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Fwd: Fw: Please send Billy the Elephant to sanctuary!!

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To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fri, May 12, 2017 at 8:51 AM

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From: **Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>
Date: Thu, May 11, 2017 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Please send Billy the Elephant to sanctuary!!
To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

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From: **Debra Ashton** <debra_ashton@hotmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 7:59 AM
Subject: Fw: Please send Billy the Elephant to sanctuary!!
To: "clerk.cps@lacity.org" <clerk.cps@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

From: Debra Ashton <debra_ashton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2017 10:57 AM
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org; councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org; councilmember.price@lacity.org;
councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org; david.ryu@lacity.org
Subject: Please send Billy the Elephant to sanctuary!!

I understand that you are considering whether or not to send Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary. Please - it's a no-brainer. This elephant has suffered for years and it's time he was retired to a sanctuary where he can live out his remaining years in peace, comfort and dignity. It's the least anyone can do for him.

Please help Billy go home.



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Fwd: Billy the Elephant - New Resolution

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From: **Nancy Kennedy** <njkennedy@comcast.net>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 10:03 AM
Subject: Billy the Elephant - New Resolution
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org
Cc: clerk.cps@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

A resolution is before the City Council to release Billy the Elephant, who is now in the Los Angeles zoo, to a sanctuary. Elephants are supremely sensitive social animals. Please support the resolution and let this highly intelligent animal be happy and with his own kind. The animal is under stress, swaying and bobbing his head. A new enclosure is insufficient.

The benefits of a zoo putting an elephant on display are very different than they were 50 years ago. Children can learn about animals in their own habitat, from TV and videos and movies.

Please release Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary, now.

Thank you

Nancy Kennedy
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Shoreview, MN 55126
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952-992-0334 (cell)



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Fwd: City Council: Release Billy the Elephant at LA Zoo to Sanctuary

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From: **Tanya Shats** <tanyashats@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 1:15 PM
Subject: City Council: Release Billy the Elephant at LA Zoo to Sanctuary
To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

City Council:

Please vote for a resolution to release Billy the elephant, who has been kept lonely in cramped quarters for thirty (30) years at LA Zoo, to a sanctuary! Please do the right thing and do not let him have the same fate as his predecessors at LA Zoo, who suffered all their lives and died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire when living alone in closed and cramped conditions.

Sincerely,
Tanya Shats
San Francisco, CA
94109



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fwd: FREE BILLY THE ELEPHANT FROM HIS LONELY, CRAMPED LIFE AT THE L.A. ZOO

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From: **Marina Bruni** <bbruni.marina@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 2:30 PM
Subject: FREE BILLY THE ELEPHANT FROM HIS LONELY, CRAMPED LIFE AT THE L.A. ZOO
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org
Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Dear all,

Please help us to release Billy to a sanctuary before the City Council. It isn't right to keep an animal in his conditions when there's a way to save him.

"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."

Thank you.
Marina Bruni



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Fwd: Motion to move Billy from the L.A. Zoo

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From: **Victoria Fisher** <selectiveartists@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 3:31 PM
Subject: Motion to move Billy from the L.A. Zoo
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org
Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Koretz and to Mitch O'Farrell, Curren Price, Bob Blumenfield, David Ryu,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing in support of the Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo, introduced by Councilmember Paul Koretz and seconded by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on April 19, 2017. I urge you to support this motion to finally release Billy, kidnapped from the wild as an infant and held at the Los Angeles Zoo since 1989, to an appropriate sanctuary where he can live the remainder of his life in security, privacy, and dignity.

There is no justification for holding Elephants in captivity. Research has established that Elephants are highly complex, intelligent, and social, and they experience the same psychological reactions to captivity and isolation as humans, as evidenced by Billy's stereotypic head bobbing. In addition, Elephants need miles of habitat to roam, feed, and socialize. Billy is exhibiting the symptoms of complete psychological breakdown, commonly associated with captivity.

How long will the leadership of Los Angeles stand by and allow Elephants – majestic animals with capacities similar to our own – to be exploited for entertainment and profit? It is time to say enough. The City Council of Los Angeles should take a leadership role in the Sanctuary Movement gaining momentum around the world.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles. Again, please support the Motion to Free Billy.

Sincerely,

Steve Briggs and Victoria Fisher - Briggs



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Fwd: Resolution - releasing Billy the elephant to sanctuary

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From: **Lisa Warden** <animal.lover@rocketmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 3:33 PM
Subject: Resolution - releasing Billy the elephant to sanctuary
To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>
Cc: "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Los Angeles officials,

I'm writing to express my strong support for a resolution that is before you - that Billy the elephant be released to a sanctuary. At a time when so many of us are doubting the compassion and moral compass of our elected officials, you can demonstrate that some officials do indeed care. Billy has been through far too much already - years of inhumane living conditions - please give him the chance to enjoy the rest of his life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lisa Warden
California resident and chronic voter



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Fwd: Billy - Elephant at L.A. Zoo

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From: **Jerri Miller** <jujem@dslextrreme.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 3:55 PM
Subject: Billy - Elephant at L.A. Zoo
To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, councilmember price <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, councilmember ofarrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, councilmember blumenfield <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, david ryu <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "Cc:" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, Eric Villanueva <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>
Cc: Clerk CPS <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, Eric Villanueva <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

I am writing in support of the Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo, introduced by Councilmember Paul Koretz and seconded by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on April 19, 2017. I BEG you to support this motion to finally release Billy, kidnapped from the wild as an infant and held at the Los Angeles Zoo since 1989, to an appropriate sanctuary where he can live the remainder of his life in security, privacy, and dignity.

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How long will the leadership of Los Angeles stand by and allow Elephants to be exploited for entertainment and profit? This is UNACCEPTABLE! It is (BEYOND) time to say enough! The City Council of Los Angeles should take a leadership role in the Sanctuary Movement gaining momentum around the world.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles. Again, please support the Motion to Free Billy.

Sincerely,

Jerri Miller
No; Hollywood, Ca. 91607
jujem@dslextrreme.com



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Fwd: Please vote to release Billy the Elephant

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From: **Charles Byrne** <charles-byrne@rocketmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 6:53 AM
Subject: Please vote to release Billy the Elephant
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Cc: "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear LA Council Council,

I write as an erstwhile citizen of California, one with a deep love of LA, to respectfully ask that you vote for the resolution to release Billy the Elephant from the LA Zoo to a sanctuary. The LA I know and love contains a great deal of compassion and concern for animals, so I hope that you will make a currently unbearable life better for one creature.

Thank you for your time.

Charles Byrne

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From: **Razul Antiwield** . <jacethejedi2@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 10:56 PM
Subject: Billy
To: Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Dear council member,

Billy the elephant has been kept in the Los Angeles zoo for thirty years in extremely cramped conditions. Living in such an environment for an animal that has to walk several miles a day causes great distress, boredom and depression. Elephants are some of the most intelligent and social creatures on Earth, and Billy is being deprived from practically any contact at all with fellow elephants.

Please vote to free Billy and end his suffering.

A concerned constituent.



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Fwd: Free Billy the Elephant from His Lonely, Cramped Life at the L.A. Zoo

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From: **Marsha Stanek** <mjstanek@wisc.edu>
Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 7:14 PM
Subject: Free Billy the Elephant from His Lonely, Cramped Life at the L.A. Zoo
To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>, "CPS@lacity.org" <CPS@lacity.org>

Please be compassionate and let Billy go to a sanctuary to live out his final years. 30 years he has lived in cramped quarters. This is no way for any animal to live, and particularly an elephant.

Thank you for your time.

Marsha Stanek



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy the Elephant deserves to live in a sanctuary

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From: **Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>
Date: Thu, May 11, 2017 at 4:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: Billy the Elephant deserves to live in a sanctuary
To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

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From: <mielnazucar@aol.com>
Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 5:36 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant deserves to live in a sanctuary
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Please vote yes to release Billy the elephant to a sanctuary. He deserves to live the rest of his life cared for properly and other basic rights all life deserves.

Thank you,
Dena Rodrick



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please vote to send Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary

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From: **Angela Murdock** <angela_murdock@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 5:06 PM
Subject: Please vote to send Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary
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Cc: "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Hello,

There is a resolution before the City Council to release Billy the Elephant from the L.A. Zoo to a sanctuary. Because it must pass a vote, I would appreciate your support in making this happen.

Thank you,

Angela Murdock



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fwd: Support Motion to Free Billy

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Subject: Fwd: Support Motion to Free Billy
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From: <kcluster4756@roadrunner.com>
Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 3:57 PM
Subject: Support Motion to Free Billy
To: councilmember.price@lacity.org
Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Price:

I am writing in support of the Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo, introduced by Councilmember Paul Koretz and seconded by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on April 19, 2017.

Billy needs to be released as soon as possible to a sanctuary, such as the All Bull Elephants' Sanctuary, dedicated to serving the needs of male Elephants and founded on the principals of trauma recovery. Billy was stolen from the wild, and taken from his mother, as an infant, and acquired by the zoo in 1989. He has since lived in almost complete isolation. In the wild, a male Elephant would have remained with his mother and natal family until between the ages of 12-14, and then would have joined a bachelor group to begin the second phase of male socialization. Moreover, current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human survivors of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Kiersten Cluster, co-founder Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles

For more information, please visit: <http://www.elephantguardians.org/> and <http://kerulos.org/our-projects/elephant-liberation/abes/>



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Fwd: Please free Billy the Elephant and send him to a Sanctuary

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From: **gloria grotjan** <ggrotjan@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 4:02 PM
Subject: re: Please free Billy the Elephant and send him to a Sanctuary
To: "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Showing my support for the release of Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary so he can live out his days socializing and living with other elephants.

All news seems to indicate he is highly stressed and needs to be moved to prolong his health.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gloria Grotjan



Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Support Motion to Free Billy

3 messages

kcluster4756@roadrunner.com <kcluster4756@roadrunner.com>

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Sat, May 6, 2017 at 4:03 PM

To: david.ryu@lacity.org

Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

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Sat, May 6, 2017 at 4:08 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org

Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for introducing the Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo on April 19, 2017.

Billy needs to be released as soon as possible to a sanctuary, such as the All Bull Elephants' Sanctuary, dedicated to serving the needs of male Elephants and founded on the principals of trauma recovery. Billy was stolen from the wild, and taken from his mother, as an infant, and acquired by the zoo in 1989. He has since lived in almost complete isolation. In the wild, a male Elephant would have remained with his mother and natal family until between the ages of 12 -14, and then would have joined a bachelor group to begin the second phase of male socialization. Moreover, current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and

internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human survivors of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal.

I will be in touch with Jeff Ebenstein regarding any assistance you need to get this motion passed. Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles. I am so proud that you are my Councilmember!

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Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy the elephant

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

Fri, May 12, 2017 at 8:16 AM

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From: **Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>
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Cc: "CityClerk.CPS@lacity.org" <CityClerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you to beg you to please allow Billy the elephant to be released from his sad 30 years of miserable confinement and obvious mental abuse (happy elephants do not rock back and forth – it's a sign of depression and anxiety and frustration) – to release him to a sanctuary where he may have a great deal of freedom and social interaction with "friends" which all elephants crave – they are intelligent, emotional, extremely social animals who require the presence of other elephants to enjoy a healthy mental and emotional state. PLEASE I am begging you – let him go. He has suffered far too long. Thank you for listening. (This is really a no-brainer decision on your part.) Please do the right thing. I pray that you will.

Thanks for caring.

Sincerely,

Judy Pelton

PS: Mr Koretz, please forgive the double email – I didn't realize til after I emailed you earlier that there were several other addresses I meant to include as well.