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At: Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 10:27 AM

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Dear Members of the Los Angeles Arts, Parks & River Committee:

Please Do Not Support the Motion to Release Billy the Elephant to Sanctuary. Billy needs to remain in his loving home at The Los Angeles Zoo, in an environment where he can live out the remainder of his life in the environment that he is accustomed to and that is best suited for him. Please don't continue to allow him to be a pawn in the animal rights extremist's agenda to remove all animals from human care.

Thank you, sincerely,

Jeff A.

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From: 'Kelly Kline Kline' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>
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At: Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 2:29 AM

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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,

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