

Please add my email to City Council file #17-0453

1 message

alyne16 <alyne16@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 12:50 PM

To: "clerk.cps@lacity.org" <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

I am writing in regard to Billy, the elephant at the zoo. Can you please answer these questions for me about his future?

1. What is the timeline for the selection of the independent medical panel who will assess Billy's physical and mental health?
2. When will the names of the panel members be released to the public?
3. When will the medical reports be returned to the committee?
4. How will the assessment process be monitored? Will advocates for Billy's release be included in this process?

Thanks, Alyne Fortgang
A concerned citizen

Regarding: City Council File #17-0453

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Monique Lukens <moniquelukens@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 12:16 PM

To: David.Ryu@lacity.org, CouncilMember.Price@lacity.org, Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

Attention Council member Ryu, Council member Price, and Council member O'Farrell:

I attended this meeting, about Billy, in 2009: www.today.com/popculture/cher-bob-barker-try-save-billy-elephant-wbna28899773

It's a travesty Billy is still in the same position and condition, as he was then. Please do the RIGHT thing, not the "economical" thing, and release him from his captivity, into a sanctuary.

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*** The next peaceful demonstration for Billy at the Los Angeles Zoo on June 29 at 10:00 am. Link to event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/410496706466701>

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Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 12:14 PM

To: "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "clerk.cps@lacity.org" <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Dear Members of the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts & River Committee:

Thank you for hearing our public comment yesterday regarding Billy the Elephant who has been held at the LA Zoo for almost 30 years. I urge this committee to move forward with the appointment of the independent medical panel and the physical and psychological health assessments of Billy. The public is very concerned about his health and well-being.

I have the following questions/requests and would appreciate a response:

1. When will the names of the medical panel be released to the public? The members of the panel must be made public prior to the assessments to ensure that there is no bias in this process.
2. What is the timeline for the appointment of the panel and the completion of their reports?
3. At least 2 advocates for Billy's release to sanctuary must be included in the medical assessment process. As it stands now, the zoo employees (who are also the advocates for keeping Billy in the zoo) will have unlimited access to the members of the medical panel which is inherently biased. The process must be monitored by advocates for Billy's release.

As I said at the committee meeting, Councilmember Ryu, and any other Councilmembers who would like to accompany him, have an open invitation to visit the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) to view the 15-acre environment you can provide for Billy. You do not have to wait for anyone to propose dates. You are welcome to visit at your convenience. Please let me know if you need any assistance in scheduling your visit.

Please attach this correspondence to City Council File #17-0453.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With gratitude,
Kiersten Cluster
Co-founder, Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles

City Council file #17-0453 - Billy imprisoned in the LA Zoo

1 message

From: Marla Katz <feline@brazildg.com>

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, clerk.cps@lacity.org

At: Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 4:55 PM

Mr.'s Ryu, Price, O'Farrell and City Clerk,

I'm extremely concerned about BILLY the lone male elephant at the LA Zoo. I've learned there are electric wands covering the grass so he can't graze and electric coils go up the trees so he can't rub his body up against them. I understand the City is setting up a Panel to make recommendation as to BILLY's future. Please provide the following information:

1. Is there a timeline for the selection of the Panel, and who will make the selections ? Can people "apply" to be on the Panel, or can recommendations be made to the selection committee?
2. What is the proposed make-up of the Panel i.e. will it be only AZA (zoo) affiliated persons, or will professional opinions also be sought from non-zoo experts such as Accredited Sanctuary affiliated persons (example: the Performing Animal Welfare Society Sanctuary in CA), or professionals in elephant behavior and rehabilitation, etc.?
3. Will the names, credentials, and affiliations of the individual Panel members be provided to the public? Will the final Report/conclusions/recommendations of the Panel be provided to the public?

I would like to be kept informed of this process as it goes forward - please include my email with public notices sent with regards to City Council file #17-0453.

Thank you,

Marla Katz

Animal Welfare Advocate

Billy's medical examination City Council File #17-04531 message

From: Britt Lind <britt@peopleforreason.org>**To:** david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, clerk.cps@lacity.org**At:** Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 4:46 PM

To David Ryu, Curren Price and Mitch O'Farrell:

Yesterday at the committee meeting I was shocked to find out that Ryu and his friends at the L.A. Zoo have arranged to have only zoo personnel at Billy's medical exam. This is not acceptable and stinks to high heaven of collusion. Advocates for Billy must also be there. We don't accept that only zoo personnel will be interacting with the medical panel and telling them whatever they think will convince them to allow Billy to stay at the zoo. This has to be an honest assessment and the process above reproach, not controlled by Ryu and the people who run the zoo.

Arranging for Billy's medical examination is taking forever and every day Billy continues to suffer in confinement. This is a city zoo which means taxpayers have a right to know the names of the people who will be doing the exam. You need to release those to the public. And as soon as the reports are available, the public has the right to hear the results. Sooner or later, we will find out the results no matter how powerful the L.A. Zoo may be to city politicians and no matter how hard they continue to try to hang on to their vested financial interest in Billy. Sooner or later we will get him out of that hell hole. Elections matter.

Britt Lind

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Regarding: City Council File #17-0453 - Billy the Elephant1 message

From: Wendy Ysasi <wendy.ysasi@ysasi.com>**To:** david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, clerk.cps@lacity.org**At:** Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 4:27 PM

Mr's Ryu, Price, and O'Farrell -

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I look forward to your reply,

Sincerely,

Wendy Ysasi

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City Council File #17-0453 [BILLY the Elephant at the LA ZOO]1 message

From: Julia N Allen, PhD, DVM <DrJNA@comcast.net>**To:** david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org**At:** Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 4:01 PM

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Thank you for your time.

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Cheers

Julia N Allen, PhD, DVM

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