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Fwd: BILLY THE ELEPHANT

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I will be forwarding more Billy the Elephant CF 17-0453.

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Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 3:45 PM
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From: **Denise Webb** <denisewebb28wv@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 5:17 AM
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I implore you to release Billy from his lonely life at LA Zoo into an Elephant Sanctuary. He is not a happy elephant and should be with his own kind in an elephant sanctuary. Elephants are highly intelligent, sociable animals with strong family bond.

Coming from Africa, it pains me to see this poor lonely elephant, rocking from side to side and sometimes even holding his own tail for comfort, not unlike a child sucking its thumb.

I beg you to please release Billy immediately.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early release.

Yours sincerely

Denise Webb



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Elephants of Asia is Billy's home. He is one of our most beloved residents, and has brought joy to millions of visitors over the years. Billy lives in one of the best – and largest – elephant habitats in North America in a state-of-the-art facility that has tremendous resources, top-quality health care and a dedicated staff.

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I work at GLAZA because I care passionately about animals. For the sake of the endangered species that Billy represents, I ask that you let Billy stay at his home in the L.A. Zoo.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

Patricia Noland

Manager, Constituent Giving Programs

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Maricela Vazquez

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Please see my letter attached.

Thank you,

Jan Frazier

Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations

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May 31, 2017

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing to urge you to dismiss the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary and to halt all elephant breeding programs at the Los Angeles Zoo. As the Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations at the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, I witness the care that we provide to Billy every day. It is exemplary. On numerous occasions, I've seen him interacting with visitors and he appears to get great joy out of being around people. I believe the people urging you to send Billy to a sanctuary are well-meaning but I also believe they are seriously misinformed as to the care Billy receives at the Zoo.

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I work at the L.A. Zoo because I care passionately about animals and I trust in the knowledge and integrity of Zoo Director John Lewis. For the sake of the endangered species that Billy represents, I ask that you let Billy stay at his home in the L.A. Zoo.

Thank you,
Jan Frazier

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Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Kirin Daugharty

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Parks, and River Committee Member,

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

The Elephants of Asia habitat at the Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. In fact, it's the only home that he has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America and benefits from tremendous resources, a dedicated staff, and top-quality health care. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Billy's quality of care at the L.A. Zoo far surpasses that which he would receive at any sanctuary. Elephants are highly intelligent and sociable animals, and they form deep emotional bonds with their caregivers and other elephants. Billy's caregivers have known him for decades and he receives the best care possible at the L.A. Zoo. If Billy were sent to a sanctuary, the ties he has with his caregivers and fellow elephant companions would be broken. Further, any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull and would not be allowed to mate.

The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction.

At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

I am submitting this letter because I care deeply about Billy's future as well as that of endangered wild Asian elephants. It is with this concern that I ask you NOT to approve the motion that I send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

Kirin Daugharty

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Billy receives exemplary care from the L.A. Zoo's team of skilled and knowledgeable caretakers. At the L.A. Zoo over 1.6 million visitors see Billy every year and are made aware of the importance of conserving this endangered species and the urgent need to take action to save elephants in the wild.

For many residents of Los Angeles, the L.A. Zoo provides them with their only opportunity to see an elephant in person. If Billy is sent to a sanctuary, awareness of the plight of the Asian elephant and other endangered species will decline and conservation will be less top of mind.

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To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

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From: <lknatural@aol.com>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 6:50 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Please let the council members, especially Mr. Koretz, know that Billy is very well cared for at the zoo and should NOT be removed and sent to a sanctuary.
This plan is misguided demagoguery by people who are not qualified to make these kind of decisions.
Let the experts at the Zoo do their job and stop wasting their time and our tax payer dollars on frivolous and wrong headed maneuvers.

Thank You

Jeff Gottlieb
L.A. resident and zoo member



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fwd: Thank you for your support of Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo).

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

Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 8:37 AM

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From: **Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>
Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 3:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: Thank you for your support of Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo).
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From: **Jonathan Jody Boyne** <boyne@saltspring.com>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 8:46 PM
Subject: Thank you for your support of Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo).
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

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Parks, and River Committee,

Thank you for your support of Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo).

Please close the Los Angeles Zoo Elephants of Asia exhibit and release Billy, Tina, and Jewel to sanctuary, where they can live out the remainder of their lives with some degree of comfort, security, and dignity, which is the very least that they deserve.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Boyne
90071



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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From: **Patti Sulpizio** <pattisoul@att.net>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 8:58 PM
Subject: Motion # 17-0453
To: "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>
Cc: "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers Price, Blumenfield and Ryu,

Please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). This important step in humane treatment of a fellow mammal, an intelligent being.

Sincerely,

Patti

Patti Skinner Sulpizio

pattisoul@att.net

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Fwd: Billy the elephant from Los Angeles Zoo needs help

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From: **Ar Nahud II Nahud II** <arnahud2@yahoo.fr>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 9:27 PM
Subject: Billy the elephant from Los Angeles Zoo needs help
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>

Hi,

I urge the members of the committee, please, to support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 which aim to free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo.

Thank you,

Eric Archambault
Paris, Texas TX 75460



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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From: **Andrea Brough** <andreabrough@live.com.au>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 10:52 PM
Subject: Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo).
To: "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 council members,

The campaign to help Billy the Elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo has worldwide attention.

I urge you to support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). Captive elephants need to be in a sanctuary, zoos are detrimental to their health and well being. You can read a concise outline on the petition page

- https://www.change.org/p/shut-down-the-elephant-exhibit-at-the-los-angeles-zoo?source_location=minibar.



Shut Down the Elephant Exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo

www.change.org

The Los Angeles Zoo would like for the public to believe that its redesigned Elephants of Asia Exhibit, opened in 2010, is meeting the needs of its current inhabitants. However, while the environment may look pretty to human visitors, the scene quickly deteriorates when

Thank you,

Andrea Brough, Maroochydore, Australia.



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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From: **Terri** <star@elkvalley.net>
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 11:17 PM
Subject: Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org
Cc: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

To all concerned:

I am writing to urge the members of the committee to support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo).

We know better and therefore should do better. Send Billy to an accredited sanctuary where he can be with other elephants and live a better life, one more conducive to an elephant.

Thank you for your support, in advance.

Sincerely,

Terri Robins