

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Carolyn Nichols' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyn Nichols  
7862 SW 68th Ave  
South Miami, FL 33143-4451  
(305) 661-0673  
[carolynjnichols1@gmail.com](mailto:carolynjnichols1@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Susan Bishop' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 9:57 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Bishop  
4085 Kelso Creek Rd  
Weldon, CA 93283-9401  
(760) 378-2148  
[susanbishop643@yahoo.com](mailto:susanbishop643@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Lu Coates' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:00 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lu Coates  
815 Interstate 30  
Mesquite, TX 75150-7495  
(949) 598-0934  
[lucoates2@aol.com](mailto:lucoates2@aol.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Rita Ro' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:00 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rita Ro  
29720 Creekbed Rd  
Castaic, CA 91384-3582  
(661) 675-9114  
[rdw131522@gmail.com](mailto:rdw131522@gmail.com)



---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Yasmin Bello' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:27 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Yasmin Bello  
2819 Folsom St  
Los Angeles, CA 90033-3127  
(323) 272-7745  
[bello\\_yaz@yahoo.com](mailto:bello_yaz@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Sherry Polite' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 9:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sherry Polite  
1001 E 28th St  
Lubbock, TX 79404-1800  
(806) 319-2224  
[greenice772008@yahoo.com](mailto:greenice772008@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Brenda Gonzalez Galo' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:31 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Brenda Gonzalez Galo  
1433 Sycamore Dr  
San Diego, CA 92106  
[kiranochi@gmail.com](mailto:kiranochi@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'geraldine cavillon' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. geraldine cavillon  
12 rue pierre feutren  
Paimpol 22500  
[cgeraldine@hotmail.com](mailto:cgeraldine@hotmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Zeba Riaz' 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, Sep 5, 2018 at 11:25 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Zeba Riaz  
7862 Flight Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90045-3106  
[zeba\\_riazi@yahoo.com](mailto:zeba_riazi@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Georgiana Butler-Frick' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 12:28 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Georgiana Butler-Frick  
9 Swallow St  
Pittston, PA 18640-1629  
(570) 714-1710  
[G57ajaj@gmail.com](mailto:G57ajaj@gmail.com)



---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Cherie Miller' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 7:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Animal Cruelty is UNETHICAL.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cherie Miller  
41911 Paseo Padre Pkwy  
Fremont, CA 94539-4635  
(510) 304-4523  
[newagedawninghorizon@gmail.com](mailto:newagedawninghorizon@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Shasta Jacobs' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 10:28 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shasta Jacobs  
637 Medford Ave  
Hayward, CA 94541-1806  
[allinmaihead92@gmail.com](mailto:allinmaihead92@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Mikayla Sessions' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 12:29 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mikayla Sessions  
1021 Washington Ave  
Albany, CA 94706-1653  
[mikayla.sessions@gmail.com](mailto:mikayla.sessions@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Donna Hanson' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 6:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Donna Hanson  
1319 Bute Crescent  
Campbell River, BC V9H 1G6  
(250) 895-5225  
[glakwa.kweenie07@gmail.com](mailto:glakwa.kweenie07@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Patrick Engle' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 11:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Patrick Engle  
2172 Argyle Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90068-2924  
[engle.patrick@yahoo.com](mailto:engle.patrick@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Briana Learnihan' 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, Sep 5, 2018 at 10:55 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Briana Learnihan  
916 Union St Apt 306  
Alameda, CA 94501-4168  
[blearnihan62@gmail.com](mailto:blearnihan62@gmail.com)



---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Jennie Marzo' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:30 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennie Marzo  
2527 Wightman St  
San Diego, CA 92104-3433  
[jenniemarzo@gmail.com](mailto:jenniemarzo@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Ruth Mireya Martinez' 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, Sep 5, 2018 at 11:26 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ruth Mireya Martinez  
25277 Pacific St  
San Bernardino, CA 92404-6353  
[skanlessblood@gmail.com](mailto:skanlessblood@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Anika Tejeda' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 5:57 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Anika Tejeda  
2103 N Price Ave  
Fresno, CA 93703-2755  
[anikatejeda92@gmail.com](mailto:anikatejeda92@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Kathleen Harm' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 12:28 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Harm  
1042 Minna St Unit 1  
San Francisco, CA 94103-2597  
[kharm27@gmail.com](mailto:kharm27@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Lawrence Figueroa' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 2:26 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lawrence Figueroa  
3301 Mensch Ct  
Carmichael, CA 95608-3254  
[larbear84@gmail.com](mailto:larbear84@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Kristy Martin' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:00 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristy Martin  
11811 Washington Pl  
Los Angeles, CA 90066-4658  
[kristymartin8@gmail.com](mailto:kristymartin8@gmail.com)



---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'D Waters' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:28 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. D Waters  
Pob 881796  
LA, CA 90008  
[donnawaters22@yahoo.com](mailto:donnawaters22@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'RAYMOND HARDIN' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 7:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. RAYMOND HARDIN  
3609 Suffolk Dr  
San Diego, CA 92115-7126  
(619) 286-1861  
[loserray546@outlook.com](mailto:loserray546@outlook.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Paul Hansen' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 11:28 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Paul Hansen  
904 W Laurel Ave  
Lompoc, CA 93436-5245  
[Paulisnbr11@outlook.com](mailto:Paulisnbr11@outlook.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Darcy Barajas' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 3:29 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Darcy Barajas  
350 Third Ave  
Chula Vista, CA 91910-3900  
(619) 781-8037  
[dlbarajas@hotmail.com](mailto:dlbarajas@hotmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Jean Bennett' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jean Bennett  
11440 Ebony St  
Firestone, CO 80504-5727  
[jeanbennett0527@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanbennett0527@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Ana Boardman-Hsue' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 7:31 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ana Boardman-Hsue  
38880 Judie Way  
Fremont, CA 94536-7331  
(510) 676-6680  
[anaboardman-hsue@att.net](mailto:anaboardman-hsue@att.net)



---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Sundance Dawe' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 12:58 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sundance Dawe  
2106 Las Palomas Loop  
Lincoln, CA 95648-7510  
(607) 257-5695  
[riporeilly@hotmail.com](mailto:riporeilly@hotmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Leslie Elikan' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 2:29 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leslie Elikan  
880 Entrata Way  
Lincoln, CA 95648-8924  
(850) 686-4564  
[leslieelikan@msn.com](mailto:leslieelikan@msn.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Eve Terrier' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 4:27 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Eve Terrier  
6 rue François Ecorchon  
Nouméa 98800  
[eveter@lagoon.nc](mailto:eveter@lagoon.nc)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Jesus pardo j' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jesus pardo j  
malecon 633  
juarez 32000  
[jesuscrismark@gmail.com](mailto:jesuscrismark@gmail.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Lois Hall' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 1:29 PM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lois Hall  
7071 Snyder Ridge Rd  
Mariposa, CA 95338-9029  
[firehog82@yahoo.com](mailto:firehog82@yahoo.com)

---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Christine Rivas' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 11:59 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Christine Rivas  
5712 N 12th St  
Phoenix, AZ 85014-2333  
[cdhurt@gmail.com](mailto:cdhurt@gmail.com)



---

## REGARDING CITY COUNCIL FILE #17-0453

1 message

---

**From:** 'Joseph Waterer' 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:** Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 10:58 AM

---

Sep 6, 2018

Los Angeles City Council and Public Services

Dear City Council and Public Services,

Billy the elephant has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for nearly 30 years, since he was taken as a youngster from his natural environment in Malaysia. For most of this time, he has endured living all by himself in an extremely tiny enclosure. As a result, he has displayed significant signs of stress, such as swaying and rocking side to side and head-bobbing due to frustration, boredom and possibly depression.

Elephants naturally need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. They are also highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. Billy has none of this.

I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

The Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment. But even after the renovations, Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He still displays the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. Simply rotating the elephants from one small area to another does not give them enough exercise.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs. I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please free Billy and send him to an elephant sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ms. Joseph Waterer  
428 West Ln  
El Cajon, CA 92021-4066  
[destinisdaddy2011@yahoo.com](mailto:destinisdaddy2011@yahoo.com)