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Fwd: Release Billy

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To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>
Cc: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 7:47 AM

Please add to the Council file.

Thanks!
Melinda

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From: **Victoria Fisher** <selectiveartists@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 3:41 PM
Subject: Release Billy
To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org

Dear Council Members,

We are long overdue to release lonely Billy to a Sanctuary! With the new plan in action to make the zoo more like an amusement park, it will get worse. Spouse and baby have been taken away, please vote to release Billy. I'm a Talent Manager in the Entertainment business and this is certainly no entertainment for Billy. Please think of the animals first.

Thank You

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Fwd: Billy the Elephant

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From: **Jodi Bell** <jodibell@kennebell.net>
Date: Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 4:53 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

I am writing you today to urge you to support the resolution to release Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary.

This poor elephant was captured from the wild, ripped from his family, and has been in prison at the LA Zoo for 28 years. He exhibits head bobbing and rocking, which is typical of captive elephants deprived of everything natural to them. They collect his sperm for the breeding program, yet this poor elephant has never been able to mate with another elephant naturally.

Twenty eight years is enough! The LA zoo has been profiting off the back of this poor elephant and it's time to do the right thing. Billy deserves to be sent to a sanctuary where he can have more space, enrichment and environment similar to what he has been deprived of his whole life.

Everyone knows that the special needs of these majestic creatures cannot be met in a zoo environment. That is why zoo's all over the world are closing their elephant exhibits. Billy is a stain on Los Angeles. We are supposed to be a progressive city, yet poor Billy is still imprisoned. This reflects poorly on the people and city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Jodi Bell
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Fwd: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

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From: **S. Chapek** <takeaction@idausa.org>
 Date: Sun, Dec 17, 2017 at 6:07 PM
 Subject: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo
 To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Dec 17, 2017

Ms. Holly L. Wolcott

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

As a Los Angeles constituent and a supporter of California-based In Defense of Animals that represents over 250,000 supporters, I urge you to support Councilman Koretz's motion to free Billy, the lone bull elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo, to an accredited GFAS (Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries) sanctuary as soon as possible. We also ask the same for the female elephants at the exhibit, Tina and Jewell.

Billy's plight at the LA Zoo has been a focus of In Defense of Animals for over 12 years. The inadequate conditions that he is forced to live in, despite costly renovations to the Elephants of Asia exhibit, continue to negatively impact his well-being.

Through the LA Zoo's breeding program, Billy has been forced to endure a highly invasive procedure to collect his semen for the purpose of artificially inseminating females at other zoos for breeding. According to zoo documents, Billy underwent "training" for the actual semen collection process at least 55 times between January 20, 2011 and November 14, 2014.

This procedure is inhumane and invasive. While this has been touted as a practice of "conservation," the data shows that it is nothing of the sort, with elephants in zoos dying in captivity faster than they can reproduce due to the unnaturally high mortality rates of elephants in captivity. The only real way conservation for elephants can occur is in the wild and a certified elephant sanctuary is the closest thing to a natural environment that we can give to Billy.

There is no science- or conservation-based justification for the LA Zoo to keep Billy or ANY of the elephants, including females Tina and Jewel - in captivity. The scientifically validated negative effects of captivity on elephants are irrefutable and well documented.

Los Angeles must seize this opportunity for leadership on humane animal welfare issues and policy. Therefore, we urge you to support the relocation of Billy to a GFAS-certified sanctuary to transfer elephants Tina and Jewel as well - end all elephant captivity and elephant breeding programs at the LA Zoo immediately. +

Sincerely,

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From: **Don Dudan** <takeaction@idausa.org>
Date: Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 7:03 PM
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To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

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