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Sincerely,

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Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 5:53 PM

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Allyson Dredla 6668 Moorpark Ave Unit A Moorpark, California 92031 9515385237 allysondredla@gmail.com Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 6:20 PM

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Jeanne Sprague 112 Beachcomber Dr. Pismo Beach, California 93449 8057736683 JeanneSprague26@aol.com Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 10:53 AM

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Catherine Charouhas 5951 W. 76th St. Los Angeles, California 90045 310-258-9734 cac1349@att.net Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 2:40 PM

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3 messages

 Rebecca Canright <rebeccagroovypeace@gmail.com>
 Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 6:25 PM

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 Cc: eric.villanueva@lacity.org, clerk.CPS@lacity.org
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Dear Members of the Arts, Parks, and River Committee,

As a college student who cares deeply about wildlife, I am a member of my school's student governing body. I am writing to respectfully urge you to support Motion # 17-0453 to free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo, due to the improper and inhumane conditions he is receiving there. I hope you will please support relocating Billy to a reputable sanctuary.

Thank you so much for your time and kind consideration! Together, we can stand up for the humane and ethical treatment of wild animals in Los Angeles.

Sincerely, Rebecca Canright

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

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Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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## Billy 3 messages

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you from the U.K as I am one of the 11,692 supporters of a petition to help the elephants kept in L.A zoo.

Billy was born in 1985 to a wild elephant herd in Malaysia, and was acquired by the Los Angeles Zoo in 1989, where he has since lived in isolation. He occupies one lonely acre of space where he spends most of his time in a corner swaying and bobbing his head for hours on end.

Please, please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). Please allow him to retire to a sanctuary and live a more natural life. It is really unfair and unkind to allow these beautiful and intelligent animals to suffer so.

Thank You,

Mrs R.Baltz,

Morden,

Surrey,

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Sun, Jun 4, 2017 at 1:59 AM

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Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 8:32 AM

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

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Osnat Koren

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sun, Jun 4, 2017 at 7:49 AM

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## Fwd: Billy the Elephant, thank you on his behalf

1 message

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:25 PM

Eric Villanueva Office of the City Clerk 200 N. Spring St. Rm. 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-978-1075



------ Forwarded message ------From: Gloria Hester <gloriahester@gmail.com> Date: Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 8:09 AM Subject: Billy the Elephant, thank you on his behalf To: councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Thank you all for helping to release Billy into sanctuary.

Elephants are more social than humans!! So he really needs our support. Imagine how awesome it would be to live a life of contact with his own species (rather than separation and isolation) and in an environment that is much more appropriate for all of his natural needs. For example, he needs trees that he can rub on! All of this is so important for his physical, mental and emotional well being.

The fact that he was captured and sold as an infant does not give us the right to continue to hold him captive.

I look forward to celebrating the day that Billy is an appropriate sanctuary!

Thank you again, Warmly,



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## Fwd: Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo)

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Please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo).

Billy has suffered enough and deserves to live out the remainder of his days among his own kind enjoying the freedom he will find at a reputable sanctuary.

Keeping elephants in small enclosures in a Zoo is tantamount to animal cruelty as elephants need to be very active to enjoy good health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Horwood

Canada



## Fwd: Billy the Elephant

1 message

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:26 PM

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----- Forwarded message ------From: Rich Leuschner <rich.leuschner@reagan.com> Date: Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:49 AM Subject: Billy the Elephant To: eric.villanueva@lacity.org

To whom it may concern...

Hello... Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Richard Leuschner. I was a long time resident of Southern California for 55 years, and now currently residing out of state due to work obligations. My family and I make many trips back to the Southern California area to visit family and to enjoy your Zoo each and every time we return. After returning from our latest Southern California vacation I feel the need to write and express my deepest concerns from the unsettling news I heard about certain "activists" who are attempting to have Billy the Elephant, removed from your state of the art elephant facility. It is simply magnificent! I commend the architect who designed this facility.

After seeing Billy's magnificent home, for the life of me I can't understand why removing Billy is even being considered by the Los Angeles City Council. However, I do know how politics can come into play on many different issues, but this issue of Billy not being cared for properly is a non issue.

I am asking that the City Council members reject these unsubstantiated claims by these so called activists who claim to know what's best for Billy, but in reality have no clue as to Billy's care. Removing Billy would be devastating to your Zoo and to your attracting vacationing visitors. Of my many trips to your Zoo, I saw nothing to warrant any claims of mistreatment.

These activists have one goal in mind. They will start with your biggest attraction, and they will continue till your Zoo is no longer an enjoyable location to visit.

On a monetary note... There is no dispute that Billy is a Huge main attraction to many Southern Californians and to many out of state vacationers as well. It makes no sense to me to rid your Zoo of the most majestic main attraction you have. I am confident enough that I can safely speak for many others would be disappointed as well.

In closing, I am asked that you reject these unsubstantiated claims of mistreatment and to please retain Billy at your magnificent facility.

Respectively,

R. Leuschner



## Fwd: Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo

1 message

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Hi

I would like to thank Paul Koretz who recently introduced a motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo and Mitch O'Farrell for seconding the motion.

Please support this motion and help Billy the elephant to lead a better life.

Thanks Paul A



### Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo!

3 messages

Webmail ranmel <ranmel@televar.com>

Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 3:53 PM

It has come to my attention that a motion to free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo has been issued. This motion must first pass the Arts, Parks, & River Committee before it goes before the full council, so please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo)!

thank you for your consideration~

most sincerely,

Melissa McCool Selah, WA 98942

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

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2 messages

Carey Ostrer <c.ostrer@gmail.com>

Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 8:55 AM

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 Paul Koretz, Mitch O'Farrell and Council Committee Members,

Thank You so much for introducing and seconding Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo) Paul and Mitch.

I am over the moon with joy that Billy may soon be released from the zoo, it is a kind, generous and forward thinking act to do this and a sign of the times for our relationships with elephants or our (human) use of them.

David Ryu I understand that this is pertinent to you because the zoo is in your district, but you know that Billy is suffering, and its not good for the public to see an elephant showing signs of frustration and helplessness - this is one problem he cant solve unless you help him.

To All Committee Members this has been a long struggle for awareness, and compassion, please let Billy go to have a chance at being what he is , a wild Asian male elephant, the genes are still just that. Please lead the way.

Thank you, Sincerely

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**Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:27 PM

Eric Villanueva Office of the City Clerk 200 N. Spring St. Rm. 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-978-1075 6/8/2017 City of Los Angeles Mail - Thank You Paul Koretz and Mitch O'Farrell for introducing and seconding Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los A...



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#### Fwd: Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

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Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:25 PM

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Debra Dadomo <debra\_dadomo@yahoo.com> Date: Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 10:36 AM Subject: Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a 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>

Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

June 2, 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 an Animal Keeper at the Los Angeles Zoo, I witness the care that we provide to Billy every day. It is exemplary. The members of the Elephant Care team devote their entire day solely to caring for Billy, Tina and Jewel. They exercise them, enrich them and provide the best nutrition and care. We all care about these elephants so much.

Elephants of Asia is Billy's home. In fact, the L.A. Zoo is the only home that Billy has ever known. 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.

Here's why Billy should stay at the Zoo:

 Billy is receiving the best care possible. Our Zoo is an AZA-accredited facility, which means we're held to the highest standards of animal management and welfare practices – and we're regularly inspected to ensure compliance with all levels of this care.

- Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat in the history of the L.A. Zoo and vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA).
- Elephants are highly intelligent and sociable animals, and they form deep emotional bonds. Billy has had companions during all of his 28 years at the L.A. Zoo, including his current companions Tina and Jewel. He has also become attached to his keepers and, after decades together, they are part of his "herd."
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- Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species and the conservation of animals and habitats everywhere.
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- With nearly 1.8 million people visiting the L.A. Zoo annually, Billy, along with Tina and Jewel, are raising awareness every day about the urgent need to save their wild counterparts from extinction.

I work at the L.A. Zoo 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.

Debra Dadomo 7930 Wyngate Street Sunland, CA 91040

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 5:05 PM

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------ Forwarded message ------From: Sara Simon <saraasimon@hotmail.com> Date: Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 11:38 AM Subject: Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a 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: "CPS@lacity.org" <CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers,

I am very happy that we all care about the well being for our male Asian elephant Billy, and hope we can have an open dialogue to understand what best for our elephant bull. I strongly encourage a visit to the zoo, a talk with the animal care staff, or just revisiting what you believe is best and being critical of your decisions.

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Sara Simon

10756 Blix St.

North Hollywood, CA 91602



### Do The Right Thing

2 messages

 debra bouton <debrabouton@gmail.com>
 Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 2:09 PM

 To: councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, clerk.CPS@lacity.org,

 eric.villanueva@lacity.org

## **HELP BILLY, PLEASE**

Councilmember Paul Koretz recently introduced a motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo. PLEASE support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo).

Thank you,

Debra Bouton 11600 New Haven Dr Spring Hill, FL 34609

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 5:05 PM

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

2 messages

Gerald Paone <takeaction@idausa.org> Reply-To: Gerald Paone <dr\_gerryp@yahoo.com> To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org> Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 3:46 PM

Jun 6, 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.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Gerald Paone 20851 Lassen St Apt 15 Chatsworth, CA 91311-4520 (555) 555-5555 **Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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From: Ruhee B <ruheef@hotmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 4:55 AM

Subject: Billy

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Cc: "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>



#### Please Support Motion # 17-0453

2 messages

 Tanya Terekhova <tanyaterekhova@alumni.usc.edu>
 Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:21 AM

 To: councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org
 Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmembers,

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

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.

Elephants should not be contained in unnatural settings for the sake of public entertainment. Please do the right thing and support the motion to free Billy.

Sincerely, Tatiana Mandel

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:27 PM

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Please free Billy the elephant

2 messages

Angela Paschall <ahimsamonkey@gmail.com> To: councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:21 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to implore you to please support the Los Angeles City Council Motion #17-0453 (Motion to free Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo). As I'm sure you are aware, elephants are highly intelligent and sensitive creatures who forge lifelong bonds with their families and travel many miles a day in the wild. Zoos are inadequate to provide the basic care these majestic creatures deserve, so I would appreciate very much your support of this motion to help long-suffering Billy. As a progressive city, Los Angeles should be a model for what a humane, modern zoo is, and such zoos do not exploit elephants.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

Sincerely,

Angela Paschall Portland, Oregon USA

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 5:28 PM

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#### City Council Motion # 17-0453

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**'Dobi Dobroslawa' via Clerk Council and Public Services** <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org> Reply-To: Dobi Dobroslawa <dobi\_dobroslawa@yahoo.com> Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 6:37 PM

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>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Hello,

Please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453, Motion to free Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo. This animal has suffered long enough and it's time to send him to a reputable sanctuary.

Thank you.

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 5:04 PM

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# Fwd: Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo 2 messages

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Jun 2, 2017

Mr. Eric Villanueva

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sally Morgan Welch 289 Holiday Hills Dr Martinez, CA 94553-4213 (925) 808-8364 charlzebr@aol.com

Eric (Roderico) Villanueva <eric.villanueva@lacity.org> To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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Jun 6, 2017 [Quoted text hidden] Dr. Gerald Paone 20851 Lassen St Apt 15 Chatsworth, CA 91311-4520 (555) 555-5555 dr gerryp@yahoo.com Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 5:05 PM



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

1 message

victoria minetta <takeaction@idausa.org> Reply-To: victoria minetta <victoria.minetta@lacity.org> To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org> Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 4:18 PM

Jun 7, 2017

Ms. Holly L. Wolcott

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Sincerely,

victoria minetta 1420 Ambassador St Apt 302 Los Angeles, CA 90035-2857 (310) 487-6894



# Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo 2 messages

Sangeeta Fernandes <takeaction@idausa.org> Reply-To: Sangeeta Fernandes <sangeetaf@gmail.com> To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 5:48 PM

Jun 7, 2017

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Sincerely,

Dr. Sangeeta Fernandes 127 Gable Ct San Rafael, CA 94903-5206 (323) 842-7715 sangeetaf@gmail.com

Amanda Skerski <takeaction@idausa.org> Reply-To: Amanda Skerski <askerski@yahoo.com> To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

[Quoted text hidden] Ms. Amanda Skerski 162 N Swall Dr Beverly Hills, CA 90211-1965 (312) 343-0243 askerski@yahoo.com Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 5:58 PM



### Shut down LA Zoo Elephant Exhibit and Send Elephants to Sanctuary Immediately

5 messages

heather@heatherwokusch.com <heather@heatherwokusch.com> To: paul.koretz@lacity.org Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 3:45 AM

Dear Paul Koretz

The elephant exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo must be shut down immediately and the elephants retired to an appropriate sanctuary where their needs will be met more appropriately.

This involves Billy, Tina and Jewel. As a Californian, I see it as a disgrace to my state that these magnificent animals are being kept in such appalling conditions.

The new exhibit is not what LA Zoo had claimed it would be. The elephants are rotated from one small enclosure to another and exhibiting stress-related behavior -- swaying, rocking and head-bobbing.

Please work to release these animals to a sanctuary immediately!

Best regards Heather Wokusch Folsom, CA

heather@heatherwokusch.com <heather@heatherwokusch.com> To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 3:47 AM

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell

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heather@heatherwokusch.com <heather@heatherwokusch.com> To: councilmember.price@lacity.org Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 4:02 AM

Dear Councilmember Price

The elephant exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo must be shut down immediately and the elephants retired to an appropriate sanctuary where their needs will be met more appropriately.

heather@heatherwokusch.com <heather@heatherwokusch.com> To: councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 4:06 AM

Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 4:15 AM

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield

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heather@heatherwokusch.com <heather@heatherwokusch.com> To: david.ryu@lacity.org Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Dear David Ryu