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## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

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**From:** 'Shannon Smith' 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:** Mon, Sep 3, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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Sep 4, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

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Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shannon Smith  
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North Hollywood, CA 91605-6319  
[pibbleluv.ss@gmail.com](mailto:pibbleluv.ss@gmail.com)

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**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
**At:** Mon, Sep 3, 2018 at 10:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Bailey Johnson  
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Marysville, CA 95901-8231  
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**To:** Los Angeles City Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Irma Romero  
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**From:** 'Tracy Vera' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Tracy Vera  
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Oceanside, CA 92056-4222  
[aircrew mav94@aol.com](mailto:aircrew mav94@aol.com)

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**From:** 'Ruth Ramos' 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>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Ruth Ramos  
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[ramosruth2013@gmail.com](mailto:ramosruth2013@gmail.com)

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**From:** 'Debra Gallardo' 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:** Mon, Sep 3, 2018 at 10:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Debra Gallardo  
5959 S San Pedro St  
Los Angeles, CA 90003-1339  
[debragallardo81@gmail.com](mailto:debragallardo81@gmail.com)

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**From:** 'Alicia Boyer' 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:** Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 3:11 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Alicia Boyer  
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Walla Walla, WA 99362-2159  
[flyshit7272@gmail.com](mailto:flyshit7272@gmail.com)

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**From:** 'Paola Anglani' 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:** Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 4:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Paola Anglani  
via Mater Boni Consilii 10  
Berzo Demo 25040  
[paola\\_anglani@yahoo.com](mailto:paola_anglani@yahoo.com)



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**From:** 'Sherri Tripp' 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:** Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 12:45 AM

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Please release Billy the elephant from the zoo and send him to the sanctuary where he can be free to roam with his other species of elephants. They are not meant to be caged for year after year. Freedom is what he needs for the remainder of his life. Thank you!  
Sherri Tripp.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sherri Tripp  
2901 El Camino Ave Apt 221  
Sacramento, CA 95821-6037  
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**From:** 'Ashley Prock' 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:** Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 6:42 AM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ashley Prock  
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Lodi, CA 95242-2838  
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