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DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

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Sat, Jun 17, 2017 at 8:17 AM

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City of Los Angeles Mail - DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

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Sincerely,

sarah spears

Dear Clerk.CPS

19 June 2017

My name is Lawrence Guarnett and I was born and raised here in the Los Angeles area in the early fifties. I attended schools here and have eaten and shopped and worked here most of my Adult life so far. I have over the years watched our city change with the times as we all do and one of the most enjoyable places to go and visit is our Los Angeles Zoo. We have one of the best Zoo's in the country. And we have updated our Zoo to meet all the requirements for the well being of all the animals. In fact we have one of the best Elephant habitats in the U.S. it is state of the art.

This is why I am contacting you. It is about Billy the Zoo's Bull elephant. To ^{my} understanding a group of individuals are once again trying to have Billy removed from the Zoo and sent him to a sanctuary which would be detrimental to his care and well being. Billy was a gift to the Zoo some almost 30 years ago from the Country of Malaysia and this is his home where he has lived since then. Now I go to the Zoo all the time and I am now a GLAZA member. Billy is the star attraction to the Zoo. All the school kids I have encountered tell me the same. People visiting from other places always say what a great awesome Bull the Zoo has and they are right. I have made it my goal to meet and talk to most of the keeper here at the Zoo and they all respect and care for their animals and beyond so they may thrive and reproduce to keep the species alive. So many of our animals are on the endanger list because the wild is not wild any longer. Many come from different schools to study the animals and there are always research folks out there checking behavior. Billy has lots of acres to roam and all types of behavioral enrichment that keeps him on the go. Billy has his 2 girlfriends Tina and Jewel and sometimes they touch each other all over. But as it is with Bull elephants after a while he goes off by himself to do what he wants.

Billy is exercised daily washed and bathed. He gets the best of the food for his meals and has the full service of the health center at his disposal and loving keeper who I see talk with him and him with them. He comes to them when they call him and it is amazing to see how Billy reacts with them. 3 of the keepers have been working with Billy for over 23 years. Billy is healthy and happy and has his girls and plenty of food and a state of art habitat to run around in.

These people who want to remove Billy are wrong and they are wasting the Councilmember's time and the tax payers money. Please Keep Billy at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo where children and others can watch and learn. And we can keep the species from going extinct. The people of Los Angeles Love Billy and this is where he should be.

Sincerely

Lawrence Guarnett



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Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

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Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 1:08 AM

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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 urgently demand that you 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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DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

1 message

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Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 8:03 AM

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Caitlin McKenney

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Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 6:37 AM

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Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

2 messages

Cody LePow <takeaction@idausa.org>
Reply-To: Cody LePow <cdylpw@aim.com>
To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 5:14 PM

Jun 16, 2017

Ms. Holly L. Wolcott

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

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Fwd: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

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Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 1:02 PM

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From: **Angie Richardson** <takeaction@idausa.org>
Date: Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 5:32 PM
Subject: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo
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2 messages

Lisa Saunders <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 2:07 PM

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3 messages

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Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 12:21 PM

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2 messages

Heather Spears <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 7:54 AM

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Sun, Jun 18, 2017 at 3:40 AM

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Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

2 messages

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Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 5:14 PM

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Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 5:32 PM

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release of Billy the Bull Elephant to sanctuary

1 message

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Dear Mr. Koretz,

First and foremost I would like to thank you for introducing the motion to free Billy the Bull Elephant to an appropriate sanctuary from the LA Zoo. Also, thanks to Mr.O'Farrell for seconding the motion.

Using my website as well as social media to promote Billy's cause. I had received an email thanking me for my posts and a confirmation of the sender having signed the petition with the following message (and I quote): **"We saw him this weekend while visiting the zoo... it's horrible."**

From experience, i know that watching Billy is heartbreaking!

I have spent time, a little money and a lot of heartache over the elephant situation at the L.A. Zoo. It seems there are numerous websites all for the FREE BILLY cause. I have posted links to sign petitions to my FB pages. My hope is to get people involved and help to make the public aware of what is "not so cool at the LA Zoo." I do know that additional signatures on petitions to FREE BILLY were obtained through my efforts and felt good that i was able to make a difference, no matter how small. I am not a letter writer but wrote to Mayor Garcetti in the hope that he would meet with The Elephant Guardians.

You see I care deeply but was somewhat confused after my experience at one of the L.A. Zoo Master Plan Community Meetings. Upon receiving an email to inform me of the meeting, I ordered myself a ticket online to reserve a seat.

Driving in the height of rush hour traffic (took 1 hour and 25 min to drive there), I arrived 5 minutes late to a handful of people in the auditorium's seats. It seemed that they were probably more interested in the refreshments served afterward than they were in the elaborate slide show or the speakers, so full of themselves and gushing about all the renovations that had taken place.

Not wanting my trip to be for naught, following some general questions asked by other audience members I took a deep breath and hesitantly raised my hand to ask a question before the meeting closed. From my throat, as i choked back tears, I affirmed that I was a supporter and follower of The Elephant Guardians and The Petition to FREE BILLY and all Bull Elephants to an appropriate Sanctuary. I then added that I was aware that there had been a lawsuit regarding the Asia Exhibit and was wondering why the Bull Elephants were not free to roam, as promised by the Zoo upon settlement of the case. "Billy is still segregated and swaying and bobbing most likely from anxiety, boredom and possibly depression."

Heads turned in horror to see who was spouting off toward the back of the auditorium.

The spokeswoman, Denise Verret, immediately shut me down by reminding me that this was a Community Master Plan Meeting to discuss planning for the L.A. Zoo, therefore, she was not going to address my query. Furthermore, she said that the Elephants are well taken care of, their needs met and in the right environment, and that all remodel and renovations are complete.

I did not know whether to get up and run out past the Policemen that flanked the doorways or to courteously stay put. I chose the later as i sat there stunned with my blood rushing.

Once the meeting was over I walked out, alone, into the damp and chilled night, toward my car, tears streaming for the elephants i left behind the gates to the L.A.Zoo.

"Things are not so cool at the L.A. Zoo".

Through your direct efforts and Mr. O'Farrell's, for seconding your motion, maybe one day the dream will be realized, and Billy will roam with his long lost friends as it is meant to be.

Sincere thanks to you

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Billy the Elephant

1 message

Karen Eisenlord <karenleis@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 12:36 PM

To: councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.englander@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councildistrict15@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

On behalf of Billy the Elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo, we the signers of the petition below request that he be retired to an elephant sanctuary immediately. He has suffered enough as evidenced by his display of stress-related behavior.

The new elephant exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo does not meet Billy's needs as he is still being kept in small enclosures away from the other elephants. This has been witnessed by many who have visited the zoo within the past few years. Anyone that observes Billy in this new exhibit can attest to this. It is also brings to question if Billy is receiving the daily exercise that a judge ordered for him to get, as caretakers who are questioned apparently do not have answers nor understand the needs of elephants.

In fact, the other two elephants, Tina and Jewel who are elderly and we have since learned were victims of the circus in their youth, should be released to sanctuaries also. It is clear that the Los Angeles Zoo's elephant exhibit should be shut down as it is not meeting the needs of the elephants.

For those who visit the new exhibit first-hand they soon learn that the new exhibit is not what the zoo had claimed it would be, as the elephants are rotated from one small enclosure to another and poor Billy is exhibiting stress-related behavior — swaying, rocking and head-bobbing. He is miserable, bored, frustrated and depressed.

Please release these animals to a sanctuary. The elephant exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo needs to be shut down and the elephants retired to a sanctuary where they can live out the remainder of their lives where their needs will be met more appropriately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and to those of you who are supporting that Billy be retired to a sanctuary, **Los Angeles City Council Motion #17-0453.**

Petition signers (over 200,000 signatures)

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/900/414/840/something-is-not-cool-at-the-los-angeles-zoo/>



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

Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

2 messages

Amy Russell <takeaction@idausa.org>

Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 10:07 PM

Reply-To: Amy Russell <amierochelle@gmail.com>

To: Eric Villanueva <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Jun 14, 2017

Mr. Eric Villanueva

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

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.

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Sincerely,

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

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Ms. Holly L. Wolcott

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

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Fwd: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 3:06 PM

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

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From: **Carlos Echevarria** <takeaction@idausa.org>

Date: Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 1:08 AM

Subject: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

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Fwd: Billy elephant

1 message

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Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 3:06 PM

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From: **Lawrence Guarnett** <rockridgeinspect@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 19, 2017 at 6:40 PM

Subject: Billy elephant

To: "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

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