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City Administrative Officer
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RE: Council File 17-0453 Billy the Asian Elephant

Dear Ms. Tso and Mr. Llewellyn,

I write to you today requesting an update on Council File 17-0453 "Billy the Asian Bull Elephant / Elephants of Asia Exhibit / Safe and Healthful Care," and specifically, the status of the Chief Legislative Analyst's selection of three veterinarians for the assessment of Billy's health and well-being.

On November 7, 2018, the City Council instructed the Offices of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to select and enter into a contract with three licensed veterinarians for the purpose of evaluating Billy's physical, mental, behavioral and environmental conditions.

An independent assessment is critical to determining the health and well-being of Billy and I encourage your offices and the selected veterinarians to conduct a thorough, independent assessment and report back to the City's Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts and River Committee with findings and recommendations as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, 4th District
Chair, Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River Committee