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Fwd: Medical assessment for Billy

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:26 AM



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From: **Kevin Carr** <kcbloos@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:33 PM
Subject: Medical assessment for Billy
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Hi, David!

I'm an L.A. resident and I write in support of a medical assessment of Billy, the elephant at the L.A. Zoo. My understanding is that living in an inadequate enclosure at said zoo may be impacting his health. Please do the right thing and help move this along. Many thanks.

Kevin Carr
P.O. Box 1549
L.A. CA 90078



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Fwd: plz medically check billy!

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From: **SayHay** <sayhayhome@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:26 PM
Subject: plz medically check billy!
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Council File #17-0453 - Keep Billy at the LA Zoo

1 message

Allison Mullin <agmullin@unitypartners.net>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 11:19 AM

Reply-To: agmullin@unitypartners.net

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the movement taking place to relocate an Asian Bull Elephant named Billy to a sanctuary. With previous experience working in animal welfare and nutrition for San Diego Zoo Global, Safari Park and San Diego Zoo along with being a current graduate student studying exotic animal nutrition and welfare, I know that there is no possible way for a sanctuary to provide the excellent care that animals in AZA-accredited facilities are offered. Elephants can have long life expectancies in captivity and it is pertinent that animals have access to the best possible care throughout their *entire* life. At the LA Zoo animals are looked after by a staff of highly qualified veterinarians, curators, and animal care staff. Recently, the LA Zoo has offered a position for a full time Animal Nutritionist. This is yet another indicator that the LA Zoo is striving and succeeding to provide the best possible managed care system for their collection. This animal must stay at the LA Zoo to obtain the BEST POSSIBLE care to allow him to thrive. A sanctuary does not have the means, funding, support, staffing, or ability to support and care for Billy to the extent that the LA Zoo does, and foreseeably never will.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering my statement of opposition for moving Billy to a 'sanctuary'.

Allison G Mullin

Graduate Student, Teaching Associate

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Fwd: Release Billy to Sanctuary

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From: **Deborah Elliott** <delliott@teachwithmovies.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 12:15 AM
Subject: Release Billy to Sanctuary
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Current scientific research suggests that elephants have a social/emotional sense that is similar to that of humans. Please allow this lonely, traumatized individual a final season of life that will provide some comfort and compensation after his years of isolation, and the initial suffering of being taken from his family.

Los Angeles should lead the world once again in the creation of virtual zoos, and virtual animal encounters, and send money to conserve iconic animals such as elephants in their natural habitats.

Thank you.

Debbie Elliott
Jim Frieden
862 Fiske St
Pacific Palisades 90272



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453 Billy the Asian Bull

1 message

Vanessa Gagne <vanessa@asianelephantsupport.org>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 8:46 AM

Please submit this letter into the public record.

Esteemed council members,

Please consider the ramifications of removing Billy from his home of three decades. The task of moving an elephant should not be taken lightly. Billy's mental health and well being are most certainly being taken into consideration by zoo officials by keeping him howdied with Jewel, Tina and Shaunzi as it is typical for bulls to be housed separately from cows. He is given the chance to spend his time in solitude, as is his nature, or visit with the females thus providing him with choices in his environment. It has been proven scientifically that it is not the size of the exhibit that matters rather the utilization of space. Please see the following paper: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0158124> If Billy does indeed need more exercise and better use of his exhibit space, then a comprehensive study of his behavior must be explored using ethograms to measure his activity levels.

The population of Asian elephants is rapidly declining in their range countries due to habitat loss and human-elephant conflict. The ever increasing demand for palm oil is creating a volatile situation for elephants all over south east Asia. Billy, as a viable male elephant in human care, can absolutely affect the propagation of his species. The ability to recover viable Asian elephant reproductive material has been increased by the discovery of the protein lactotransferrin as described in this paper: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0071033> We, as stewards of animals and our planet, no longer have the time to let subjectivity get in the way of preserving what is left of our natural world. The sanctuary model strictly adheres to a rule of no breeding or reproduction. This is an irresponsible perspective if we are to combat the loss of what little remains of Asian elephants in the so-called wild because it will eventually be managing them to extinction.

I implore you to seek a third party objective assessment on this matter from the experts within the Elephant Managers Association (EMA).

I also implore you to seek the desires of your constituency. The LA Zoo provides people of all ages and socioeconomic statuses the opportunity to be inspired by and learn about animals. Sanctuaries charge exorbitant entry fees and oftentimes disallow children entirely. Children learning about these animals in person breeds a new generation of conservationists ready to preserve our Earth and live in a sustainable manner.

Respectfully,

--

Vanessa Gagne
Secretary
Asian Elephant Support



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Elephant exam

1 message

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From: **ann richardson** <annmariein53@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 10:32 PM
Subject: Elephant exam
To: David.giron@lacity.org

Please allow an evaluation. Humane treatment is always a priority.
Ann Richardson

Sent from my iPhone



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reference number 17-0453

1 message

Ringer-Ross, Doreen <DRoss@bmi.com>
To: "Michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <Michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 12:17 AM

Dear Mr. Espinosa and everyone at the City Clerk's office,

I'm reposting here a letter written to you by my friend Matt Carey because I support every word he's written and couldn't say it better myself. I hope you will support this request to let Billy the Elephant stay at the wonderful LA Zoo.

"I have been going to the LA Zoo for 25 of my 27 years, from a child captivated by seeing animals in real life instead of just on tv, to my life currently where I spend 2-3 days a week photographing so many animal personalities there. Having the opportunity to be at the zoo so much, I have been able to experience a lot, but more importantly, I have got to know the individual keepers and see all the love and hard work they put into each and every animal, every single day of the year.

In an ideal world, all wildlife should live in the wild. That is not a world we live in though with poaching, habitat loss, exotic pet trade, and a growing human population. The reality is, accredited zoos are trying to save species with the SSP (species survival plan), have saved and reintroduced animals back into their natural habitats, and raise money to help wildlife and those fighting in the field to protect them. I trust our keepers, many of which have years of experience and have spent time in the wild to observe natural behaviors as well as visiting other zoos to continuously learn about how to put the wellbeing of animals first.

For those who are wishing to remove Billy from his home at the zoo, I'd recommend getting to know the keepers and learn about the care each elephant get. Spend time watching the 4 elephants, not just a quick glimpse (or even worse, making up your mind based off the feelings of others). Please stop using the same "sad" looking photos over and over, trying to convince others Billy is miserable and treated poorly. Frequent zoo visitors and photographers can show you beautiful moments happen here, one of which I will attach in this email. Bars and fences don't mean this is a bad home for Billy. Billy being a mature elephant, for safety he is not with the 3 females, but he still has protected contact with them all. An argument is that Billy is stressed and that head bobbing proves that; from what I understand, he had that behavior from his life before the zoo and the keepers do everything they can to make him feel comfortable through enrichment and having access to the different elephant yard. Animals bond with keepers, Billy's have taken care of him for years, that is very important to quality of life when arguing if he is better at the zoo vs. some random sanctuary. There is this dream perspective where every sanctuary is better than any zoo, and that isn't true. Accredited zoos have to follow rules and protocols, that are constantly being re-evaluated, sanctuaries usually don't have to follow such strict standards.

Those fighting for Billy to stay vs. those who want to send him to a sanctuary are all animal lovers and want the best for every animal. I genuinely believe Billy would be stressed leaving the zoo. I truly hope he is allowed to stay in the only home he has known for decades, and I wish that those who want him sent to a sanctuary would use all their love for animals to fight for those who are truly suffering, those in bad zoos, bad sanctuaries, and in the wild.

Thank you for your time and consideration. "

Thank you for reading this.....Doreen Ringer Ross



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Fwd: Times up to Free Bill

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From: **jennifer van zyl** <jenvanzyl@me.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:41 PM
Subject: Times up to Free Bill
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal.

Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

The van Zyl Family
Hollywood, Calif.



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy The Elephant

3 messages

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From: **Mail@** <shirley_casallas@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:45 AM
Subject: Billy The Elephant
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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I am also a Nationally Board Certified Teacher at a Title One school (which explains why I can not be there in person). I have taken my Kindergarten class to the Zoo on a Zoo Pals scholarship. Ill be honest and say my kids learned nothing. In fact , one of my students fell because of the steep incline and scraped up a knee. Also , my students learned nothing about elephants.

Over the past few years I have searched into alternatives for my students to learn about animals.

The Wildlife Learning Center in Sylmar has rescued animals and offers age appropriate workshops based on age level and science standards.

<http://www.wildlifelearningcenter.org/>

Also , the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee offers Skype sessions with an elephant caretaker and elecams. The Skype sessions (which lasts about 45 minutes to an hour) allow students to ask an elephant expert questions about elephants. One of my students asked 'Why are elephants ears so big?' I honestly dont know. I do remember one of the employees of the LA Zoo was asked by a group of children why Billy was separated from the girls. The response was " Billy is a boy and the other elephants are girls. We don't want elephants becoming boyfriends and girlfriends."

Billy has served his time. Please give him Sanctuary.

[The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee](#)

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee provides captive elephants a safe haven dedicated to their well-being. Learn...

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,
Shirley Casallas Duffer

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From: **OC Katie** <guesskt@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:28 AM
Subject: Billy The Elephant
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary.

I have followed the story and life of Billy for many years in Los Angeles. I remember that Billy even received his own lawsuit and day in court a few years ago where the judge said "all is not well at the LA Zoo and for Billy the Elephant". Many residents of Los Angeles and visitors from all are concerned about the welfare of Billy. Los Angeles has been very proactive in many areas of animal welfare and it is time now to do what is best and right for Billy. It is time to give Billy the life he deserves outside of the confines of the LA Zoo and let him retire to a sanctuary.

Let me make myself clear. I am not "anti-zoo"....."anti-LA zoo"....."anti- Los Angeles"or anything else that might be misconstrued or said about any individual that speaks out in support of Billy and of motion #17-0453. Far from it. I believe over the years that we as humans and stewards of the animals among us, that we have evolved in our understanding of animals, especially elephants. We know now that these large animals need more space in order to live a more natural, stress-free life, while in captivity. Many zoos across the country and around the world have closed their elephant exhibits for just that reason. They have understood that the elephants needs were not being met properly within the limitations of the zoo. This doesn't mean that the zoo cannot care for other animals adequately, nor does it mean that the zoo cannot be a place for education and assist (hopefully) in conservation efforts.....but it does mean that the days of keeping large elephants in zoos is over....it needs to be over. We know better and should now do better for Billy.

Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Sincerely,

Katie White

[310.945.7677](tel:310.945.7677)

Resident, working mother of 3, and supporter of Billy

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From: **Charles Snodgrass** <c.snodgrass1987@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:20 PM
Subject: Billy The Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Sincerely,
Charles Snodgrass



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

File #17-0453 Billy The Elephant

1 message

Tori Feiler <tfeiler@me.com>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 5:00 AM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org, clerk.cps@lacity.org

To Whom It Concerns,

Please keep Billy, the elephant, at the LA Zoo.

Please take into consideration the informed advice of the zookeepers who take care of Billy the elephant and know him the best. The zookeepers have worked with Billy for so many decades, they have a profound knowledge about what is best for Billy, more than anyone. They are aware of Billy's physical, emotional and mental abilities and limitations.

Please hear them out in regards to keeping him at the LA Zoo.

Sincerely,

Tori Feiler
Heber City, UT



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please release Billy the Elephant Motion # 17-0453

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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Rob Mon** <robmon@rocketmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:59 PM
Subject: Please release Billy the Elephant Motion # 17-0453
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Robin Monteiro



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please Vote to Release Billy the Elephant

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From: **Ellen Waggoner** <ewaggoner123@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 12:25 AM
Subject: Please Vote to Release Billy the Elephant
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

As a Los Angeles resident, I am writing to urge you to support Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the elephant to an accredited sanctuary. As you must know, it is now well-documented that elephants suffer terribly, both emotionally and physically, in zoos. Elephants are highly intelligent, sensitive, and social animals who need to be engaged by their surroundings in order to be happy. They also need to roam several miles a day to maintain healthy joints and feet. For most of Billy's almost 30 years living in captivity at the Los Angeles Zoo, he has suffered in confinement inside an extremely tiny enclosure all by himself. He has exhibited significant signs of stress, frustration, and psychological distress, including swaying, rocking side to side, and constant head-bobbing. Elephants in zoos typically die very young, usually from serious physical ailments that are caused by not having enough acreage to roam. Please do the only right thing and vote to send Billy to a sanctuary before it is too late. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Ellen Waggoner
[1928 N. Oxford Ave.](http://1928.N.Oxford.Ave)
Los Angeles, CA 90027
ewaggoner123@yahoo.com



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Please support Billy the elephant

3 messages

Karen Price <karenelizabeth24@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 6:10 PM

Reply-To: Karen Price <karenelizabeth24@yahoo.com>

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Cc: "councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org" <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org" <councilmember.fuentes@lacity.org>, "councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org" <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.englander@lacity.org" <councilmember.englander@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, "councildistrict15@lacity.org" <councildistrict15@lacity.org>, "councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

I have been involved in the campaign to free Billy the elephant from the LA Zoo for years now, and it is increasingly distressing to see Billy's condition deteriorate as he is forced to suffer the inhumane conditions that he has faced during his 30 years in captivity. 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.

I stopped going to the LA Zoo long ago and know many others who feel the same way. They mention how painful it is for them and their children to see the misery on Billy's face. Witnessing an animal suffering can be quite traumatic to children, and seeing Billy in this condition makes visiting the zoo a sad experience rather than the educational and fun outing it is meant to be.

Please have mercy on Billy and allow him to be freed to an elephant sanctuary.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Price
Toluca Lake, CA

Lisa Price <lisaprice417@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:54 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@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,

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Sincerely,

Lisa Price

Chapel Hill, NC

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To: David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>
Cc: Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 8:51 AM

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With kind regards,



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please do not move Billy the elephant- reference number 17-0453

1 message

Brian Boskind <capsizebrian@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Brian Boskind <capsizebrian@yahoo.com>
To: "Michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <Michael.espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: "clerk.cps@lacity.org" <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 11:10 AM

Dear Michael and everyone on the LA City Council
reference number 17-0453

I am writing because of the disturbing news that an activist group is trying to move Billy the elephant from his real home at the LA Zoo. While the group trying to move him perhaps means well conceptually, I am convinced that his actual quality of life, as an intelligent animal who has a social bond with his keepers and happy in his lifestyle, will suffer greatly if he is torn away from what he knows.

The intelligence and social capabilities of elephants is something, in this day and age, that is well known by the average person. With that said, I believe that not only is it a terrible idea to move this elephant from the complete care and interaction he gets at the zoo, but it would reflect very badly on the city of Los Angeles, to have allowed this to happen. more and more is coming to light about the realities of "sanctuaries", such as the fact here that Billy would be kept from the rest of the elephants, since he is a bull, and no more human contact. This is essentially solitary confinement. Lack of regulations and standards at the sanctuary, make this even more of an ill advised move.

Please do the right thing and let Billy stay in his home at the La Zoo. It is what is best for his welfare and is the responsible decision for the city of Los Angeles to make.

sincerely
Brian Boskind
[818-425-6361](tel:818-425-6361)



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Mitch, a copy of my committee testimony to support Paul's motion & end elephant breeding program.

1 message

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From: **Marcy Winograd** <winogradteach@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:04 AM
Subject: Mitch, a copy of my committee testimony to support Paul's motion & end elephant breeding program.
To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org

Dear Mitch, below is testimony I plan to deliver at the committee meeting today. If I run out of time, please give me an additional minute or two to finish. Thank you, Marcy Winograd

My name is Marcy Winograd. I am a retired LAUSD teacher, Co-Founder of Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles, and Secretary of the Progressive Caucus, the largest caucus in the CA Democratic Party.

I am here to support Councilman Paul Koretz's motion, which in part calls for an end to the zoo's inhumane elephant breeding program.

Billy has been forced to endure a highly invasive procedure to collect his semen for the purpose of artificially inseminating females held in other zoos to breed captive baby Elephants, or what zoo proponents call "increasing the North American herd." This is an Orwellian perversion of

language, for this is not a herd – this is not a family of elephants, up to 27, who live and die together, who lift up the injured, who babysit their young, who form life-long friendships and mourn their loss. No, this is a scattering of elephants separated and sentenced to a life of incarceration in multiple zoos.

According to LA Zoo documents I obtained through a California Public Records Act request, Billy underwent training for and/or the actual semen collection process at least 55 times between January 20, 2011 and November 14, 2014 (Exhibit B). The zoo did not produce any records of the procedure being performed after that date; however, in a meeting on January 8, 2016, and in more recent statements to the press, John Lewis, Director of the Los Angeles Zoo, was clear that the zoo plans to continue the forced breeding program.

LA zoo records do not describe the procedure in detail, but it appears that a human stands on a stool and inserts a hand and forearm into Billy's rectum in order to rub his prostate. The procedure, which can also include enemas, lasts between 10 – 15 minutes. According to the records, and Mr. Lewis, the zoo has been unsuccessful in collecting a semen sample. That is a zero percent success rate.

Contrary to the zoo's assertion that Billy is "never" restrained, Billy is placed in what is called "the squeeze" or is locked in what is called the "ERD" for semen collection.

In addition, the Zoo hopes to bring in younger females as potential mating partners for Billy, which will further compromise the limited space in the exhibit.

These efforts continue even though captive breeding of Elephants in North American zoos is notoriously unsuccessful (Brown, Paris, et al., 2016) for many reasons: female hormonal dysfunction and lack of genetic diversity, to infant rejection and infanticide.

The artificial insemination and forced breeding in zoos does not help animals in the wild, but instead, increases zoo profits by luring the public to see trapped baby animals who will never live in a natural habitat but will be surrounded by electrified trees, cement substrates that trigger arthritis, and who may bob all day long, as Billy does – a sign of a psychotic breakdown.

A more sustainable use of resources would be to develop and fund measures to protect wild populations of animals in their home environments where they can live and raise families in a dignified manner

– and to continue Los Angeles law enforcement’s crackdown on illegal ivory sales.

Please vote to pass this resolution. Please spare Billy further indignities and protect the unborn elephant from a life of sadness and isolation.

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With kind regards,



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Fwd: freeBilly!

1 message

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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:40 AM



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From: **cecile bender** <cecbender@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:43 PM
Subject: freeBilly!
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,

Cecile Bender

Billy has been taken from his mom (from his native country) at age 4 to be put into a zoo's enclosure, and has been alone there since then, for 29 years!!



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

file # 17-0453

1 message

Katrina Gonzales <katrinka326@yahoo.com>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 6:47 AM

To: Clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Please let Billy the elephant stay at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo! He is happy and well cared for and does not deserve to be in solitary for the rest of his life.

Thank you.

Katrina Gonzales

Sent from my iPhone



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Fwd: Motion # 17-0453

1 message

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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:11 AM



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From: **Pamela Drezga** <pamelalee100@optonline.net>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:04 AM
Subject: Motion # 17-0453
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Pamela Lee



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Just treatment for LA's elephant Billy

1 message

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From: **Mary Katherine Timme** <mktimme@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:12 PM
Subject: Just treatment for LA's elephant Billy
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Sincerely,
Mary Katherine Timme
1800 S Point View Street
Los Angeles CA 90035

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Mary Katherine Timme
eMail: mktimme@gmail.com
m: 646-245-4847



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453 - Statement of support to keep elephants at LAZ

1 message

Adam Henson <ahenson@wildearthallies.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 8:30 AM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am writing on behalf of my organization, Wild Earth Allies, which has a long-term partnership with the Los Angeles Zoo in support of Asian elephant conservation in Cambodia. We work to conserve wildlife and their habitats globally, and one of our programs is focused on protecting Asian elephants in the forested landscapes of Cambodia. Over the years, LA Zoo has provided direct support for our field conservation efforts to conserve this remarkable species, and in turn we have contributed our experience and knowledge to the interpretive materials in the Zoo's Asian elephant exhibit. This partnership is very important for the conservation of wild Asian elephants in southeast Asia.

We are very concerned to hear about the motion filed to remove Billy the Asian elephant from the LA Zoo and move him and other elephants to a sanctuary. I have visited the LA Zoo Asian elephant exhibit and can unequivocally say the LA Zoo is a top-notch facility and all the elephants are cared for extremely well. We strongly encourage the City Council to reject this motion to move elephants from the Zoo, and keep them as they are in the professional care of the curators at the Zoo. We feel this is the best situation for the elephants at the zoo, and ultimately for conservation of wild elephants in their range. The educational mission of the zoo, combined with their state-of-the-art care and facilities, contributes significantly to the conservation of this species.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to keep Asian elephants in the LA Zoo, and not move them to a sanctuary. I am available to answer any questions about wild elephant conservation or our partnership with the LA Zoo, should that prove useful to this discussion.

Best regards,

Adam

Adam Henson | Conservation Director

Wild Earth Allies

www.wildearthallies.org

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Fwd: Please support Motion #17-0453 to release Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary

1 message

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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:04 AM

There will be hundreds coming. See below.



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From: **Lola Korneevets** <lola.korneevets@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:56 PM
Subject: Please support Motion #17-0453 to release Billy the Elephant to a sanctuary
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

reference number 17-0453 Billy the elephant

1 message

lknatural@aol.com <lknatural@aol.com>
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 12:02 AM

Please give up this ridiculous campaign to move Billy the Elephant from his home where he receives excellent care to some sanctuary where he knows no one and is not comfortable.

He may even die during the transfer. If his head is still bobbing at the sanctuary will you send him back ?

What if he misses his keepers and is unhappy there ?

This makes zero sense. Please stop wasting the public's time and money with this outrageous plan cooked up by animal rights extremists.

Thank you

Jeff Gottlieb

LA zoo Member



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#170453

2 messages

Darryl Pon <darryl.pon@lacity.org>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:26 AM

Dear Council members,

I am strongly against the motion to relocate the LA Zoo's male elephant Billy to a suitable sanctuary. The Elephants in the LA Zoo are healthy, in excellent care, and have a state of the art facility. Relocating Billy from the Elephants of Asia habitat will be removing him from the only home he has known for most of his life. He is truly happy here.

I have been working for the Zoo for the last 17 years and was part of the inter-department team responsible for the design and construction of the Elephants of Asia habitat. This is one of the most sophisticated and well thought out facility for Elephants built in the world, and is an asset for all the citizens of Los Angeles. It is a shame that this motion is asking to give away such a treasure to an unknown private sanctuary.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Darryl L. Pon

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Darryl L. Pon

Project Manager
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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>
To: darryl.pon@lacity.org

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 11:33 AM

Your message

To: Michael Espinosa
Subject: CF#170453
Sent: 1/24/18, 10:26:32 AM PST

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please Show some Care for Billy

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:22 AM



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From: **Patricia Kahler** <patricia.kahler@yahoo.com.au>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 1:53 AM
Subject: Please Show some Care for Billy
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Council member O'Farrell:

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Please vote to Free Billy.

At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Best Wishes
Trish Kahler



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Motion 17-0453

1 message

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Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 4:41 AM
Subject: Motion 17-0453
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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,
Sarah Jane Hardt

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Release Billy

2 messages

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From: **Farrah Smith** <farrahesmith11@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 6:36 AM
Subject: Release Billy
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Sincerely,
Farrah Smith

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From: **Lori Nelson** <ljn99vfx@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:12 AM

Subject: Release Billy

To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

I have been following Billy's issues for years now and am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Lori Nelson



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Support of Motion 17-0453

1 message

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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Shanna Loveman** <shanna.loveman@ymail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 7:56 PM
Subject: Support of Motion 17-0453
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Sincerely,
Shanna Loveman



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy - the elephant

1 message

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From: **Jerri Miller** <jujem@dslextreme.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:42 PM
Subject: Billy - the elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

I'm writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 which calls for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Billy definitely deserves to be transferred to a sanctuary, where he can FINALLY live the life of an elephant! Free to roam many miles every day, socialize with other elephants, explore, and live the life he is meant to live. Billy's served his time at the L.A. Zoo and is showing signs of stress that can only be remedied by allowing him to live freely at a sanctuary.

Research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans. They suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). It is time...it is BEYOND time, to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

PLEASE do what is right for Billy..

Thank you,

Jerri Miller

North Hollywood, Ca. 91607
jujem@dslextrême.com



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please....

1 message

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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Lara De Ann** <reverendlara@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:42 PM
Subject: Please....
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,

Reverend Lara De Ann



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy the Elephant at LA Zoo

1 message

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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Kristopher Dukes** <k@kristopherdukes.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 6:39 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant at LA Zoo
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear David,

Thank you for everything you do for the city of LA. I was born and raised in this city, and still love living here.

I'd like to ask you to support a medical assessment of Billy the elephant at LA Zoo. Living in an inadequate enclosure at the L.A. Zoo may be impacting his health and the assessment will help make a determination whether or not he should be moved to a sanctuary.

Warmest wishes,
K

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: -In Support of Motion # 17-0453 Release of Billy the Elephant

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:43 AM



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From: **Victoria Fisher** <selectiveartists@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:42 PM
Subject: -In Support of Motion # 17-0453 Release of Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Council Member O'Farrell:

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Sincerely,
Victoria Fisher-Briggs
Steve Briggs
Canoga Park, CA.



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy

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From: **Dana Calvo** <danascalvo@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:25 AM
Subject: Billy
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Dana Calvo

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: free Billy

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From: **Phyllis Stuart** <ps@thewinawards.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:15 PM
Subject: free Billy
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilman O'Farrell:

I just went to Africa 2 times to film my documentary, WILD DAZE and I assure you elephants need to remain wild...their dung spreads seeds to 90 species of trees, they keep forests healthy and we all need oxygen...we need to breath...leave them in the forests, please. Or if they've been ripped from nature, let them go to a sanctuary, please.

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. If you have eyes to see, heart to feel and ears to hear---Billy is sad and lonely...and does NOT deserve to be our captive...COME ON...we cannot think wild animals are here to entertain humans. That would be the HEIGHT of ARROGANCE.


Human beings are not the only beings...clearly, we need an evolutionary maturation in our species as soon as possible...look what we've done to the planet!!!

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Thank you for your service to citizens long suffering in the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Stuart, Founder & President
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Fwd: Motion 17-0453 support

1 message

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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **sandra zaninovich** <sandraoopie@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:08 PM
Subject: Motion 17-0453 support
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Sandra Zaninovich



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy the Elephant

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David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:34 PM

Hey Michael, Can you please upload the email below to the Council File?



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From: **Jennifer Bravo** <jen.bravo@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:10 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Hi David --

I'm writing in favor of Billy the elephant receiving a comprehensive medical assessment, to determine whether he would benefit from being moved to a sanctuary.

I am a Los Angeles resident (currently Council District 11 but previously District 13) and registered voter.

Thank you!
Jen Bravo

P.S. Please tell Mitch I said hi!

Jennifer Bravo
213-447-7571
jen.bravo@gmail.com

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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Melanie McGeough** <mmcgeough@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:18 AM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary.

As a former PR Director and trained spokesperson for Feld Entertainment, whose entertainment properties included Ringling Bros. Circus, I witnessed firsthand the distressing behaviours that resulted as a byproduct of captivity and confinement of these intelligent and majestic animals. I also saw the lengths that various companies and organizations would go to in order to try to put a positive spin on the issue of animals in captivity simply because they generated a lot of money from these animals.

It is a huge testament to the public's evolving social conscience and their lessening tolerance for this type of cruelty that caused tickets to plummet to the level it was no longer financially viable to keep the circus operational.

Billy's constant head bobbing is certainly symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. I implore you to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Melanie McGeough Stephan

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Rebecca Mellaci** <rlmellaci@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:14 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Christi Nash** <cdn86@humboldt.edu>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:05 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
- Christi Nash

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From: **Karen Eisenlord** <karenleis@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:03 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,

Karen Eisenlord
[37633 13th Street East](mailto:karenleis@gmail.com)
[Palmdale, CA 93550](mailto:karenleis@gmail.com)
[661-470-6536](tel:661-470-6536)

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From: **Nelson Cheng** <nelsonkcheng@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:53 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Giron,

I just wanted to write in support of giving Billy the Elephant a medical assessment. I'm obviously in favor of him (in general) being moved to a sanctuary, but have long been struck by just how little room animals in zoos have. At the minimum, with some of the concerns raised, I think it would be reasonable to at least have some outside medical practitioners evaluate Billy and his health.

I appreciate you holding a hearing on this issue and for your attention to the care of animals.

Warmly,

Nelson Cheng
3554 Redwood Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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From: <pbprodu@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 7:57 PM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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From: **Angie Herrera** <angieherrera05@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:10 AM
Subject: Billy the Elephant
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,

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Thank you,
Angie Herrera
(650) 281-5357
angieherrera05@gmail.com



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Please read an Animal Science major's perspective

1 message

Olivia Zunino <oliviazunino@gmail.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:26 AM

Hello Mr. Espinosa,

I'm e-mailing in regards to the Billy the Asian Bull Elephant (Council File #17-0453). I am an Animal Science major at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I study the proper care of animals, and it is a subject of extreme importance to me. I want to speak out against the movement to move Billy to a sanctuary.

He currently resides in an AZA accredited facility (AZA = Association of Zoos and Aquariums). This means that the LA Zoo is required to participate in conservation efforts for all its species and provide the highest standards of care. I have interned at multiple AZA accredited facilities and witnessed first-hand the strict protocols AZA facilities need to adhere to. Their animals receive diets specifically formulated to their needs, are regularly visited by certified veterinarians, receive enrichment which help them emulate their natural behavior, and much, much more.

Billy already resides in a well designed habitat. A sanctuary would provide no more space and comfort than he already receives. He therefore should remain in the facility that is already dedicated to his care and to the conservation of his species. Simply subjecting him to the grueling process of transporting him to the sanctuary already shows little regard for his real well being. Forcing him to leave his current herd and re-establish himself in the hierarchy of another also endangers him. This new herd may also have diseases that could harm him. The list goes on.

Please, if you are intending to have Billy's best interests in mind, let him stay where he is.

Regards,
Olivia Zunino
Animal Science
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
[650-269-1470](tel:650-269-1470)



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Free Billy from the Zoo

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Corensa** <corensa@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:43 AM
Subject: Free Billy from the Zoo
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Sincerely,
Corensa Eisenlord



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: I support Motion #17-0453

1 message

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From: **Jim Montgomery** <jim.f.monty@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:25 AM
Subject: I support Motion #17-0453
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Greetings Councilmember O'Farrell,

I will not be able to attend the Arts, Parks & River Committee meeting today as I will be working, but I wanted to voice my support for Motion #17-0453 which is requesting the release of Billy the Elephant from the LA Zoo and allowing him to live the rest of his life at an accredited sanctuary. I believe it is important for us to show compassion for all sentient creatures, human and non-human alike. Billy is unable to speak for himself, so it is up to us to speak for him and be voices for him. There is no doubt in my mind that Billy is suffering based upon the trauma he has endured for decades at the LA Zoo. I ask you to show compassion for Billy the Elephant, be a voice for him today and support Motion #17-0453. In addition, I ask that you vote to proceed with an independent evaluation of Billy's psychological and physical health. I am confident that such an evaluation will provide evidence that Billy suffers from both psychological and physical impacts due to his decades of imprisonment at the LA Zoo, in non-natural surroundings and separated from other elephants.

Thank you in advance for taking Billy's well-being into consideration.

Regards,
Jim Montgomery

[818.257.0879](tel:818.257.0879)



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Motion to Free Billy

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From: <kcluster4756@roadrunner.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 7:51 PM
Subject: Motion to Free Billy
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,
Kiersten Cluster
Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Support Motion #17-0453 calling for release of Billy the Elephant

1 message

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From: **Ronnie Steinau** <rsteinau@roadrunner.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 12:34 AM
Subject: Support Motion #17-0453 calling for release of Billy the Elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Sincerely,

Ronnie Steinau

rsteinau@roadrunner.com

760-753-5566

760-525-4762 cell

"Not knowing is understandable.

Not wanting to know is inexcusable.

Knowing but pretending not to is unforgiveable.....

The truth cannot be hidden.....

....Live Vegan....”

~Davegan Raza



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy the elephant

3 messages

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From: **Michelle Pesce** <michellepesce@nonaentertainment.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:06 PM
Subject: Billy the elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

Let's stop with the insanity and show compassion. WE know better than to have any elephants in captivity, especially in a circus or zoo. PLEASE support the release of any and all elephants to live out their lives w freedom of choice in a sanctuary and stop supporting zoos taking animals from their natural habitats or breeding.

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,
Sincerely,

Michelle Pesce | nona entertainment
FOUNDER / DJ

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Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:26 AM



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From: **Ariana Muenker** <amuenker@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:28 PM
Subject: Billy the elephant
To: David.giron@lacity.org

Mr. Giron,

Please make a change for the better for Billy the elephant in the Los Angeles zoo. When I last saw him it was to celebrate my birthday but I left the zoo feeling very sad for his apparently despondent emotional condition. Please find a new and better suited home for that great creature.

Sincerely, Ariana Muenker
[323-461-6266](tel:323-461-6266)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Abby Belkin** <abbybelkin@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 7:29 PM
Subject: Billy the elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Giron,

I'm so happy to hear that Billy is being evaluated to see if a sanctuary would be a better place for him than the L.A. Zoo. I know the zoo aims to make habitable living spaces for all its denizens but as we know, all people aren't alike and neither are all elephants alike. I hope he gets the opportunity to live his life out in place of comfort and I'll be impressed that the L.A. Zoo humanely put Billy's needs before revenue.

Thank you,

Abby Belkin
Dogs Without Borders
Treasurer

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please support Motion # 17-0453 to release Billy the Elephant to sanctuary

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:43 AM



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From: **Becca Wilson** <reachbecca@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:18 PM
Subject: Please support Motion # 17-0453 to release Billy the Elephant to sanctuary
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Hello Councilmember O'Farrell:

I urge you to vote YES on Motion # 17-0453, in support of releasing Billy the Elephant from the LA Zoo to an accredited sanctuary.

Elephants are just like us — scientific research shows that their brains and emotions are very similar to humans, and that they suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human devastated by violence, war and injustice.

One of the ways we know that Billy is suffering is his repeated head bobbing — in this is way he is communicating the painful effects of decades of imprisonment.

28 years of confinement is enough. We need to allow Billy the chance to heal and perhaps recover from this trauma.

Please vote to release Billy.

At minimum, I hope you will vote to initiate an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becca Wilson
Los Angeles 90065



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo

1 message

Ashley Rodriguez <ashley.rodriguez@lacity.org>
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:51 AM

Reference Number 17-0453

Greetings Mr. Espinosa and everyone at the City Clerk's office,

I am a former employee of the Los Angeles Zoo and a lifelong supporter of everything the Zoo does for its residents. The staff that provide amazing care to him every single day are his family. He has created bonds with his keepers and taking him away from his caretakers and his home at the LA Zoo could cause a great amount of stress. As most animal keepers and animal lovers would agree, everything should be done for an animal to avoid being put in a stressful situation. The care that Billy receives, and the home that was created for him, encourages him to live a happy and healthy life. It encourages enrichment, exercise, curiosity, and growth.

In an ideal world, all wildlife should live in the wild. That is not a world we live in though with poaching, habitat loss, exotic pet trade, and a growing human population. The reality is, accredited zoos are trying to save species with the SSP (species survival plan), have saved and reintroduced animals back into their natural habitats, and raise money to help wildlife and those fighting in the field to protect them. I trust our keepers, many of which have years of experience and have spent time in the wild to observe natural behaviors as well as visiting other zoos to continuously learn about how to put the wellbeing of animals first.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Thank you,

Ashley

Ashley Rodriguez
Public Relations Specialist
Department of Animal Services
[221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 600](#)
[Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)
[\(213\) 482-9551 Office](#)



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Please free Billy!!

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:45 AM



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From: **Buddha Dog Animal Massage** <pam@buddhadog.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 6:52 PM
Subject: Please free Billy!!
To: David.giron@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Giron,

I am pleading to finally release Billy the elephant to sanctuary. It is high time we evolve enough to realize the zoo cannot provide what elephants need. These majestic creatures require miles of walking space every day to prevent health issues like foot problems that you see in captive elephants. It is heartbreaking to see his constant head-bobbing that is not natural behavior for an elephant.

Thank you so much for considering ending Billy's imprisonment,

Pam Holt
[\(818\) 300-4478](tel:8183004478)
Hawthorne, CA 90250



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Urgent for Councilmember O'Farrell

1 message

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From: **Nicolette Aubourg** <nicoletteaubourg@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 1:32 AM
Subject: Urgent for Councilmember O'Farrell
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

As a songwriter, I express myself best through my music, so please take two minutes to watch this video, which has received over 10,400 views, of the song I wrote in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary.

Gratefully,
Nicolette Aubourg
<https://www.facebook.com/nicolette.aubourg/posts/10213690836252568>



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Motion to Send Billy the Elephant to a Sanctuary --

2 messages

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:21 AM

Michael, how do we get this petition noted on the city clerks site:

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



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From: **Karen Eisenlord** <karenleis@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 6:14 AM
Subject: Motion to Send Billy the Elephant to a Sanctuary
To: david.giron@lacity.org

As the author of the Care2 Petition to send Billy to an accredited sanctuary, I ask that you please support the motion to release him. Please take a minute and review the petition, which has over 400,000 signatures. <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/900/414/840/something-is-not-cool-at-the-los-angeles-zoo/>

Thank you,

Karen Eisenlord

Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>
To: Melinda Novoa <melinda.novoa@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:47 AM

[Quoted text hidden]

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Free Billy the Elephant from His Lonely, Cramped Life at the L.A. Zoo

by: [Karen Eisenlord, A Group of Animal Lovers and Elephant Guardians of Los...](#)
target: [L.A. Zoo Director John R. Lewis, Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garc...](#) [more](#)

46,143 SUPPORTERS IN CALIFORNIA

406,595 SUPPORTERS

410,000 GOAL

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.

The last time I saw Billy at the L.A. Zoo I was horrified to see how miserable he looks in his cramped enclosure. I am not alone in being worried that Billy will face the same fate as his predecessors at the

SIGN PETITION

FIRST NAME

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STREET ADDRESS

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU? *(optional)*

Why do you think Billy should be freed to a sanctuary?

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Los Angeles Zoo, who died prematurely due to conditions elephants often acquire while living in enclosed and cramped quarters.

After public protests and a lawsuit filed on Billy's behalf a few years ago, the Los Angeles Zoo promised to close down the old elephant exhibit and build a bigger, better enclosure for Billy that would be more like his natural environment.

Upon visiting the new exhibit, however, I was shocked to find that poor Billy is still being kept in a tiny area separate from the other elephants. He was still displaying the same repetitive swaying and head-bobbing behavior that demonstrates his stress, boredom, and depression. **When I spoke to the attendant on duty, he had no awareness of the basic needs of elephants**, such as their need for daily exercise. He told me that the elephants were rotated from one small area to another.

This new "state-of-the-art" elephant exhibit is not at all what the L.A. Zoo promised it would be. **It seems to me that the new exhibit was built more to impress paying visitors than to meet Billy's needs.** I feel betrayed and lied to by the Los Angeles Zoo, and I'm still very much concerned about the fate of Billy.

Please sign this petition to demand that the L.A. Zoo free Billy to an elephant sanctuary because he is displaying severe signs of stress in his present environment.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WRITE TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL TO FREE BILLY THE ELEPHANT TO A SANCTUARY HERE --
<https://www.lacity.org/your-government/elected-officials/city-council/council-directory>

We are asking that signers of this petition please inundate Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor with calls and letters/emails that politely express that they do not agree with elephants being kept in zoos and why, and that they should be released to elephant sanctuaries.

Below is the contact information for the Mayor and City Council Members:

councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org,
councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org,
councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org
paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org,
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councildistrict15@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org,
mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

This link gives their addresses for regular mail:

<https://www.lacity.org/city-government/city-council/council-directory>

Phone lines -- <https://www.lacity.org/city-government/city-directory>

Mayor Garcetti -- <http://www.lamayor.org/talk-us>

I would like to share some of the hard work that 'Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles' have been doing, including aspiring to open up a new elephant sanctuary for elephant bulls in joined forces with the Kerulos Center based on ten principles of being: knowing, safety, self-determination, acceptance, support and trust.

<http://www.kerulos.org/our-projects/being-sanctuary/10-principles-of-sanctuary/>

Below are articles and a recent video that shows poor Billy displaying his stress-related behavior of head-bobbing. You need to scroll down on the 'L.A. Progressive' news article by Marcy Winograd.

<https://www.laprogressive.com/elephant-guardians/>

<http://www.elephantguardians.org/>

<http://www.kerulos.org/our-projects/abes/billys-campaign-freedom/>

<http://www.kerulos.org/our-projects/abes/>

http://releasebilly.blogspot.com/2016_02_01_archive.html

<http://releasebilly.blogspot.com/search?updated-min=2016-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&updated-max=2017-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&max-results=8>

I ask for donations to the worthy cause of opening up an all elephant bull sanctuary at the Kerulos Center here:

<http://www.kerulos.org/donate>

In closing I would like to share a poet's hauntingly beautiful yet sad write:

<http://tanaka8120.deviantart.com/art/Extinction-576202449>

NOTICE -- ANOTHER PROTEST AT L.A. ZOO AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY -- BECAUSE 'FREEDOM

MATTERS!

We are planning another anti-captivity protest at the Los Angeles Zoo on January 27th from 10:00 am to noon. Please mark your calendars - we need people there! It is sponsored by Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles, Los Angeles For Animals and A Group of Animal Lovers.

Bring friends and family!

This will be a general anti-captivity, anti-zoo, anti-exploitation demonstration for ALL of the Animals held at the zoo. Billy and the other elephants are a part of this as well as all of the other animals at the zoo. Bring signs along the lines of "Freedom Matters" and/or "Let Wild Things Be Wild". Nothing graphic and NO profanity. We are there to educate the public, not harass them. Please see the rules for the protest below - we hope to see you there! And please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Rules for Protest at Los Angeles Zoo:

1. We must remain 16 feet away from the entrance and the ticket booth
2. We cannot impede traffic (auto or pedestrian)
3. No tables or chairs
4. No graphic signs
5. No sound amplification equipment can be used, per the Los Angeles Zoo Free Speech Policy

NOTE: We are there to educate not harass zoo visitors - most people do not know there is anything wrong with the zoo and are just hoping to enjoy a fun and educational outing with their children. We plan to have a list of alternatives in the Los Angeles area for families where they can learn about Animals without exploitation. If you have any suggestions for the list, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of Billy!!

OTHER UPDATES -- regarding Billy the elephant;

- Discussion of Motion to Release Billy: We need to organize people from Ryus' district (District 4, the Los Angeles Zoo is in his district) to contact him in support of Billy's Motion. Kiersten has organized a list of Neighborhood Councils in Ryu's District as place to start.

- Update on Los Angeles Zoo Master Plan: 3rd public meeting has been calendared for Wednesday, January the 24th. Billy's motion will be presented. We need people to attend the meeting at City Hall and present Billy's cause. It will be held in Room TBA at 2:30 pm.

- Update on ABES: The Kerulos Center is moving forward with establishing ABES, the All Bull Elephants' Sanctuary in Georgia. We Need to raise funds. Kiersten is available to speak to groups interested in supporting the sanctuary after October, when the business plan is complete.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WRITE AND/OR CALL THE LOS ANGELES COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING YOUR SUPPORT TO FREE BILLY THE

ELEPHANT TO A SANCTUARY. A LIST OF EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR THEM IS POSTED ABOVE.

For more information, please contact; Kiersten at kcluster4756@roadrunner.com and Karen at karenleis@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support for Billy and to free all captive animals from exploitation in zoos.

Sincerely,

Karen Eisenlord

1/18/18 -- This is a reminder to everyone regarding our rally at the Los Angeles Zoo on Saturday, January 27th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please be there and bring family and friends. It's child friendly too! The singer/songwriter, Nicolette Augbourg will be singing at the rally. Councilmember, Mr. Koretz will be speaking at the event and a few other celebrities will hopefully be present, such as Joaquin Phoenix and Amy Davis who are joining us to support Billy. Also, please join us at the Master Plan meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 2:30 at City Hall, Room TBA. The 'Free Billy Motion' will be on the agenda! We need all of your support there.

[read petition letter](#) ▾

Update #12

1 minutes ago

The Free Billy Motion will be on the agenda for the Arts, Parks and River Committee Wednesday, January 24 at 2:30 pm. It will be held at City Hall, room 340. We need people present. We received last-minute word that the zoo is packing it.

Free Billy Rally January 27, 2018 10:00 am to noon in front of LA Zoo. Guest speaker: Councilmember Koretz, Los Angeles City Council. Nicolette Aubourg to sing and possibly other celebrities will be present in support of Billy's cause. It's family friendly!

Update #11

1 months ago

After much deliberation with our co-hosts, we have decided to reschedule the Free Billy Rally scheduled for this Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 am due to the *full update*

Update #10

2 months ago

Great news! In just three days, Care2 was able to raise [\\$10,490 from 690 donors](#) to cover costs for the campaign to free Billy. Thanks to the huge outpouring of *full update*

Update #7

2 months ago

The turnout for the demonstration at the L.A. Zoo went very well with over 50 protesters attending. You can find lots of photos and videos on Facebook at *full update*

Update #5

8 months ago

A resolution is before the City Council to release Billy to a sanctuary! Please phone and email these officials to show your support, as it must pass a vote --
full update

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Justin M.

California

an hour ago

I stopped going to the LA Zoo long ago and know many others who feel the same way. They mention how painful it is for them and their children to see the misery on Billy's face. Witnessing an animal suffering can be quite traumatic to children, and seeing Billy in this condition makes visiting the zoo a sad experience rather than the educational and fun outing it is meant to be. Please have mercy on Billy and allow him to be freed to an elephant sanctuary.

SEND ★

Patricia C.

California

3 hours ago

Billy is still young enough to be able to recover from enclosure stress. Sending him to a sanctuary would be the right thing to do. The zoo is just not able to care for pachyderms in a way to ensure his good health, and the safety of his caretakers due to simply a premium on land value.

SEND ★

Rebeckah t.

California

5 hours ago

He needs to have more room be able to roam

SEND ★

Christine R.

California

14 hours ago

I am against animal abuse. Keeping this large peaceful creature in cramped quarters is abusive. After decades of suffering, Billy should be set free to live out his final years in a sanctuary where he can exercise & be social.

SEND ★

site feedback

Marey S.

California

17 hours ago

Do the right thing! Send Billy to a sanctuary

SEND ★

Karen P.

California

17 hours ago

Billy has suffered long enough. Please have mercy on him.

SEND ★

Jennifer R.

California

18 hours ago

Treat this elephant humanely! Please act now!

SEND ★

dawn s.

California

19 hours ago

Zoo's should be outlawed!

SEND ★

Peggy L.

California

20 hours ago

Isn't 30 years enough?

SEND ★

Norma R.

California

a day ago

Is he a criminal? Did he get a fair trial? Or was he just locked up to become eye candy. News for you LA Zoo. The public does not want to pay to view something that will break their hearts. I was planning a trip to visit you. I'll just have to plan my vacation somewhere else

SEND ★

Hayley N.

California

a day ago

This is a tragedy that must be remedied.

SEND ★

Scott R.

California

2 days ago

Billy is living his life in agony, under the cruel misdirection of the Los Angeles zoo.

SEND ★

Misty F.

California

2 days ago

way past time!!!!!!

SEND ★

Kristina F.

California

2 days ago

Because Elephants are precious' ,loving' and intelligent. Billy deserves some kindness and respect before his time here has passed! Please let this happen!

SEND ★

Joy S.

California

2 days ago

Because everyone should live free!

SEND ★

Jeane G.

California

2 days ago

Billy has suffered long enough. He needs to be with other elephants. Please, let Billy go!!!!!!

SEND ★

Anne H.

California

2 days ago

The Los Angeles Zoo has kept this poor elephant, alone, in the zoo for 30 years? Are they nuts? Are they stupid? What's wrong with these people that they would purposely keep this animal in solitary confinement for so long? Only convicted criminals get that kind of a sentence. What did he do to deserve that? Disgusting.

SEND ★

Margaret S.

California

3 days ago

[site feedback](#)

Evidence shows this type of life is harmful to these intelligent creatures. They are social animals who live in families and groups. Putting an elephant in a cage alone is torture. For 30 years? No one should think that this is alright. Give this elephant to a sanctuary to live out his days in natural surroundings.

SEND ★

Alexandria M.

California

3 days ago

It's not just Billy- free the Lions and Tigers too. Their exhibits are much too small for them to live proper lives.

SEND ★

vpaulina m.

California

3 days ago

BILLY does not need to suffer, but garcetti is a jerk

SEND ★

Anita M.

California

3 days ago

So sad, no animal or person should have to endure that.

SEND ★

Merise H.

California

3 days ago

Elephants should not be alone in a cramped box to suffer!

SEND ★

Ella M.

California

4 days ago

This is NOT FAIR

SEND ★

Gwen M.

California

4 days ago

WHAT!?!?! This is happening in California? No way! Come on Los Angeles get with the anti cruelty program.

SEND ★

Bette B.

California

4 days ago

The time has come, let Billy retire!

SEND ★

Pamela S.

California

4 days ago

Poor Billy! Save him and let him out to pasture! He deserves freedom just like you and I do!!

SEND ★

Alexandra N.

California

5 days ago

STOP THE ABUSE! PLEASE GET THIS BABY RESCUED!

SEND ★

Michelle F.

California

5 days ago

Animals should be free to roam in their natural habitat or at least a sanctuary

SEND ★

Heather H.

California

6 days ago

The LA Zoo is profiting off of Billy's misery. Elephants are highly intelligent, sentient and SOCIAL animals. He needs to be in a herd of his kind. Where he can roam freely with lots of space. Please send Billy to a SANCTUARY.

SEND ★

Melissa S.

California

6 days ago

Elephants are intelligent and have culture. Wild life must be respected and not treated this way.

SEND ★

Michael Z.

California

6 days ago

He should have a very big open space to reside in that isn't oppressing to his mood. The cramped space is inhumane. I believe he needs a large and

comfortable living space ASAP.

SEND ★

Svetlana P.

California

6 days ago

I can not see how the animal is suffering. He is definitely miserable, I saw him in this place, please do something with this situation.

SEND ★

Terrance H.

California

7 days ago

He's done his time, let him have a real home. And why not a mate or company, at lest.

SEND ★

Jeff O.

California

7 days ago

Billy should be provided a larger more natural enclosure at LA Zoo, or allowed to live out the remainder of his live at an animal sanctuary.

SEND ★

Jeanne G.

California

8 days ago

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO BE HUMANE-???

SEND ★

SHARON L.

California

8 days ago

This is so sad. Let him go to a sanctuary, he doesn't belong in prison.

SEND ★

Leticia B.

California

8 days ago

Please let him go to a sanctuary!

SEND ★

Tom M.

California

9 days ago

I think Zoos in general are not okay for animals regardless of the benefits of having zoo animals

SEND ★

Artur S.

California

9 days ago

Billy is one of God's creatures, he has a life and even an animal's life is precious. If I can help him simply by signing a petition then that's s no brainer.

SEND ★

Verzhin M.

California

9 days ago

Billy should have the freedom to live his last years in peace!

SEND ★

Dana Hard O.

California

10 days ago

Please relocate Billy

SEND ★

Hildy R.

California

11 days ago

It is more than cruel what he is living with now, so please get this done and now and thank you.

SEND ★

David S.

California

11 days ago

Animal lovers dont pay money to gawp at badly treated animals.

SEND ★

Vanessa L.

California

11 days ago

This is really for the. Wellbeing of the elephant

SEND ★

Kimme B.

California

12 days ago

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We have learned too much about animals capacity to feel emotions as much as humans. They are intelligent, feeling, and social. To rob them of their freedom is a violation of the rights of all animals to have ownership of their own bodies, and to their dignity. Free Billy and give him some peace. Humans are frigging barbaric!

SEND ★

P. J. S.

California

12 days ago

No animal should have to exist like this. These are loving, emotional, family-oriented creatures, and should be treated humanely and with respect. This is tantamount to Guantanamo Bay for animals! Save this majestic creature from this life of torture.

SEND ★

Layla W.

California

12 days ago

Elephants are intelligent, social creatures. This is cruel. End this cruelty. Work to eliminate poaching, rather than conservation via zoos. There's no quality of life for poor Billy.

SEND ★

Frostianne S.

California

12 days ago

Put Billy back where he belongs! Enough is enough!

SEND ★

Lynn S.

California

13 days ago

It is the only sane and compassionate thing to do.

SEND ★

Barbara B.

California

13 days ago

I went to the L A Zoo several years ago and at that time was disgusted with the way the elephants were treated. Apparently it hasn't changed. Billy should be free to live out the remaining years of his life.

SEND ★

Joseph A.

California

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Who are we to determine how an animal kept like this! Humanity,
Humanity!,

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Billy the Elephant - pro sanctuary

1 message

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 9:34 AM



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From: **M E** <woel27@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:06 AM
Subject: Billy the Elephant - pro sanctuary
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Hello, Mr. Giron --

I am a resident of Los Angeles and I would like to encourage the LA Zoo to allow a medical assessment on Billy the Elephant. Elephants are smart, wonderful beings who thrive in nature, and living in an inadequate enclosure at the LA Zoo is not good for him or a good look for a "progressive" city like Los Angeles.

My hope is he can be moved to a sanctuary where he can live out a healthy life the way he was meant to and that Los Angeles can move past this outdated concept of zoos that are filled with animal cruelty.

thanks so much.

Lisa Morris



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Free Billy the elephant

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From: **Alex Ward** <alexwdom@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:37 PM
Subject: Free Billy the elephant
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

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> Thank you for your service to the City of
> Los Angeles.

> Sincerely,
> Alexandra Ward
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To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
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From: **Carlos Graña** <carlos@bazookamama.com>

Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:40 PM

Subject: Free Billy the elephant

To: david.giron@lacity.org

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>> Thank you for your service to the City of

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>> Sincerely,

>> Carlos Graña

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Fwd: Motion #17_0453

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From: monica@viptv.org <monica@viptv.org>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:29 PM
Subject: Motion #17_0453
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Sincerely,

Monica Jimenez-Soares



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Free Billy

4 messages

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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:35 PM

We are sending you these too! Please upload the email below, thanks!

David



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From: **Mitch O'Farrell** <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Free Billy
To: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>

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From: **Patty Shenker** <pattyshenker@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:42 AM
Subject: Free Billy
To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

Happy New Year to you & your family. I hope it is a good year for all of you. I also want this year to be a good year for Billy, the poor Asian bull elephant at our LA Zoo, who has lived at our zoo for 28 years. I have been involved for many years in trying to free Billy and will not stop until he is at a sanctuary. Now seems a good time.

Billy has suffered long enough in captivity and we all know the truth/facts are that elephants suffer terribly in captivity, suffering not only from severe physical problems but also terrible psychological problems, displaying the repeated neurotic behavior of body swaying & head bobbing, which has never been seen in a wild elephant. They usually die prematurely due to these health issues. The LA Zoo has a dismal record with the captive elephants in their care.

The LA Zoo's space for elephants is still inadequate and they have just added another female. Billy, who cannot socialize with them, doesn't have the company of others nor the space the other three get. For those who just have to see elephants, no matter how they suffer, the three females should suffice! There is just no good excuse to keep Billy. I really cannot understand the zoo's insistence on keeping him when they have these other three.

Please help Billy and those of us who have fought for years to get him out of the zoo and who know the true cost of captivity for elephants and so many other captive animals.

Please support Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to free him and let's continue to work towards a more humane City of Angels. We have passed many important ordinances to help animals and freeing Billy is an important one to do now!

I will be at the Arts, Parks and River Committee tomorrow to show my support of Koretz's motion to free Billy.

Thank you for your time & attention.

Best,

Patty Shenker [310-259-8377](tel:310-259-8377)
[5927 Cahill Ave.](http://5927CahillAve.com)
Tarzana, Ca. 91356

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With kind regards,



Mitch O'Farrell

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From: **James Frieden** <jfrieden@teachwithmovies.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 4:58 AM
Subject: Free Billy
To: david.giron@lacity.org

Dear Mr. O'Farrell,

Please vote to release Billy, the elephant. My son and I went to the LA Zoo 14 years ago. Watching Billy and his repetitive movements, clear evidence of his psychological distress, made a big impression on both of us. My son, now 26 won't go to a Zoo because of it.

James Frieden 862 Fiske Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
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From: **Josefine Petersen** <petersenjosefine@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:52 PM
Subject: Free Billy
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Council member O'Farrell:

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of Billy the Elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Current research demonstrates that Elephant brains and internal lives are very similar to humans, and Elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.
Sincerely,

Josefine Petersen

David Giron <david.giron@lacity.org>
To: Cty Clerk - Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>
Cc: Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

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From: **Silvio Curtis** <silviocurtis@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 8:04 AM
Subject: Free Billy
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

I am writing in support of Motion # 17-0453 calling for the release of the elephant Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo to an accredited sanctuary. Current research demonstrates that elephants' cognitive and emotional lives are similar to humans', and elephants suffer from psychological trauma in much the same way as human victims of domestic violence and war. Billy's constant head bobbing is one symptom of the devastation to his psyche caused by capture and decades of confinement (not to mention the physical damage to his body). He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Silvio Curtis

Fwd: Please support Motion # 17-0453

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From: **Ari** <theyaster@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:24 AM
Subject: Please support Motion # 17-0453
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell:

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Sincerely,
Ari

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From: **Funraise** <funraiseusa@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 7:28 AM
Subject: Please support Motion # 17-0453
To: david.giron@lacity.org

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Elephants are designed to roam on dirt for several dozens of miles per day, it is what keeps their feet healthy, and staves off arthritis. In addition, they need much mental and physical stimulation, none of which can be provided in confinement.

He has served his time. The time is now to allow him the chance to heal. Please vote to Free Billy. At the very least, please vote to proceed with an independent medical evaluation of Billy's physical and psychological health.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles,

Sincerely,
Susan

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File #17-0453

100 messages

hellen sch <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Reply-To: hellensch@yahoo.com
To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:06 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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childers, California 4660
0447772222
hellensch@yahoo.com

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, 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 to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

hellen sch
hellensch@yahoo.com

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens (<http://www.lazoo.org>)

Catherine Hart <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:07 PM

Reply-To: bigbrownbelgian@gmail.com
To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Catherine Hart

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[7147910414](tel:7147910414)
bigbrownbelgian@gmail.com

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, 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.

Transferring Billy to one of the two "sanctuaries" would mean certain death for him.

Recently, the Paws facility in northern CA refused to evacuate their elephants when a wildfire completely surrounded them. They refused help from the circus and private elephant owners. They did this because accepting help would have gone completely against their radical animal rights agendas. Several elephants were seen swaying in their pastures- reaching out to passing humans as if to ask for help. They were ignored.

Additionally, Iringa, an elephant that lived happily at the Toronto Zoo was moved to PAWS and was euthanized due to a foot disease. PAWS is a 100% hands OFF facility. There's no doubt that this animal suffered while in the care of Paws. Had she been in a zoological setting, her foot condition could be monitored. She and her two companions, Thika and Toka, also lost several hundred pounds during the move from stress alone.

Both PAWS and TES (Tennessee elephant sanctuary) have had several outbreaks of tuberculosis. It's common in elephants, however the spread of it can be prevented if proper biohazard procedures are implemented. Neither of which happens at TES or PAWS. TB is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can transfer between animals and humans.

Humans have this little problem where they anthropomorphize their emotions onto animals. They think the animal is "sad" because it lives in a zoological environment. Billy, has lived at the LA zoo for several decades. This is his home. He has no desire to travel hundreds of miles a day...and his wild counterparts do travel, not for fun, but out of necessity. Food is in one location and water is in another. If they could stay in one location, they absolutely would. Removing Billy from his home could potentially cause deadly stress. Let him live his life.

In Africa, 96 elephants are poached for their ivory tusks EVERYDAY! 96! Even in the wildlife preserves, no day is a safe day for a wild African elephant.

In Sri Lanka, Vietnam, India, Thailand and Borneo, Asian elephants and Borneo Pygmy Elephants face a very real threat of extinction from habitat loss. Additionally, elephants in Vietnam are routinely stepping on old land mines, often killing the animal. Some have survived but have lost limbs- but thanks to the care of the elephant mahouts, they have been fitted with prosthetic legs.

Leave old Billy alone. Let him live his life, he doesn't need the stress of a move to a facility that neglects their animals in the name of animal rights.

The "sanctuaries" should be more appropriately labeled "scamtuaries". They ask obnoxious amounts of money to come see the animals at their facilities- and they're only open on certain days each year. A two day trip to PAWS costs over \$800 a person!

Do you think the average inner city family in Los Angeles can afford to go to San Andres at 800 a pop?! Of course not! But typically the class field trip to the zoo is within reach. If we don't continue to educate our future generations about the other inhabitants of this earth- then we can kiss our own species goodbye! We all need each other, and seeing these animals up close and personal allows people to connect and understand how important it is to protect the environment.

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Sincerely,

Catherine Hart

bigbrownbelgian@gmail.com

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Katherine Aina <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Reply-To: lanchehawaii@gmail.com
To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:17 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Katherine Aina

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lanchehawaii@gmail.com

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Katherine Aina

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Lyn Fougere <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:19 PM

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Sincerely,

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I may not live in California but I believe by taking Billy out of the zoo and it's extremely wonderful care would be very detrimental to him! Please reconsider and let him stay where he's happy and like I said not only extremely well cared for but loved as well! Animals can feel that kind of emotion so he knows he's loved so please don't take him away from that love!!

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I have seen Billy firsthand and the keepers watching over him. Let them do their work and please pay attention to other more pressing environmental issues in this City! Why not pick up the dried Christmas trees, clean up the river OR better yet....get the trash recycling program better service.

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While the group trying to move him perhaps mean well conceptually, I am convinced that his actual quality of life, as an intelligent animal who has a bond with his keepers and happy in his lifestyle, will suffer greatly if he is torn away from what he knows.

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Since I have moved to Los Angeles, the zoo has been like a second home to me, and in spending such time to observe comes understanding how much everyone at this facility cares for their animals. All that I have seen with the elephants is nothing short of care and support. The Los Angeles Zoo is fully capable of caring for their animals, including their elephants.

This motion is nothing but ignorance and well-meaning cruelty. A sanctuary sounds nice on paper, yet the Los Angeles Zoo can provide better healthcare, enrichment, and social interaction than another facility. They know and understand Billy; that is not guaranteed at another facility.

There is nothing to gain as a city, by taking away its assets. The Los Angeles Zoo is one important such. It is a facility that fosters recreation, a connection to nature and wildlife, a center of conservation and education. To strip it of its collection in this manner is not only unnecessary, but against any modicum of scientific understanding. It is to take away from your own city, your constituents, and to take away aspects that make Los Angeles a city worth living in and visiting.

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Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, 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 to send Billy to a sanctuary. Billy deserves the best care possible – and wild Asian elephants deserve a future.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bakkers

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Billy the Elephant

brian diamond

Jan 24, 2018 12:05 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear City Clerk

On behalf of my family, we are urging the city councils arts, park and river committee to reject Mr. Koretz motion to move Billy from the LA Zoo. Me and my family have known and interacted with Billy the Elephant his entire life. He is a wonderful elephant, who seems happy in his amazing surroundings. It would be a shame on the LA City Council to move what is valuable animal ambassador, who teaches and reaches millions of children a year away from his true home. Although I am a true animal advocate and understand the oppositions opinion, the facts are, the opposition is uninformed and no true study has been done to support there claims.

Please hear our plea and reject Mr Koretz motion or as I see it publicity stunt.

Thank You,

Brian Diamond and The Diamond Family.

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Elephant

el hubbard

Jan 24, 2018 4:42 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hi there,

I'm emailing with concern about the bull elephant at the LA Zoo who is trying to be removed. My hope is for Billy to stay st his current home!

Thank you for your time.

EI Hubbard

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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File #17-0453 Billy The Elephant

Tori Feiler

Jan 24, 2018 5:00 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Whom It Concerns,

Please keep Billy, the elephant, at the LA Zoo.

Please take into consideration the informed advice of the zookeepers who take care of Billy the elephant and know him the best. The zookeepers have worked with Billy for so many decades, they have a profound knowledge about what is best for Billy, more than anyone. They are aware of Billy's physical, emotional and mental abilities and limitations. Please hear them out in regards to keeping him at the LA Zoo.

Sincerely,

Tori Feiler
Heber City, UT

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file # 17-0453

Katrina Gonzales

Jan 24, 2018 6:47 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Please let Billy the elephant stay at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo! He is happy and well cared for and does not deserve to be in solitary for the rest of his life.

Thank you.

Katrina Gonzales

Sent from my iPhone

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Reference: File # 17-0453 Allow Billy to stay at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo!

Tamra Meyers

Jan 24, 2018 6:52 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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File: # 17-0453 Allow Billy to stay at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo!

The activists that want to send Billy to the sanctuary that is not a regulated place, with no standards, and he will most likely have no interaction with other elephants since he is a mature bull elephant. Moving him would be very stressful on him, he has lived at the zoo for decades, loves his new elephant ladies 😊 and has a full time multi person keeper staff and vet care staff taking the very best care of him. Please DO NOT allow this travesty to happen to a wonderful animal and long time resident!!

Thank you;

Tamra Meyers
239-298-1506

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please do not move Billy the elephant- reference number 17-0453

Brian Boskind

Jan 24, 2018 11:10 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Michael and everyone on the LA City Council
reference number 17-0453

I am writing because of the disturbing news that an activist group is trying to move Billy the elephant from his real home at the LA Zoo. While the group trying to move him perhaps means well conceptually, I am convinced that his actual quality of life, as an intelligent animal who has a social bond with his keepers and happy in his lifestyle, will suffer greatly if he is torn away from what he knows.

The intelligence and social capabilities of elephants is something, in this day and age, that is well known by the average person. With that said, I believe that not only is it a terrible idea to move this elephant from the complete care and interaction he gets at the zoo, but it would reflect very badly on the city of Los Angeles, to have allowed this to happen. more and more is coming to light about the realities of "sanctuaries", such as the fact here that Billy would be kept from the rest of the elephants, since he is a bull, and no more human contact. This is essentially solitary confinement. Lack of regulations and standards at the sanctuary, make this even more of an ill advised move.

Please do the right thing and let Billy stay in his home at the La Zoo. It is what is best for his welfare and is the responsible decision for the city of Los Angeles to make.

sincerely
Brian Boskind
818-425-6361

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Council File #17-0453 - Keep Billy at the LA Zoo

Lynn Toler

Jan 23, 2018 3:11 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

My husband and I have been long time supporters of the LA City Zoo. We have seen firsthand the great care that is given to all the residents of the zoo.

We don't really understand why the issue of moving Billy, the elephant, to a sanctuary has come up again as we thought it was permanently resolved several years ago. Billy belongs at the LA Zoo. It has been his home since he was a youngster. He has such an amazing relationship with his keepers. He frequently "talks" to Tina and Jewel, the two older females at the zoo, and is getting to know Shaunzi, the newest female. I've watched him get his exercise which a docent described to us as the carrot run. He walks back and forth in his exhibit to get carrots, lettuce, etc. This goes on for several hours. This would not happen at a sanctuary and he would not receive the exercise he needs. He also would not have the amazing medical care he gets at the zoo. My husband and I wish our care could be as good! At a sanctuary he would still live alone since he is a bull elephant--and he would not have the companionship of Tina and Jewel. At the zoo *he* decides whether to go in the barn at night. He would not have that freedom of choice at a sanctuary.

Please leave Billy at the zoo under the professional care of animal experts where he gets the best care possible. It is really the only home he has known and as a sentient being he needs to stay at the zoo for his own sake.

Thank you,

Gerald and Lynn Toler
10020 Montgomery Avenue
North Hills, CA 91343
12th District

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Keep Billy the Elephant

Deanne Welsh

Jan 24, 2018 11:25 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello,

My family and I live in L.A. near Koreatown.

Please keep Billy with his family, in his familiar environment, with expert care.

Moving him to a sanctuary with no regulations and unlikely interaction with other elephants is likely to be devastating to his health.

Thank you for considering my email and that of other concerned citizens.

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Deanne Welsh

Writer, Speaker, Writing Coach

Let's connect!

My Website: www.DeanneWelsh.com

On Facebook: www.Facebook.com/deannewelshwrites

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Check out my book: Living with Dragons

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Billy The Elephant at The Los Angeles Zoo, SANCTUARY and Botanical Gardens

Kamran Vala

Jan 24, 2018 11:41 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I am a Docent in training at the Los Angeles Zoo and would like to share a thought.

I hope this is helpful.

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Leave Billy at the LA Zoo!!!

Norma Smallbone

Jan 24, 2018 12:01 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Sir/Madame

Please leave Billy at the LA Zoo!! It has been his home for many years and he has bonded with his keepers. They have built a beautiful home and barn for him and he receives the best of care. I have contributed for many years to the zoo to help make sure that Billy will always be one of the great ambassadors of the Los Angeles Zoo.

I have been to the zoo many times and observed the hundreds of Los Angeles school kids gathered around his exhibit area and enthralled by his presence! Too often these are kids who may never get the opportunity to travel and see elephants in the wild! This will be their only chance to see a live elephant. They are learning that there are many different animals in the world and they now have the chance to see them and to learn about them. You will deprive them of this opportunity if you send Billy away from this warm Southern California climate to a place where it is colder he will not be seen by as many!

I urge you to keep Billy here and not to listen to few misinformed opponents before you today! I believe you should ask all the zoo members what they think and leave Billy in the hands of the zoo professionals who provide the best care for Billy!!

Thank you for your kind attention!
My vote is to keep Billy at the LA Zoo!

Sincerely
Norma Smallbone

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Sincerely

Norma Smallbone
Zoo member

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Billy at the Zoo

Lynne Getz

Jan 24, 2018 1:17 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Please, please, please keep Billy at the LA Zoo. It is important for our children to grow up seeing him. It is wonderful to see how well he is cared for by the keepers. I feel he is a wonderful ambassador for our children and adults.

Sent from my iPhone

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"Billy" Elephant #17-0453

Amber Rodriguez

Jan 24, 2018 2:05 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To all those involved in the case of Asian elephant Billy from the Los Angeles zoo, #17-0453.

It is important that the case involving Billy be made from educated decisions involving those with behavioral and zoological backgrounds to assure Billy is housed where he will thrive for the rest of his life.

As a former Los Angeles Zoo veterinary technician, who worked directly with Billy at the zoo, I understand the high quality of care he receives and why it is in his best interest to remain at the Los Angeles zoo. One reason being the fact that the Los Angeles zoo has a TB negative herd of elephants, whereas most sanctuaries have a high occurrence of tuberculosis in their elephants. As well as being a tuberculosis free environment, Billy is a herd animal and he is familiar with those around him and providing care for him. The Los Angeles zoo has a large team of veterinarians on staff to assure proper health and management of all their pachyderms as well as having trained and educated keepers in a state of the art elephant facility. Billy is provided with daily enrichment including contact with the other elephants housed at the Los Angeles zoo.

This decision should not be made lightly and should not include opinions of those who do not understand elephant husbandry or behavior. Moving Billy to a sanctuary from his home at the Los Angeles zoo could end in catastrophe, disease and even death due to the lack of resources, veterinary and animal care provided in sanctuaries. No elephant facility is better equipped to house these pachyderms than an AZA accredited facility like the Los Angeles zoo.

I would encourage you to listen to those directly involved with the care of Billy at the Los Angeles zoo and keep him in his current home, The Los Angeles Zoo.

Sincerely,
Amber Rodriguez, RVT

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Billy the Elephant / Los Angeles Zoo -- Council File #17-0453

Kelly Brock

Jan 24, 2018 2:16 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear City Council,

As an avid advocate for wildlife, I am writing on behalf of Billy the Elephant as it pertains to the Los Angeles Zoo.

The Los Angeles Zoo is a world-class facility dedicated to the well-being of the wildlife in its care. As a patron of the zoo, I have been privileged enough to visit the zoo both before and after park hours and have witnessed the great care that goes into both the check-ups and the feeding of their animals.

My lifelong love of elephants and animals started at a zoo when I was four years old. Now, at a much greater age, I have traveled extensively throughout Africa and the world and am always thrilled to see elephants in the wild, living and roaming freely. I wish every elephant on the planet could live like that... a virtual Garden of Eden.

Sadly, as you must know, elephant and wildlife populations are being decimated at an alarming number. The only thing that can save them is education. And who educates people on the current plight of the elephants? The Los Angeles Zoo. Who shows a young boy or girl the wonders of a magnificent animal and allows them to see what we stand to lose? The Los Angeles Zoo. Who works tirelessly for elephant conservation? The Los Angeles Zoo.

Billy is an ambassador for his species. As school children and families pour through the gates of our Los Angeles Zoo, Billy is there for them to behold. Schools and families don't make isolated visits to sanctuaries, but they do make it a mission to visit the zoo to learn about our planet's wildlife. Seeing a child get his/her first sighting of an elephant is literally watching magic unfold.

Billy is well-loved and well-cared for by the incredible staff who are there at the zoo to service him. In return, the service he provides is invaluable to his species. He educates. He thrills. More than anything, children today will be the conservationists of tomorrow because they saw an elephant and were interested enough to learn more and do more to protect them.

I encourage you to allow Billy to stay at the zoo with the people who love him and for the children who come to see him.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brock
Calabasas, CA
Television Producer
Wildlife Advocate
Adventurer

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Council File #17-0453 Elephant at LA Zoo

T.M. Mullin

Jan 24, 2018 10:07 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear City Council –

I am a 30+ year resident of L.A. County, and I have visited the Los Angeles Zoo many times with my family. Seeing the elephants was always one of the highlights of visiting the zoo. My children are now adults, and they both have great appreciation for nature and all manner of wildlife. We have visited Tanzania to see elephants in the wild, and our daughter has dedicated her career to wildlife conservation.

The animals at the L.A. Zoo receive world class care from highly trained staff. A “sanctuary” may sound like a nicer place than a “zoo”, but please don’t be misled by the terms. While I’m sure the sanctuary personnel are well meaning, they cannot hope to match the exotic animal care resources or veterinary expertise of an AZA-accredited zoo.

Children develop lifelong memories at the zoo, and for many this leads to a lasting appreciation for nature and the environment. Today the global environment is under tremendous threat, and Billy the Asian elephant, along with other exotic animals in our zoo are our most accessible and effective ambassadors for preserving our precious planet.

Please keep Billy at the L.A. Zoo where he can enjoy a long healthy life with his experienced care takers.

Thomas Mullin

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