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## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

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**From:** 'Amy Johnson' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>  
**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
**At:** Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 9:56 PM

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Aug 22, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

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Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Johnson  
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Gridley, CA 95948-9447  
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**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
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Sincerely,

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**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
**At:** Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 5:09 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Victoria Payne  
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**From:** 'Paul Shabazian' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>  
**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
**At:** Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 3:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Paul Shabazian  
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**From:** 'Lynn Nordgren' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Nordgren  
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[nordgrenlynn@gmail.com](mailto:nordgrenlynn@gmail.com)

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**From:** 'Tanya Pultz' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Tanya Pultz  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Penny Smyth  
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**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
**At:** Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 5:26 PM

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Time for Billy to retire. Please do the right thing and send him to a sanctuary.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sharon Ponsford  
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Ms. Brenda Morales  
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[brendagmorales6769@gmail.com](mailto:brendagmorales6769@gmail.com)