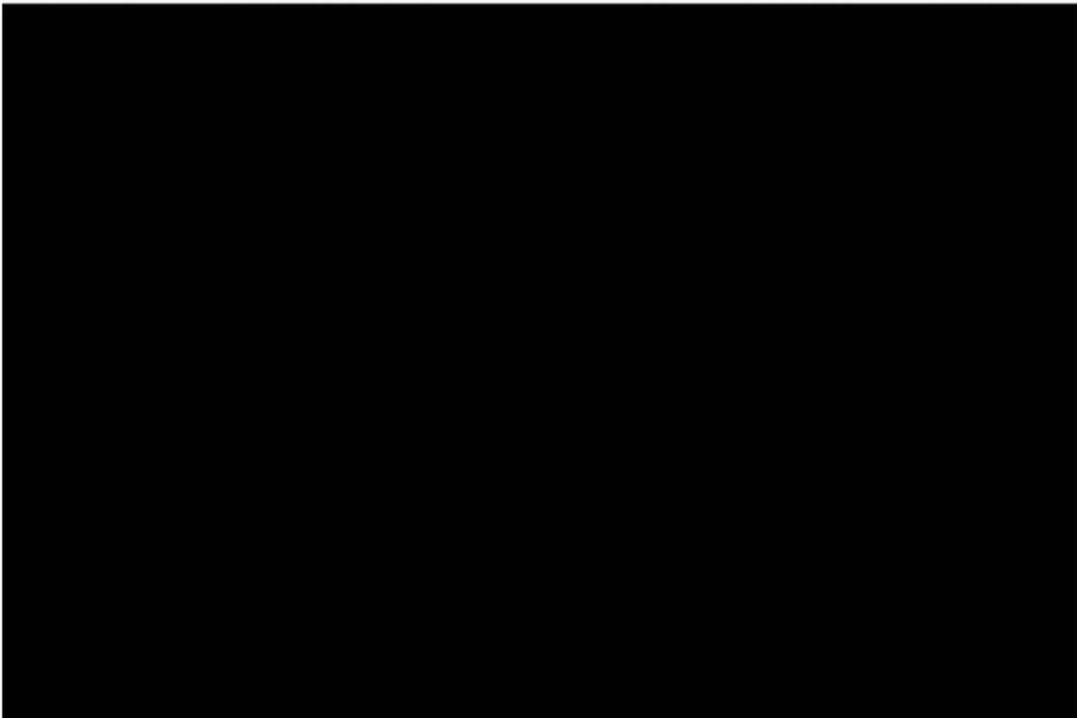
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On January 24th at 2:30 pm the City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee will be hearing the Motion by Councilman Paul Koretz (file #17-0453) to relocate the Los Angeles Zoo's male elephant, Billy, to a sanctuary. His motion is backed by mislead animal rights advocates. In support of the Los Angeles Zoo, and the professional's that care for Billy each day, please let the Council know that this is not the right thing for Billy. **Comments and letters can be sent to clerk.cps@lacity.org**

Billy has been part of the LA Zoo elephant herd since he was four years old. Being now 33 years of age, the Zoo has become his family, his animal care staff and our three female asian elephants included. Three of our keepers have been with Billy for over 23 years, and it would be heartbreaking to break that bond. A sanctuary could never provide the emotional support, nor the elephant husbandry provided by the Zoo. **Los Angeles is Billy's home, and where Billy's family lives - please help us keep it that way.**



Council File #17-0453.

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Raija Nate

Jan 21



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I support the LA Zoo in its efforts to keep its elephants. The zoo has one of the best elephant facilities in North America and both the elephants and the public at large benefit from this resource. Please do not vote to remove elephants from the LA Zoo.

This is a decision for trained veterinarians and professionals to make, not the city council. I have no doubt that if the zoo ever becomes unable to care for these creatures it will do the right thing on its own.

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Sherry

Jan 21



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Dear City Council members:

Please support LA Zoo and keep Billy the Elephant where he is at. LA Zoo is a great place and we love Billy and believe he is getting great care at the Zoo and provides education to all you visit!!

Sincerely,
Sherry Lindemann, A LA Zoo member



Tabby Stone

Jan 21 (21 hours ago)



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The LA Zoo takes good care of it's animals and Billy the elephant is in good health because of that. He should NOT be removed from the zoo.

Tabby Stone, MD



Betsy Morales

Jan 21 (21 hours ago)



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Attention City Clerk's Office,

I'm writing as repeat LA Zoo member, Venice raised, mother of two petitioning that Billy the elephant stays in its state-of-the-art facility at the Los Angeles Zoo and botanical gardens.

My family loves the Zoo. It's a wonderful tool to educate my children not only about awesome creatures but also conservation. If our children don't get an opportunity to see these animals looking for food in balls, boxes and other puzzles they will have no connection with the animal that originates in the continent of Asia. The keeper talks wouldn't be available about Billy, and my curious, bright kiddos will not have an opportunity to ask the keeper questions.

I have an education background and my children read lots of books but nothing quite compares to the experiences we have at OUR LOCAL Zoo. My five year old loves animals and proclaims she wants to be a veterinarian—I bet our

annual passes have something to do with that.

Please don't take our elephant away. If we lose our animals, generations to follow will lose opportunities to connect with majestic creatures, and will be less likely to learn about the importance of conservation.

Please let elephants be an actual animal they connect with and not a mythical creature like animals were perceived to be in Lois Lowry's book, *The Giver*.

Los Angeles youth doesn't get many opportunities to see "nature", and animals in action. It's quite magical to see Billy's feeding and play time. Los Angeles county has 30,000 foster youth—the highest in the state—and a school field trip to our local zoo may be the only opportunity they get to learn about elephants like Billy and other animals for that matter.

My family will takes a trip to San Diego Zoo every couple of years—because they have both panda and polar bears—most children in LA don't have that luxury, especially our foster youth.

Our state's education system has ways to go but the Zoo is definitely one of the few tools at our disposal that will give our children a memorable and multi-sensoral, hands-on learning experience. So please, don't take Billy away from LA.

As a former public school student, Los Angeles local, repeat LA Zoo membership holder, educator, foster youth advocate-in-training, and parent, I plead: Please don't take away our elephant and rob us of an opportunity to educate our youth about both the importance of elephants like Billy, and elephant conservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Joan Kaplan

7:30 AM (7 hours ago)



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As a member of GLAZA and a lover of animals, I believe that Billy the elephant needs to remain at the L A Zoo! He is getting better care there than he would get at a sanctuary. He is bonded to his caregivers and the other elephants in the exhibit. Even if he doesn't have physical access to the females they can communicate with other. Please don't send Billy away. For his species' sake and for his individual well-being he must remain at the L A Zoo!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Joan Kaplan
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Altadena, Ca 91001
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Chuck

10:22 AM (4 hours ago)



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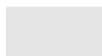
Gentlepersons,

Please note our objection to moving the elephant, "Billy," to a purported sanctuary. The LA zoo provides both an appropriate environment and excellent veterinary care.

A sanctuary is by and large a myth, in that it places the elephant at risk of injury and psychological trauma.

Bill and Paulette Heath.

Judith Longmeyer 2:39 PM (36 minutes ago)





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Animal rights activists, while well-intentioned, are also often ill informed. Elephants residing in Zoos are better treated than they would be in the wild, where they are subject to random, illegal killing by poachers. Sadly, greed and profit from the sale of animal parts motivate the slaughter of infant and adult animals. If not for zoos, many animal species would perish because of development, climate change and other human behaviors. Zoos offer the only opportunity for many children and grown-ups to see these majestic creatures in person. PLease support the LA Zoo's efforts to keep its beloved Billy, the Asian elephant.

Thank you,

Judith Longmeyer
Phoenix, Arizona

It is just crazy to consider sending Billy away from his home of many years to a so called “sanctuary”. He is perfectly healthy where he is. I consider myself to be an animal rights person and Billy has the right to continue living where he is. There are zoos that do not have the best facilities for an elephant. This zoo is not one of them.

Hannah Salvatore

Jan 22, 2018 8:21 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

When you solve problem number 1, number 2 moves up. Hannah Salvatore

Council File #17-0453 pertaining to Billy the Elephant

Daniel Dixon

Jan 22, 2018 6:52 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I urge the City Council to leave Billy the Elephant to the care of the professionals at our excellent LA Zoo.

Billy and the other elephants at the zoo represent a vital experience for visitors to the zoo, especially school-age children who will ultimately need to be the protectors of endangered large mammals. Their first direct experience with those mammals, at a wonderful space such as the LA Zoo, needs to be protected, enhanced and expanded--quite the opposite of the position taken by well-intended but agenda-driven advocates of dismantling the elephant experience and habitat at the zoo.

Please work to fully fund the LA Zoo, rather than contributing to the diminution of this great institution.

Keep Billy here!

Thank you.

Daniel C. Dixon
San Pedro
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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File #17-0453

67 messages

Hannah Bailey <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

I stand with the LA Zoo and Billy the Elephant. I strongly believe that sending Billy to a sanctuary would ultimately be harmful for him. While I think people who want to have Billy moved also want what is best for him, I do not think they understand the repercussions of such an action. I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

There is something about this issue that you may have not considered yet. What do you believe is the difference between a zoo and a sanctuary? The Los Angeles Zoo has one of the most renowned elephant programs and habitats in North America. Just because a facility is labeled as a zoo or a sanctuary does not make it better or worse than another and it is never black and white.

"Sanctuaries" are virtually the same as zoos. What's the point of moving this highly intelligent creature away from everything he has ever known just so he can be in a place labeled as a sanctuary? For semantics?

I am willing to bet the vast majority of the supporters of this motion HAVE NEVER VISITED THE LOS ANGELES ZOO nor seen how incredible Billy's habitat is.

Before making this important decision that will impact Billy's life, please consider visiting or researching the Los Angeles Zoo and speak with his caretakers and supporters. People in the animal care profession have vast amounts of knowledge about the species they care for. There is no one better to speak to than the people and veterinarians who care for Billy EVERY DAY to find out what is best for him.

The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has very strict requirements for accreditation. Facilities with accreditation, like the Los Angeles Zoo, are continually inspected in order to maintain said accreditation. "Sanctuaries" can operate with no accreditation from any such organizations. To move Billy from the AZA accredited LA Zoo to a sanctuary makes zero sense.

At the L.A. Zoo, Billy serves an important role as an ambassador for his species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. Visitors who may otherwise never even see an elephant in person. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter as an animal care professional who battles the semantics of zoo vs sanctuary on a daily basis. I also strive to help others understand that the real battle exists out in the wild where many animals, like Asian elephants, are losing their habitats at an alarming rate. I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Allow him to live out his life in peace and comfort at home.

Sincerely,

Animal care professional

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While we all have reached out to you from a place of caring about Billy, there is only one group of people who can speak judiciously about what is best for him and the other elephants under their care. Solely the zookeepers, caretakers, and staff of the Los Angeles Zoo will understand the most suitable situation for him, from a comprehensive standpoint of mental, physical, and emotional health. Beyond the facility's extensive knowledge of the species and intent to provide the ideal environment under human care are the decades of experience that they have with his particular personality and needs. To remove Billy from this situation and place him in a sanctuary would be no different than a kidnapping.

Those that oppose the existence of elephants under LA Zoo's care stand on a platform of emotional misunderstanding. They refuse to extend beyond the narrow-mindedness of their feelings, which are well-intended but anthropomorphically misguided. Do you not believe that the zookeepers and staff have in fact considered all angles, both advantages and consequences, of keeping an elephant under human care? As an animal professional myself, I can assure you that we as a community understand the shortcomings of captivity, but we also have made significant advancement in biologically appropriate diets, behavioral enrichment, and habitat design to optimize and sustain the lives of the animals under our care. Billy's care team has taken a comprehensive and objective stance on his situation; however, the opposition's shortsightedness weakens the soapbox of emotion that they stand on.

I will continue to support the animal professionals that have spent decades understanding Billy's complex personality and extensive needs. Please make the right choice - do not side with unintellectual feelings, but instead side with knowledge, experience, and professionalism.

Sincerely,
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Let Billy stay at his home at the LA Zoo

Jimmy Kirkland

Jan 22, 2018 10:33 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I am writing to express my concern for the welfare of Billy the elephant if he were moved from his home at the LA Zoo. I believe the zoo provides Billy the highest quality of life and loving care from the outstanding staff at the zoo.

I do not believe that those who propose to move Billy, do so with his best interests at heart. It appears to be a publicity stunt to achieve personal aggrandizement.

Please do not let these people do injustice to Billy and the wonderful staff at the Zoo.

Keep Billy at his zoo home!

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF #17-0453

1 message

Laurel Wessels <wesselslaurel@yahoo.com>
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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 5:51 PM

Billy is 33 years old and has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for 29 years. The current keepers have cared for Billy for 25 years. That is nearly his entire life. These keepers are his family and he knows and trusts them. Not only does he have dedicated people who tend to his daily needs, he has 24 hour veterinary care. Billy is in excellent health both physically and mentally. He is in contact with other elephants. This contact is vital to this sensitive creature.

According to Icanimal.org., elephants are one of the most intelligent mammals on the planet and have immensely complex needs. These majestic animals REQUIRE social bonds. These critical bonds are currently being provided by his keepers and the 3 other resident elephants, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi. Billy is able to TOUCH and COMMUNICATE with the girls. If he is taken to a sanctuary, Billy will never again have this critical psychological necessity.

With all due respect to the animal advocates, should Billy be moved, he will be gone from their minds as soon as the "sanctuary gates" hit Billy in his hindquarters. They will be off on another mission. Billy will just be a notch in their proverbial belt of "saves." But, Billy will live on in the hearts and souls of those that care for him on a daily basis. The three ladies, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi, will also miss him as he is part of THEIR world.

Please allow Billy to live his life in the company of other elephants.

Please leave Billy in the dedicated hands of the veterinary staff and elephant keepers of the LA Zoo.

Please consider the psychological needs of Billy.

Please do the right thing, leave Billy in the capable hands of the LA Zoo.

Respectfully,
Laurel A Wessels

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File#17-0453

1 message

Bill Bain <calsteelmanbbain@gmail.com>
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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 12:39 PM

Dear Members of the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee,

I am writing to speak against Council File#17-0453 motion to relocate the Los Angeles Zoo's male elephant, Billy. Relocating a prime breeding bull elephant who has no offspring will harm the possibility of maintaining an endangered species which will provide a source of elephants to bolster the declining wild population. Asian elephants are endangered in the wild & the possibility of continuing the chances to help this species survive would diminish further with his relocation. Sanctuaries do not permit breeding and represent the ultimate end of North American populations we need to repopulate wild congeners.

The Los Angeles Zoo is a wonderful home for the carrying of Billy. He receives the highest form of feeding, stimulation & medical care available. Billy is also a great representative to the children and people of and for the City of Los Angeles.

Thank you,
William S Bain
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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

File #17-0453, Relocation of Billy the Elephant

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 12:44 PM

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

My name is Ben Matsunaga and I am writing to you in response of Council Member Kortez' motion (file # 17-0453) to relocate the Zoo's male elephant, Billy, to a sanctuary. I have been a Zoo patron for many years, but this past June I have joined the Zoo staff as an Education Specialist. Before this I have had over 4 years of experience in informal interpretation in Zoological and Aquatic Facilities. At every one of these facilities I have seen first hand the hard work, dedication and love that goes into caring for these animals. The Elephants we house at the Zoo receive the best quality care I have seen in any Zoo. With over 65 years of combined experience in our Los Angeles Zoo's elephant team they are the ones who can best attest the love, hard work and dedication that goes into caring for these animals. Animal Rights group want you to believe that Billy would be better off in a sanctuary. Again, this is not the case. You must not and can not listen to Animal Right Extremists shouting at the top of their lungs performing publicity stunts. Listen to those who work with Billy everyday, we are the ones who know what is best for him. As an Education Specialist I do not have stories of working hands on with Billy like the elephant team, but I do have stories of guests who get to see Billy everyday at our Zoo. I get to meet kids and adults everyday who share a love for animals and want to know more about Billy and his friends. My job as an educator does not end on Zoo grounds, my job follows me everywhere I go. I get to see peoples faces light up when they see my Zoo shirt at the store while buying groceries or when I'm walking down the street at night to get to class. People have stopped me and will ask about their favorite animal from when they were kids. One time in particular comes to mind, I had finished a long day at Zoo and I needed to stop by the store to pick up some groceries for dinner. At the check outline I was talking to my cashier and as he greeted me asked if I worked at the Zoo. Preparing for an anti-captivity driven rant, I sighed and said "Why yes, I do." My cashier then let out the biggest smile and pointed to a LA Zoo pin on his apron. He exclaimed "I love the Zoo! I just took my grandkids there two weeks ago!" He then proceeded to talk about him and his grandkids enjoying their day at the Zoo and how they loved all of the animals, especially the Elephants. After we talked about Billy and our other animals at the Zoo, I finished paying and I was on my way. It's moments like these that I am grateful for. Moments where I can share my love, passion, and knowledge of wildlife with people both in and outside the Zoo. I beg you to reconsider this bill and look at it for what it truly is, another publicity stunt to promote the illogical, emotionally driven views of Animal Rights groups. I thank you for reading this and hope that you let Billy inspire guests for years to come.

Sincerely,

Ben Matsunaga
Education Specialist, Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens



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Fwd: Council File #17-0453 LA Zoo Elephant Program

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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Sent: Mon, Jan 22, 2018 10:57 am
Subject: Council File #17-0453 LA Zoo Elephant Program

To the Honorable Members of the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee -

I'm writing to discuss the importance of the Los Angeles Zoo. I have been visiting the LA Zoo since birth (1975) and have personally witness the zoo industry change from entertainment for visitors to a comprehensive conservation program for animals around the world. The major conflict here, and the one that will likely be around forever, is about ideology not animal care and conservation. Some people just do not believe in the importance of zoos and therefore spew inaccuracies and false information. The only people who should speak on the care and importance of animal programs are those who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of all creatures.

The staff at the LA Zoo are knowledgeable, passionate, and dedicated to the care of all the animals at their facility. These people are the EXPERTS; activists are not experts on animal care programs. Activists purposefully spread lies to bolster their numbers while completely ignoring what the educated professionals have to say on this matter. Here is the quick and easy Pro/Con for zoos vs. a sanctuaries:

- Zoos provide 24/7 veterinary care to all animals. Sanctuaries DO NOT have dedicated 24 hour veterinary staff.
- Zoos allow interaction between bulls and cows. Sanctuaries KEEP bull elephants SOLITARY.
- Zoos provide educational and conservation giving opportunities. Sanctuaries rely solely on donations to operate; there is no constant revenue stream to keep their facility thriving.
- Zoos allow adults and children to see these magnificent creatures up close. Sanctuaries only allow donors to visit if at all.
- Accredited Zoos are governed by specific care guidelines set forth by AZA and USDA and USFW. Sanctuaries are not held to the same standards.

Lastly and most importantly, "Billy" our infamous Asian bull elephant, has only known the LA Zoo as his home. He is bonded with his keepers and female companion elephants. He was not taken from the wild, he was a gift from Thailand to the City of Los Angeles. "Billy" has a great life here at the LA Zoo; he is loved, cared for, kept company and has space to roam and play from soft sub-straight yards to swimming pools.

The Los Angeles Zoo has been through this ELEPHANT BATTLE enough times. Enough is enough. The Zoo now has a beautiful elephant exhibit that exceeds spacial and environmental conditions.

I would prefer that members of the City Council focus on the ever rising homeless crisis, police involved shootings, and the millions of immigrants in this City being challenged by our President. I urge this committee to drop this motion from future discussions. Mr. John Lewis was appointed to run the Zoo and he should be allowed to do so without the interference of non-informed individuals. PLEASE KEEP BILLY IN HIS HOME - THE LOS ANGELES ZOO. The attached photo shows pure joy.... that is Billy expressing true joy.

Sincerely,

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Council District 14



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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: File #17-0453 Billy the elephant at LA Zoo

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 11:07 AM

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To: "CityClerk@lacity.org" <CityClerk@lacity.org>

To whom it may concern,

RE: (file #17-0453) Opposition to Councilman Paul Koretz's measure to remove Billy the elephant from Los Angeles Zoo

Please include this letter into the public record to be included in any future instances pertaining to this issue.

I am writing today to oppose Councilman Paul Koretz's measure to remove Billy the bull Asian elephant from his longstanding residence at the Los Angeles Zoo. I believe the staff at the zoo are doing an excellent job of fulfilling both the physical and psychological requirements of all the elephants in their care.

I have visited the Los Angeles Zoo on multiple occasions, talked with the elephant staff and have witnessed firsthand the professional and compassionate care this animal receives from his devoted team of keepers. The elephants have access to an expansive state of the art habitat which provides opportunities for daily enrichment in the form of hay feeders, pools, mud wallows and exercise routines initiated by the keepers. Although Billy is kept in an adjacent yard he still has tactile access to the female elephants through a barrier and is able to socialize with them.

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Over the years I have visited 20 zoos exhibiting elephants and can say with confidence that the Los Angeles Zoo currently does an exceptional job with their elephant program. I believe Billy should stay at the Los Angeles Zoo, a familiar place where he is surrounded by zoo staff who care deeply for his well being.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shek

Toronto, Canada

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Council File #17-0453
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2:37 PM (28 minutes ago)

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Joy Mendez

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Dear Council Members:

Under consideration is an effort to move Billy the elephant from the LA Zoo. We disagree with misguided effort. As zoo designers and exhibit builders, we have some understanding of the needs of animals, and we feel Billy is much better off staying put. The zoo has a herd and it's the only life he's really known. In a perfect world, he should be back in Malaysia but it's far from a perfect world. Sanctuaries are nice but often don't have the resources to care to the degree that zoos can/do, esp. larger animals. We'd vote that Billy stay.

Ray and Joy Mendez
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Christian Lopez

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Dear Arts, Parks, and River Committee members,

I am writing to express my support for the Los Angeles Zoo, and my opposition to the relocation of Billy the elephant to a sanctuary. I am a constituent in LA's District 1 (Councilman Gil Cedillo) and a long time member of the LA Zoo. I urge you to vote to keep Billy here in Los Angeles in the state-of-the-art exhibit build for him and the other Asian elephants. Billy and the other elephants at the LA Zoo are receiving top-quality care from the keepers and veterinarians here in Los Angeles, who have worked with him daily for years. No other place could match the quality of care that Billy is receiving here at the LA Zoo.

The LA Zoo and the elephant exhibit in particular is an important part of my family's life. I have two young sons who love going to the zoo to see and experience the diversity and wonder of our world's animals. They have an amazing appreciation for nature, in part because they are able to see these animals in real life, despite our lack of resources to see them in the wild. By keeping Billy at his home in the LA Zoo, the Council has the opportunity to allow him to continue to be a steward for our children toward conservation and nature appreciation, while receiving the best care that he can get.

I urge you to vote against relocating Billy to a sanctuary and for keeping him here at the LA Zoo. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thanks,

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Barbara Murphy

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Art Prag

2:48 PM (17 minutes ago)

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This email is to register my VERY strong objection to removing any of the elephants from the Los Angeles Zoo, especially when the result would be both social disorientation (elephants are very social creatures) and a much poorer level of care.

Please reject this misguided notion; the people, the city, and the elephants themselves would be much happier!

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Katy Harringer

2:49 PM (16 minutes ago)

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Calandra Cherry

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Rachel Pindroh

2:52 PM (13 minutes ago)

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

While we all have reached out to you from a place of caring about Billy, there is only one group of people who can speak judiciously about what is best for him and the other elephants under their care. Solely the zookeepers, caretakers, and staff of the Los Angeles Zoo will understand the most suitable situation for him, from a comprehensive standpoint of mental, physical, and emotional health. Beyond the facility's extensive knowledge of the species and intent to provide the ideal environment under human care are the decades of experience that they have with his particular personality and needs. To remove Billy from this situation and place him in a sanctuary would be no different than a kidnapping.

Those that oppose the existence of elephants under LA Zoo's care stand on a platform of emotional misunderstanding. They refuse to extend beyond the narrow-mindedness of their feelings, which are well-intended but anthropomorphically misguided. Do you not believe that the zookeepers and staff have in fact considered all angles, both advantages and consequences, of keeping an elephant under human care? As an animal professional myself, I can

assure you that we as a community understand the shortcomings of captivity, but we also have made significant advancement in biologically appropriate diets, behavioral enrichment, and habitat design to optimize and sustain the lives of the animals under our care. Billy's care team has taken a comprehensive and objective stance on his situation; however, the opposition's shortsightedness weakens the soapbox of emotion that they stand on.

I will continue to support the animal professionals that have spent decades understanding Billy's complex personality and extensive needs. Please make the right choice - do not side with unintellectual feelings, but instead side with knowledge, experience, and professionalism.

Sincerely,
Rachel

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Margot Armbruster

2:56 PM (9 minutes ago)

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Dear Honorable Members of the City Council Arts, Parks and River Committee,

As a member of the Los Angeles Zoo Commission, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the motion that has been filed by Councilmember Koretz to move Billy the Asian elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo to a sanctuary.

As a longtime supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, having served as a Trustee of GLAZA for twenty years and now as a Zoo Commissioner, I wholeheartedly believe Billy belongs at the Zoo where he has lived happily for most of his life. He lives in one of the best state-of-the-art elephant habitats in the country, if not the world, and is extremely well taken care of by dedicated keepers and veterinary staff who have his best interest at heart. His health and well-being are excellent!

Why is this move to a sanctuary even being considered? There is absolutely no reason for it! A sanctuary, where care is inferior, is a last resort for animals who have no other possibilities. Billy thrives at the Los Angeles Zoo and is an extremely important ambassador for his species which is endangered in the wild. It is invaluable for the citizens, especially the children, of Los Angeles to learn from and appreciate this majestic animal and help in its conservation.

I emphatically urge the Arts, Parks and River Committee to reject this motion! Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Margot Armbruster
Zoo Commissioner

Jeanne Schoenmeier

3:00 PM (5 minutes ago)

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Dennis Schoenmeier

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Karen Leckart

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Dismiss Council File #17-0453

3 posts by 3 authors 



Erika Price

12:42 PM (2 hours ago)



Other recipients: cler...@lacity.org

Hello -

I am writing to urge the council to dismiss Council File #17-0453. I lived in Los Angeles and volunteered at the LA Zoo as a zookeeper's assistant in college, and I cannot speak highly enough of the quality of their animal care and the dedication of their staff. It would be incredibly irresponsible to remove this elephant from their care, thereby stripping them of AZA accreditation and not allowing them to continue their important conservation work.

Sincerely,

Erika Price

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Mary Sperry

1:02 PM (2 hours ago)



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Dear committee,

I am writing to advocate for dismissing Council File #17-0453, concerning seizing Billy the Elephant and transferring him to a sanctuary. At the very least, have his care evaluated by unaffiliated elephant experts before making a decision.

Zoos and their endangered species breeding programs are very important to the survival of species and Billy's seizure would be a big step in the wrong direction as far as representing the importance of such projects. Additionally, it would make the LA Zoo lose its AZA accreditation, which would prevent them from participating in other endangered species breeding programs besides elephants, such as lowland gorillas and Andean condors.

Considering that there are other elephants there that people are not fighting to remove from the zoo, and that the idea is to turn the zoo into a sanctuary for female elephants, Billy's living conditions- which he shares with the females, and other females would assume in his place- are what they should be. Please go to the zoo and have a look for yourself. Removing him will not significantly benefit Billy himself, but it would damage the LA Zoo and its programs, as well as setting a precedent for such seizures at other zoos.

Thank you for your time,
Mary Sperry



Phoebe

2:56 PM (12 minutes ago)



Other recipients: cler...@lacity.org

Hello,

I'm emailing to urge the dismissal of Council File #17-0453 on Wednesday, January 24th. I am a concerned citizen who is passionate about animal welfare and conservation efforts and believe it is very important you receive input from actual experts on elephant welfare who are not affiliated with either political faction before this decision. I

believe the LA Zoo is providing proper animal care and, as a student of zoology, know how crucial captive breeding can be to conservation efforts.

Thank you for allowing a way for concerned citizens such as myself to express their beliefs.

Phoebe Tremper

File #17-0453 Billy the elephant at LA Zoo

Andrew Shek

Jan 22, 2018 11:13 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To whom it may concern,

RE: (file #17-0453) Opposition to Councilman Paul Koretz's measure to remove Billy the elephant from Los Angeles Zoo

Please include this letter into the public record to be included in any future instances pertaining to this issue.

I am writing today to oppose Councilman Paul Koretz's measure to remove Billy the bull Asian elephant from his longstanding residence at the Los Angeles Zoo. I believe the staff at the zoo are doing an excellent job of fulfilling both the physical and psychological requirements of all the elephants in their care.

I have visited the Los Angeles Zoo on multiple occasions, talked with the elephant staff and have witnessed firsthand the professional and compassionate care this animal receives from his devoted team of keepers. The elephants have access to an expansive state of the art habitat which provides opportunities for daily enrichment in the form of hay feeders, pools, mud wallows and exercise routines initiated by the keepers. Although Billy is kept in an adjacent yard he still has tactile access to the female elephants through a barrier and is able to socialize with them.

I believe sanctuaries are for certain animals, depending on their particular situation and needs but should not be seen as the only option for every elephant. From my understanding the male elephants at sanctuaries such as PAWS (Performing Animal Welfare Society) are largely isolated, kept separate and do not have much if any interaction with other elephants due to the non-breeding philosophy of such institutions.

Over the years I have visited 20 zoos exhibiting elephants and can say with confidence that the Los Angeles Zoo currently does an exceptional job with their elephant program. I believe Billy should stay at the Los Angeles Zoo, a familiar place where he is surrounded by zoo staff who care deeply for his well being.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shek

Toronto, Canada

Billy The Elephant

3 posts by 3 authors 



Ken Aven

Jan 21



Other recipients: cler...@lacity.org, mayor.g...@lacity.org, cd4.i...@lacity.org

The LA Zoo is one of the best zoos in the USA. It is dedicated to caring for its animals in a manner that promotes their health and welfare and works to sustain animals in the wild. Please do not let PETA and other such organizations sway you. These groups are hell bent on closing all zoos and aquariums. In a time when animals are threatened in their natural habitats by man's greed and exploitation it is of the utmost importance that dedicated, professional and certified zoos and aquariums are needed.

Additionally, the LA Zoo is one of the few remaining places where families of modest means can gather for a day to celebrate nature and the amazing animals that occupy the outdoors. While creating strong family bonds in a clean and safe environment, the zoo works to raise funds and awareness on the plight of endangered species.

Billy the elephant is just one target on PETA's focus. They will not rest until they close down the zoo. These precious animals are ambassadors for those in the wild that are being hunted down for their ivory. Without some visual contact with the public, the elephant plight will not become known enough or move enough people to make a difference in the ivory trade.

Please think about your commitment to the amazing care for the animals at the beautiful LA Zoo and your constituents who enjoy this city run institution.

Sincerely,

Ken & An Aven
Proud LA Zoo Members

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Alison Pomerantz Moyer

Jan 22



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To Whom it May Concern,
Please keep our beloved Billy at the LA Zoo where the incredibly gifted staff can give him the care and attention he needs and deserves.
Thank you for your time.
Alison Moyer



Daniel Dunkin

Jan 22 (21 hours ago)



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The idea of relocating an Elephant from the L.A. Zoo is ridiculous. The whole notion of a zoo in the first place is that it is a sanctuary already which keeps animals safe from other animals and the forces of nature. What zoo would be complete without the great animals that bring everyone to a greater respect for nature and our planet. For instance the bird show at the zoo always stressing the point of conservation that protects animals and the rest of the world as well. You might as well tear down the whole zoo as to start taking it apart piece by piece. What's next? The public voted on improvements to the zoo. I wouldn't call pulling it apart an improvement.

God Bless You Always,

Daniel Dunkin

Billy The Elephant

Ellie Wolfe

Jan 22, 2018 5:12 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I am sending this on behalf of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to please keep Billy. It is my understanding that although this is not his natural habitat, it is safer, health and the best any zoo has to offer. In their natural habitat the life expectancy is shortened by 25%.
To visit Billy and the other animals is such a joy for my family and friends and a great learning experience.
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sent from my iPhone
Ellie Wolfe

Request to Dismiss Motion (Council File #17-0453)

Ali Crehan

Jan 22, 2018 11:30 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Good afternoon -

I am writing to request that the motion to seize Billy the elephant from the L.A. Zoo be dismissed. While well-intentioned at its heart, this motion is ill-informed at best.

The care that Billy receives at the LA Zoo is excellent, and his environment is widely recognized as one of the best in the country. At the very least, someone with zoo management experience and zoo animal care should be consulted and allowed to weigh in on this matter. Decisions which will affect an animal and its home so profoundly and irreversibly should be made carefully and deliberately. Without the input of zookeepers, how can this be accomplished?

I appreciate your willingness to consider my input.

Many thanks,
Ali Crehan Feeney
16 Alexander Place
Scituate, MA 02066

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Alison M. Crehan Feeney

REGARDING BILLY

Belinda Joy Mason

Jan 22, 2018 12:11 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello,

PLEASE do your homework and DO NOT SEND BILLY away from LA. Elephants have strong ties to family and relationships are important to him. He has been with the zoo since he was 4 years old, he has connections and relationships. I have been told that the sanctuary in TN is riddled with TUBERCULOSIS and the elephants that go there are dying in great numbers.

PLEASE TALK TO THE VETERINARIANS AND BEHAVIORALISTS AT THE ZOO. PLEASE DO NOT BUY THE HYPE FROM THE ANIMAL ACTIVISTS who would be happy if none of us had animals. I am a veterinary professional and animal behaviorist and I assure you that this would be a DEATH SENTENCE FOR BILLY.

Thank you for your time. I pray that you will do your homework and not send BILLY away from his family.

Belinda Joy Mason, DVM, MSOM*, CMT**
(Kansas Vet License)

*Masters of Science in Oriental Medicine

**Certified Massage Therapist (California)

Billy the Elephant / L.A Zoo

Patty Campochiaro

Jan 22, 2018 7:36 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Please keep Billy the Elephant at the L.A. Zoo, where his care is second to none.

Thank you,
Patty Campochiaro

Sent from my iPad

Council File #17-0453-Los Angeles Zoo

Yvette Robles

Jan 22, 2018 9:19 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Good morning,

I'm sending this in support of the Los Angeles Zoo in regards to Bill the elephant. I support the L.A. Zoo and the professionals who are entrusted with Billy's care to provide the best for him.

I'm afraid that if he goes to a sanctuary he will not get the same care as he is receiving at the L.A. Zoo. The L.A. Zoo spent a lot of money and time to make their elephant habitat fantastic. I know that the Zoo takes great pride in the care of their animals and Billy is no exception.

Thanks for listening,

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Yvette Robles
Zoo Member

Opposition to motion by Councilman Koretz (#17-0453)

Chase LaDue

Jan 22, 2018 11:08 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department and/or whom it may concern:

My name is Chase LaDue, and I am a PhD student at George Mason University. I am an elephant researcher, focusing on the behavior, biology, and welfare of captive elephants. **I am writing you to formally oppose the transfer of Billy, an Asian elephant currently residing at the Los Angeles Zoo, as proposed by Councilman Koretz (file #17-0453).**

I have had the privilege to work with about twenty elephant facilities across North America, including the LA Zoo. I can personally attest to the high level of care that Billy, Jewell, and Tina receive from their dedicated keepers. Some citizens have voiced concern that Billy is housed separately from the two other zoo elephants. **This concern is scientifically groundless:** solitary adult males like Billy are virtually universal in wild conditions. In Asian elephant society, adult males travel alone between female groups to search for mates. Billy frequently has visual, auditory, and olfactory access to the female elephants. Because Jewell and Tina are considered geriatric (and therefore post-reproductive), housing Billy separate from the females is in the best interest of the elephants and the zoo. If Billy were to be moved to a different facility, I can assure you that the housing conditions would be the same (probably even worse); any other facility claiming that they know how to house Billy better is uninformed and/or politically motivated.

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I encourage you and your colleagues to consider what I have said seriously. Research has shown that elephants are a lot like people: they are cognitively complex, aware of their surroundings, and long-lived. To remove Billy from the LA Zoo—where he has lived since 1989, where he has formed significant connections with the people who care for him, and where he will continue to receive the high level of care to which he is accustomed—would be unfounded and unwise.

I would be happy to address any questions, comments or concerns you have at chase.ladue@gmail.com or (972) 529 – 8681. I have attached a copy of this letter to this message.

Best regards,

Chase LaDue, MS
Environmental Science and Policy
George Mason University

22 January 2018

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chase LaDue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chase LaDue, MSc
Department of Environmental Science and Policy
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

Council File #17-0453 regarding Billy at the LA Zoo

Kooken, Diane

Jan 22, 2018 7:04 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Los Angeles City Council Arts, Parks, and River Committee,

Please do not remove Billy from the LA Zoo, where he has received exceptional care for many years. The environment at his current home, the LA Zoo, is one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America. It is a state-of-the art facility where he benefits from tremendous resources, including a dedicated team of animal care staff. He also receives outstanding health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

Billy benefits from being in the LA Zoo's elephant program and has good health, in part, because of the quality of care he has received from highly qualified animal care professionals who have a combined 65+ years of working with him daily.

It is my strong belief that another sanctuary could never come close to matching the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys at his home in the LA Zoo. Thank you for your strongest consideration of my feelings, as well as the feelings of my entire family, including my husband and 14 year old daughter who is passionately committed to animal conservation efforts. **Please do not remove Billy from his home at the LA Zoo!**

Diane E. Kooken

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Council File #17-0453 Citizen Comment

William Durrant

Jan 22, 2018 7:51 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello,

I would like to formally voice my support AGAINST the pending vote to send Billy the elephant to a sanctuary, as he receives far better, personalized and attentive care at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Animal rights activists often come from a good place, but have become very linear and dogmatic in prescribing and controlling every animal experience according to what they believe they know best. They are not experts or professionals, and certainly not in the way the academically trained team at the LA Zoo (and other leading zoos in the US) is.

Thank you,
William Durrant

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(610) 986-5462



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF# 17-0453

1 message

Siv Chan <siv.chan@lacity.org>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 5:12 PM

To Mr. Espinosa,

My name is Siv Chan and I am the current purchasing supervisor for the Los Angeles Zoo. I am writing to you in regards to CF# 17-0453. My duty entails me approving most, if not all, commodities purchases for the Zoo Staff. I buy items from admission tickets, janitorial supplies, medication, uniforms, and various others to food for the animals. I work closely with each division in making sure we get the proper resources needed to complete our job. I also have to make sure we are not wasting tax payer's money on inadequate materials. For example, the various foods we feed Billy are high quality grade anyone can consume. I work behind the scenes to ensure everyone runs a smooth operation. Along with Billy, the rest of the animals are my top priority.

As a fellow city employee, I find this whole motion a waste of our time. Instead of trying to help one another, this councilman has now created a divide internally. Regardless of what happens, we will be mocked. I personally take an affront to Paul's motion. Like any job, unless you work here, not many will understand and see the amount of dedication the staff here has for every animal. My keepers here truly love their animals and all have done more for these animals than for another human. My staff here loves the animal. I will always do all I can to ensure the safety of these animals life are intact by providing them with as much care needed. It is not every day you see an elephant, but when you do it is enrapturing. Now amplify that feeling ten folds when your child sees the elephants. The LA Zoo is a historic place and for this dissension to continue will prevent us, the City of Los Angeles, from accomplishing our bigger goals. I wish councilman Paul the best, but after this motion he has lost my vote of confidence and support.

I thank you for your time.

CLAIM: C17-11225

Nicklin, Donnetta

Jan 22, 2018 1:03 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Alliance United filed a claim with The City of LA back on 04/24/2017. Please advise me of the status of payment on it.

Thank you,

Donnetta Nicklin

Subrogation Specialist

Kemper Services Group

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If a response is requested and I do not respond to you within 1 business day; you may contact my manager; Peter Gonnella at PGonnella@kemper.com



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Council File #17-0543, Los Angeles Zoo

Vic Pallos

Jan 22, 2018 7:52 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Good morning...

As a 30+ year member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Assn., I have often seen first-hand the exceptional care provided to the elephants, including Billy. This amazing animal is a treasure for all the people of Los Angeles and beyond, and I believe that the Zoo has made great strides and spent considerable funds to provide a sizable area for Billy and the other elephants to thrive.

Please keep Billy at there Zoo.

Thank you.

Vic Pallos
658 Arden Ave.
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Billy the elephant at the LA Zoo Council File #17-0453

Irdi...@aol.com

Jan 22, 2018 6:53 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Sending my support for the Zoo and Billy. Please leave him in their care. He should not to be moved to a "sanctuary".

Linda Disney
5014 Biloxi Ave
North Hollywood



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File #17-0453

100 messages

Denise Reed <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Reply-To: d2denny@sbcglobal.net
To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 4:26 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Denise Reed
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Sherman Oaks, California 91403
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d2denny@sbcglobal.net

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

We know one of the people who takes care of Billy at the zoo and Billy is EXTREMELY loved and cared for. They exercise Billy and have him search for some of his treats by foraging in places around his habitat. Billy has quite the personality and we are fortunate enough to hear stories about his personality and his positive interactions with others in his environment. I think it would be harmful to Billy to leave this habitat and the caretakers with whom he has formed special relationships as well as the other elephants with whom he has contact.

The Elephants of Asia habitat at the Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. In fact, it's the only home that he has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America and benefits from tremendous resources, a dedicated staff, and top-quality health care. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

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At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

Denise Reed

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens (<http://www.lazoo.org>)

Samantha Wendling <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 4:28 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Samantha Wendling

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 4:37 PM

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Letter to Express Support for Billy at the LA Zoo

1 message

Roza Francis <rozia.francis@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 8:01 PM

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Hi Michael Espinosa,

My name is Roza Francis and I am attaching a letter that was written to support Billy, his health and mental well being at the LA Zoo.

Thank you for your time,

Roza Francis

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



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Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

Of the 364 days of the year that the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Garden is open, there are about 118,000 students that visit the zoo. In the small amount of time that they spend at the zoo, they get the greatest amount of experience to diversity via the numerous animals that they encounter. Here they get a chance to dream, here they get a moment to relate and here is where stewards of wildlife are created. As a fellow Angelino, I was one of those students. I stood on the outside of the animal enclosure and watched the animals. I wanted to know more about their lives and why they exist and from this small moment it gave me the inspiration to learn about conserving wildlife. As the battle for Billy the Elephant starts to brew again, this is one fact that goes unnoticed; “the number of school children that visit the zoo.” This is also one aspect of the debate that I feel gets overlooked by the politicians and activists that are pursuing this motion.

Billy and I are Angelinos who share a need to thrive in Los Angeles, CA. I was born in this city and attended school in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). As an adult reflecting into my “childhood education” I began to realize that this particular school district did not set its student up to succeed. We were to become the “burger flippers” of society as I remember one of my teachers saying to us. So, why did it matter that we understood science, math or reading? Could we thrive and succeed into getting into college? So, we can expand our chances of success in our adult lives. Every morning that I walked to school, I would have a backpack full of supplies, from notebooks, to pencils and even a calculator. But, to my disappointment the majority of those items were rarely used. I was shuffled from each class only to be “babysat” by a substitute teacher. They would send us home with textbooks, assign homework, and when we returned to class the homework was never collected. But, when it came to doing the standardized testing, we were told to do our best and the reality was that we were never taught the

material that we were being tested on. The scores were low and at the end of the day it was our fault. The school would label its students as having behavioral problems and therefore our education was not a priority. Therefore, the system goes unchecked because the people who can make these decisions do not continue further into the process to ensure that things are being done correctly. So, how does this relate to Billy the Elephant? In many ways it does, are the decisions being made, for his needs, just feelings or for the glory of “finally” winning this battle?

The moment I found my inspiration to conserve wildlife, that was the driving force that I used to push myself to graduate from the LAUSD schooling system, to go on to get my Associate of Art degree in Liberal Arts; attend a four-year university and accomplished getting my Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Biology. The journey itself was not that easy. The learning skills that I needed to obtain from elementary, middle and high school were minute. So, while I would understand the material taught at the college-level I would have to work extra hard than the other students, which made learning a struggle and left me disappointed. But, I still managed to make my education a priority because it is important to me. In order to get to school, I would use public transportation via the buses and trains and take a three-hour bus ride to school and take a three-hour bus ride back home. In the six hours of travel that I put in, I would study on the bus and try to give myself the best advantage as a student. But, I did not complain because in my mind, I was taking back what I lost out on in my “childhood education.”

For all the students that got lost in this schooling system you might wonder where they ended up and how much did they fight to thrive in Los Angeles? For me, my journey took me to the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens where I started out as a General Volunteer in 2005. The moment that I walked into the zoo, I could feel a change in my future outcome mainly because of the people that worked there. On my first day, I was surprised and taken aback by the friendly greetings and the way they got everyone involved in the zoo process and the number of people that asked me “how am I doing?” That one simple question made up for the lifetime of people who never really cared enough to ask me. It may seem odd,

but that was just the reality of growing up in Los Angeles. In 2007, I got my first employment opportunity as a Camp Counselor and it was this moment that I realized that I was in a good place and the window of opportunities would be endless for me. I started out as a “shy/quiet person” at first but from this time I thrived and developed more than I did as a child. I am now working at the zoo as an Education Specialist, where I get a chance to do public speaking, lead tours, do animal presentations, interact with the public and help run children classes. Therefore, in a zoo setting there is growth, potential to thrive, succeed and there exist a safe place for physical, mental and emotional development. For a human being, such as myself, I came from a place in Los Angeles that limited my prospects in life and went to a zoo in Los Angeles that expanded the horizons of opportunities available for me.

For the animal residents of the zoo, they will probably feel the same way that I do. There is an old saying of how we shouldn't implore human feelings onto animals, but for many animals they can sense when they're in good hands. Billy the Elephant does have a story to tell just like me. He came from an unknown world and ended up at the Los Angeles Zoo. Here he gets greeted by the same welcoming people that I meet on my first day at the zoo. His ability to thrive in a zoo setting comes in the form of enrichment, his bonding with his handlers, and the positive environment that they work with him in. How can you tell? What can we use to measure it? We can time out of our busy schedule to visit Billy at the zoo and see how he interacts with his keepers, walk around his entire exhibit and glance at him from afar and watch him and learn about his personality on different days and at different hours. Here Billy is an individual, here he has a team of keepers that lookout for him; in addition, to the 300 plus employees of the zoo. In an alternate perspective, we can ask ourselves about sanctuaries, which can give Billy one thing; space.

One visit to the Los Angeles Zoo, changed the outcome for 1 of 118,000 students that visited each year. One elephant of many is changing the conversation about wildlife. Billy, is one of the many residents of the City of Los Angeles, and his care at the Los Angeles Zoo is a reflection of the many Angelinos that want things to “matter.”



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Billy The Elephant (Ref CF#17-0453)

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 8:45 PM

Good day Mr. Espinosa

I am writing on behalf of the Special Needs Community. My son Michael and his friend Charlie love to go to the LA Zoo and watch the elephants.

When I take Michael by himself he will sit for hours watching the elephants roam around. It is such a pleasure to have him engage in his own way

with these Magnificat animals.

It would rather cruel to take Billy away from his home and friends to be placed in an area all by himself. I could not imagine what that would do to him.

So, I am hoping that you will vote to keep Billy where he is and Michael can continue his weekly visits to watch the elephants.

Thank you for your help in keeping the elephant family together.

Sincerely,

Diane Kornmann

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In reference to CF#17-0453

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 8:16 PM

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

There is something about this issue that you may have not considered yet. What do you believe is the difference between a zoo and a sanctuary? The Los Angeles Zoo has one of the most renowned elephant programs and habitats in North America. Just because a facility is labeled as a zoo or a sanctuary does not make it better or worse than another and it is never black and white.

"Sanctuaries" are virtually the same as zoos. What's the point of moving this highly intelligent creature away from everything he has ever known just so he can be in a place labeled as a sanctuary? For semantics?

I am willing to bet the vast majority of the supporters of this motion HAVE NEVER VISITED THE LOS ANGELES ZOO nor seen how incredible Billy's habitat is.

Before making this important decision that will impact Billy's life, please consider visiting or researching the Los Angeles Zoo and speak with his caretakers and supporters. People in the animal care profession have vast amounts of knowledge about the species they care for. There is no one better to speak to than the people and veterinarians who care for Billy EVERY DAY to find out what is best for him.

The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has very strict requirements for accreditation. Facilities with accreditation, like the Los Angeles Zoo, are continually inspected in order to maintain said accreditation. "Sanctuaries" can operate with no accreditation from any such organizations. To move Billy from the AZA accredited LA Zoo to a sanctuary makes zero sense.

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I am submitting this letter as an animal care professional who battles the semantics of zoo vs sanctuary on a daily basis. I also strive to help others understand that the real battle exists out in the wild where many animals, like Asian elephants, are losing their habitats at an alarming rate. I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Allow him to live out his life in peace and comfort at home.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Findley

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

I have been a member of the LA Zoo for over 20 years and have occasionally been a volunteer. I was very impressed with the new habitat the zoo built for the elephants there. I have seen and heard only good things about it--and also heard how Billy reacts quite positively when he hears his keeper say his name. Putting him into a sanctuary situation where he won't be mistreated, but also will get little or no positive attention, would not be in his best interests.

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Billy is well cared for, as are all of the animals at the Zoo. If you remove him, based on a very small group's opinion, you are stepping off that very "slippery slope". What about all of the other endangered species? Do you really think that this special interest group has the same quality of caretakers and staff of doctors? I have witnessed, firsthand, how devoted all of the people are who take care of Billy and all of the other animals.

Please dismiss this case, and leave the care and decisions to the animal care professionals.

Thank you.
Nancy Wileman

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 8:37 AM

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

There is something about this issue that you may have not considered yet. What do you believe is the difference between a zoo and a sanctuary? The Los Angeles Zoo has one of the most renowned elephant programs and habitats in North America. Just because a facility is labeled as a zoo or a sanctuary does not make it better or worse than another and it is never black and white.

"Sanctuaries" are virtually the same as zoos. What's the point of moving this highly intelligent creature away from everything he has ever known just so he can be in a place labeled as a sanctuary? For semantics?

I am willing to bet the vast majority of the supporters of this motion HAVE NEVER VISITED THE LOS ANGELES ZOO nor seen how incredible Billy's habitat is.

Before making this important decision that will impact Billy's life, please consider visiting or researching the Los Angeles Zoo and speak with his caretakers and supporters. People in the animal care profession have vast amounts of knowledge about the species they care for. There is no one better to speak to than the people and veterinarians who care for Billy EVERY DAY to find out what is best for him.

The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has very strict requirements for accreditation. Facilities with accreditation, like the Los Angeles Zoo, are continually inspected in order to maintain said accreditation. "Sanctuaries" can operate with no accreditation from any such organizations. To move Billy from the AZA accredited LA Zoo to a sanctuary makes zero sense.

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I am submitting this letter as an animal care professional who battles the semantics of zoo vs sanctuary on a daily basis. I also strive to help others understand that the real battle exists out in the wild where many animals, like Asian elephants, are losing their habitats at an alarming rate. I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Allow him to live out his life in peace and comfort at home.

Sincerely,

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While we all have reached out to you from a place of caring about Billy, there is only one group of people who can speak judiciously about what is best for him and the other elephants under their care. Solely the zookeepers, caretakers, and staff of the Los Angeles Zoo will understand the most suitable situation for him, from a comprehensive standpoint of mental, physical, and emotional health. Beyond the facility's extensive knowledge of the species and intent to provide the ideal environment under human care are the decades of experience that they have with his particular personality and needs. To remove Billy from this situation and place him in a sanctuary would be no different than a kidnapping.

Those that oppose the existence of elephants under LA Zoo's care stand on a platform of emotional misunderstanding. They refuse to extend beyond the narrow-mindedness of their feelings, which are well-intended but anthropomorphically misguided. Do you not believe that the zookeepers and staff have in fact considered all angles, both advantages and consequences, of keeping an elephant under human care? As an animal professional myself, I can assure you that we as a community understand the shortcomings of captivity, but we also have made significant advancement in biologically appropriate diets, behavioral enrichment, and habitat design to optimize and sustain the lives of the animals under our care. Billy's care team has taken a comprehensive and objective stance on his situation; however, the opposition's shortsightedness weakens the soapbox of emotion that they stand on.

I will continue to support the animal professionals that have spent decades understanding Billy's complex personality and extensive needs. Please make the right choice - do not side with unintellectual feelings, but instead side with knowledge, experience, and professionalism.

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I really don't want Billy the Elephant to leave the zoo because he's special to me, and he's a very special zoo friend of mine. I've been getting a lot of chances to visit him at the zoo so I can help donate money to conservation efforts to save wild elephants in both Africa and Asia. After all, Billy is not alone, because Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi are also there with him too. But I know that the poster I saw about Billy is not a fact at all. I can tell it's an opinion because it was made by someone else. Their opinion was that Billy should move out, but my opinion is that he should stay, because he has a big place to move around in, not a small enclosed cage. If Billy would have to leave the zoo, I would be filled with both sadness and anger. I would be outraged and devastated too. I really hope Billy stays in his real home at the zoo.

I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary.

Yours truly,

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I am writing today to express my support of the Los Angeles Zoo and their professionals who are committed to the care and conservation of elephants, including Billy, Tina, Jewel, and Shaunzi. Our family has been patrons and members of the L.A. Zoo for over 20 years. Our visits have fostered a love of the animal world and truly inspired our son, Cooper Lebeda, to get educated and involved in elephant and animal conservation efforts (please see his separate letter, attached).

When Cooper first saw the posters around town reading "Don't Let Billy Die Behind Bars," and learned of the effort to try to remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo, we all became extremely alarmed and worried. We thought the wording in this campaign was extremely misleading, as it makes it seem like Billy is being kept in some kind of small cramped cell, like a criminal in jail, or an elephant in a circus wagon. From our many visits and observations, we know this is not the case.

As we have educated ourselves about this controversy, we know that we share a common concern with the animal lovers and activists behind the efforts to remove Billy from the L.A. Zoo to a sanctuary – and that is we are all concerned about animals, elephants, and Billy specifically. There is no doubt about that. We differ, however, in what we think is the best way to care for Billy at this time.

I urge the City Council and the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee to really pay attention to details and factual information provided by the L.A. Zoo and its representatives about Billy's specific situation. Reading about Billy's history, the care he has received, and the plans for his future care are well-documented, and are carried out by dedicated professionals and staff. The L.A. Zoo is under scrutiny from many different authorities, including the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and so their care of Billy and the other elephants is continuously monitored and evaluated.

I have read the arguments and documentation from both the animal groups supporting Billy's removal, and the L.A. Zoo. Though the animal supporters are impassioned and well-meaning, I believe it is clear that the L.A. Zoo is currently still the best place for Billy, and I am confident that the professionals at the zoo will continue to care for Billy and the other elephants with their health and well-being as the priority. The elephants currently have access to a large habitat space, exercise, expert medical care, and mental enrichment. They are not mistreated, and are trained with positive behavioral techniques. Should the needs of any of their animal residents change, I believe that the L.A. Zoo – in conjunction with the AZA – would work diligently to find the most suitable placement for that individual animal, whether at another zoo or sanctuary facility.

I generally agree that the best place for animals is in their native and wild habitats. However, this is becoming increasingly difficult and even unrealistic in many cases, due to human interference. The rate of extinction of many species due to habitat loss, deforestation, and poaching are serious threats to elephants and many other species.

This is why I believe that zoos play an important role, and one that is changing and evolving with the times. The L.A. Zoo, in conjunction with the AZA, is doing its part to help preserve certain species from extinction, including participation in breeding diversity programs. The emphasis on more natural habitat-like environments, including the elephant habitat at the L.A. Zoo, is another example of the way zoos are evolving.

The L.A. Zoo is also helping thousands of visitors – young and old – learn and care about animals. When we get the opportunity to observe animals with our own eyes, it helps foster understanding and empathy on a deeper level than just reading or watching a video can do. This is what I have seen in my son, Cooper. From a toddler in a stroller, to a maturing teenager, Cooper has come to intimately know the zoo and its inhabitants. He knows the personal names given to many of the animals, and has observed their different personalities. He has bid farewell to animals who have been moved to other zoos for breeding, and mourned animals when they have died. Learning about the individual animals at the L.A. Zoo, like Billy, has generalized to Cooper caring deeply about the threatened or endangered status of animal species.

From seeing and learning about Billy and the elephants at the L.A. Zoo, Cooper has become very concerned about elephant conservation. He has written to lawmakers to support ivory bans. He has read articles and watched videos about elephants. After learning from the Wildlife Conservation Society that, "96 elephants are killed every day in Africa," Cooper solicited donations from friends, family, and classmates. This year he "adopted" an orphaned elephant in Nairobi through the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

I hope you will decide to allow Billy to remain at his home at the L.A. Zoo, under the watchful care of their professionals. A vote to remove Billy would be detrimental, not only to Billy, but to the L.A. Zoo's reputation. Your support of the L.A. Zoo in this matter will be an important message to our Los Angeles community that our zoo is a place that truly cares about animals, and is an institution to be proud of and to support.

Sincerely,

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I was part of the research department at the Los Angeles Zoo several years ago. I did observation time with Billy for about a month. He was in good spirits, even in the smaller habitat, and constantly cared for.

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

How would you like, in your old age, to be involuntarily transferred to a location that is totally unfamiliar to you and where you know no one?

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

As a veterinarian and former zoo keeper I would like to emphasize that accredited zoos are able to offer a more humane environment for elephants that most sanctuaries available in North America.

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Re: Council File #17-0453 / Billy the Elephant

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am writing to you to express my concern over the initiative to remove Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo.

I am a member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, as well as a number of other zoo associations.

I am also a person greatly concerned about the welfare of animals.

But in this case I am somewhat baffled by the idea that Billy's welfare is somehow compromised by the conditions and care provided him by the zoo.

Quite the opposite – I believe, having visited his facilities and read various informational articles regarding Billy and the facilities, that his living conditions and care are excellent.

It is comparable or superior to other zoo facilities that I have visited.

While I sympathize with animal activists as to their motives, I believe in this case they are mistaken and that it would be a mistake, not just for the zoo but for Billy, to relocate him.

I hope that you make the decision that Billy should (and in fact needs) to remain where he is.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hopkins

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I am writing because I care deeply about animal welfare. I believe the L.A. Zoo is the best home for Billy. Additionally, Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants is very important. It is with these concerns that I ask you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future. Remaining at the L.A. Zoo is the best option for both concerns.

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sun, Jan 21, 2018 at 11:59 PM

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Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 12:03 AM

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