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Free Billy

1 message

Teri Meyer <tmshopsalotla@mac.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 10:13 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Cc: abigail@vftafoundation.org

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There is a time and a place for everything and the time now is to let Billy live his life in a place where he will be nurtured and live in a habit that is more closely related to the wild.

As a supporter of the LA Zoo I would like to see this happen. If it does not happen then I believe many people will decide not to support the LA Zoo. I for one will rescind my support and donations.

Kindly,

Teri Meyer





Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: Motion 17-0453

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 9:22 AM



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From: **Sarah Hardt** <memorieswithhardt@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 4:41 AM
Subject: 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,
Sarah Jane Hardt

Sent from my iPhone

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: **Ed Simpson** <edsimpson@dslextreme.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 11:47 AM

Subject: Motion 17-0453

To: david.giron@lacity.org

We just learned of the meeting on 23rd. Sorry we did not know sooner.

We hope Councilman O'Farrell will help give this elephant the better life he deserves. Many advocate for his release to a sanctuary and this would be the best life he could have; other elephants, more natural space, and adventures other than a cell in a zoo.

Here is a link to the sanctuary in Tennessee; PAWS is another. Just please take a few minutes to watch how these once captive, often circus elephants are living.

Thank you.

Edward & Beatrice Simpson

[The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee](#)



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

PLEASE free Billy

1 message

efzin1@yahoo.com <efzin1@yahoo.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 3:51 PM

Dear Michael

I have tried very hard for years for Billy to be freed. Not just the occasional e mail or donation.
I have cried seeing him.
Every single time and they are a lot since I am a patron.

Please, let him have a good life.
PLEASE, free him to the sanctuary.

It IS the right thing to do.

Very truly, and with HOPE

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

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1 message

Carole Lorraine Sipos <howlsalot@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 10:37 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Cc: abigail@vftafoundation.org

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A diamond is simply a piece of coal that has undergone extreme pressure...



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

PLEASE save Billy the elephant

1 message

Jo Hoffman <johoff@live.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 8:20 PM

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

Cc: "abigail@vftafoundation.org" <abigail@vftafoundation.org>

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Billy CF-17-0453

1 message

Cynthia Hamann <cjmathey@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 11:37 AM

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

Dear Mr. Espinosa~

Billy is 33 years old and has lived at the LA Zoo for 29 years. The current keepers have cared for Billy for 25 years. That is nearly his entire life. These keepers are his family and he knows and trusts them. Not only does he have dedicated people who tend to his daily needs, he had 24 hour veterinary care. Billy is in excellent health both physically and mentally. He has contact with other elephants. This contact is vital to this sensitive creature.

According to Icanimals.org, elephants are one of the most intelligent mammals on the planet and have immensely complex needs. These majestic creatures REQUIRE social bonds. These critical bonds are currently being provided by his keepers and 3 other resident elephants, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi. Billy is able to TOUCH and COMMUNICATE with the girls. If he is taken to a sanctuary, Billy will never again have this critical psychological necessity. He will live out his life alone with no animal companionship and the keepers that he relies on.

With all due respect to the animal advocates, should Billy be moved, he will be gone from their minds as soon as the "sanctuary gate " hits him in his hindquarters. They will be off on another mission. Billy will be just another notch in their proverbial belt of "saves." But, Billy will live on in the heart and soul of those that care for him on a daily basis. The three ladies, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi will also miss him as he is part of THEIR world.

Please allow Billy to live his life in the company of other elephants.

Please leave Billy in the dedicated hands of the veterinary staff and keepers of the LA Zoo.

Plensed consider the psychological needs of Billy.

Please do the right thing, leave Billy in the capable hands of the LA Zoo.

Respectfully ~

Cindy J Hamann



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy The Elephant Should Remain At His Home

1 message

Cathalina Liebel <cathalinaliebel@gmail.com>
To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:11 PM

Hello, My name is Cathalina Liebel and this is in reference of CF#17-0453 regarding the pachyderm called Billy.

As an elephant caretaker myself with over 2 decades of hands on experience with domesticated elephant, I can attest that the mental and physical health of Billy will be greatly compromised if he is forcefully removed from his home at the zoo and from the caretakers and veterinarians who know him best.

In the best interest of the animal, please allow him to remain at his home.



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453

1 message

Julie Schmidt <julieschmidt830@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 1:09 PM

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

Hell, Mr Espinosa. I am writing in reference to CF#17-0453 (apologies if it's too late). I understand that everyone is looking at the best scenario for "Billy" the elephant. I would like to offer my insight, and I thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to indulge this email. First, I will acknowledge that I have not been to the L.A. Zoo, nor have I done more than browse their FaceBook page when stories are posted on my wall. What I do offer is my first hand experience trying to do what's best for geriatric elephants as well as my experiences and the differences between working for accredited zoological facilities and sanctuaries.

I have been in the zoological field for almost 15 years. I have spent 10 of those years at AZA accredited zoos and aquariums where I obtained my elephant experiences. The past 5 years I have worked as a wildlife rehabilitator/education coordinator for a wildlife sanctuary. I have the unique perspective to see the vast difference of animal care in a zoo versus a sanctuary.

One of the zoos I worked for had two large female African elephants, both over the age of 40 (this is a fantastic feat in the zoo world for this species of elephant). Due to the new regulations and a grossly outdated exhibit that appalled me when I first came to the zoo, it was requested that the females move to a new facility. These girls had been at the zoo for years, one since she was 4 years old. They both had medical issues due to age and were under constant supervision by the dedicated keeper and veterinarian team. When it came time to move them to their facility (which took over a year to choose), one of the girls became ill and collapsed. She unfortunately passed just a few months before the scheduled move. The last girl, who went through what I can only describe as a week-long morning period for her friend, was prepped for her transfer. This lady was the individual that had spent over 30 years at this zoo and had to be given sedatives the one time she had to be moved to a zoo one hour away for her exhibit renovations. She gave significant signals that she never wanted to leave her home. All the keepers showered her with attention, toys, anything to keep her company and her days busy after her companion died. She was still kept on the same transfer date. The day came and she was loaded up onto the truck. This was not a pretty sight. As I was not there and only got second hand details, I cannot elaborate on the exact situation. I can only attest to what I saw during the training sessions and that was she was incredibly resistant to anything that had to do with going into a travel chute despite working on this behavior for over a year, making it as positive as possible. They loaded her up and drove her over halfway to her final destination. At one of the stops, she was checked on, given her favorite treats, and some fresh hay. Everything seemed fine. On the second stop, they found her dead. They were 45min outside her final home. They had to drive up to the zoo with her corpse and, instead of delivering her to her quarantine stall where she would be soon introduced to her new herd, they delivered her to the necropsy building where she had passed from heart failure.

I apologize for the long story but I don't want to see the same thing happen to Billy. I know everyone has their hearts in the right place; however, I truly believe that no one can take better care of Billy than those who have been caring for him this long. Accredited Zoos and Aquariums are constantly under observation and participate in regular, intense inspections (I have been through 5 of these). Sanctuaries do not face the same scrutiny. People have a vision that "Sanctuary" is synonymous with a life of luxury, sailing off into the sunset. The animals at the sanctuary I am currently residing have decent care. It is no where near the levels I am used to, having worked at accredited zoos and aquariums. I have not once seen an inspector go through there, though I know USDA has once or twice (USDA only focuses on mammals; the sanctuary is primarily raptors). It takes longer than I'd like to get some animals to the veterinarian as she is donating her time from her practice (zoos usually have an onsite medical team). Many sanctuaries rely heavily on volunteers whereas zoos screen for experience and educated employees (this may be debatable depending on donations to sanctuaries-- another difference between the two: income to care for these animals).

I could go on; however, the email is longer than I intended. If you have made it this far, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking this much time out of your day to read this. Thank you again for examining both sides, and for your diligence on this topic.

Best regards,

Julie Schmidt
Education Coordinator/ZooKeeper



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

File #17-0453

1 message

Kathy Dickinson <kjdickinson101@aol.com>
To: Clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 9:10 AM

In reference to case file #17-0453;

Please allow Billy to stay at the Los Angeles Zoo. Not only is it the home he has known for most of his life, but also the handlers are well trained, caring and dedicated to his well being. Moving an elephant can be very stressful and dangerous for their health and well being and nothing in Billy's current situation would warrant this move that has been proposed. Thank you. Kathryn Dickinson



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fwd: PLEASE RELEASE BILLY, THE LA ZOO ELEPHANT TO A SANCTUARY FOR ELEPHANTS.

1 message

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

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 4:42 PM



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From: **Barbara Diaz** <gordyblanhappydiaz@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 11:21 AM
Subject: PLEASE RELEASE BILLY, THE LA ZOO ELEPHANT TO A SANCTUARY FOR ELEPHANTS.
To: "david.giron@lacity.org" <david.giron@lacity.org>

HE HAS SERVED HIS TIME (FOR JUST BEING AN ELEPHANT) AT THE LOS ANGELES ZOO FOR TOO LONG. PLEASE DO THE COURAGEOUS ACT AND RELEASE HIM.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PERSONALITIES AND MAKING ANYONE HAPPY. IT IS JUST ABOUT BILLY'S WELLBEING. HE HAS BEEN ALONE FOR TOO LONG. GIVE HIM THE GIFT OF RETIRING IN DIGNITY AND RESPECT IN THE COMPANY OF OTHER BULL ELEPHANTS....BROTHERS.

THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,

BARBARA DIAZ
FRIEND OF BILLY
[323-205-0398](tel:323-205-0398)

Please Free Billy From The LA Zoo

1 message

merrill flam <merrillflam@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: merrill flam <merrillflam@yahoo.com>
To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>
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Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 3:49 PM

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Thank you!



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Please send Billy to the sanctuary

1 message

Mike Mahler <mahler25@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 3:06 PM

Reply-To: Mike Mahler <mahler25@yahoo.com>

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Cc: abigail@vftafoundation.org

A sanctuary in CA with thousands of acres has offered to take Billy in so please do the right thing and free Billy from the zoo and let him live out his life in peace in a sanctuary where he will be well taken care of.

Thanks

Mike Mahler



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File #17-0453

100 messages

Jennifer Castro <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 11:49 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Jennifer Castro

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Castro

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

Edward Gamarra <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 11:57 PM

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

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Edward Gamarra
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323-53-8580
eddiegamarra@gmail.com

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Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:01 AM

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Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:06 AM

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Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:53 AM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Jodi Oliver

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Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 8:44 AM

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Hello,

As a resident of the Los Angeles area for most of my life, and as a graduate from Oregon State University in Animal Science -animal behavior option- I can say as a local and an educated professional that Billy is in the best care possible at the LA Zoo.

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Listen to the professionals who have degrees, listen to the people that have worked hands on with this animal, and don't listen to activists who have never worked with elephants or had a relevant formal education yet who assume to know what is best for this amazing animal.

People have dedicated the hearts and their lives to Billy at LA Zoo and as a professional I'm telling you that moving him to another facility would serve no purpose.

Charles Romero

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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

I am a professional zookeeper and wildlife educator with more than 10 years of experience in this field. I cannot tell you enough that this elephant is already getting world class care and that any moves to a sanctuary would be a reduction in his care. Sanctuaries are just zoos with less funding and fewer regulations on the care of the animals. LA Zoo is where Billy should remain.

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Sincerely,

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Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 7:44 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Council File #17-0453

Beth Lilly

Jan 25, 2018 9:26 AM

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

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File #17-0453

Kathy Dickinson

Jan 25, 2018 9:10 AM

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

In reference to case file #17-0453;

Please allow Billy to stay at the Los Angeles Zoo. Not only is it the home he has known for most of his life, but also the handlers are well trained, caring and dedicated to his well being. Moving an elephant can be very stressful and dangerous for their health and well being and nothing in Billy's current situation would warrant this move that has been proposed. Thank you. Kathryn Dickinson

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Billy

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Jan 25, 2018 2:55 PM

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

Hello,

I spent my four years in high school going to school across the street from the LA Zoo. I cannot tell you how many times I have been there. In my senior year of high school, I ended up going to the zoo nine times a week. I have spent countless hours there and have gotten to know the keepers and animals very well. I took classes where I worked with the animals at the zoo. I went into high school thinking the animals were mistreated and should not be kept in zoos. After going behind the scenes on a daily basis and seeing how the animals are treated and how much love is put into taking care of them, I am without a doubt certain they have the best treatment anyone could offer, specifically Billy. I haven't met anyone who is more dedicated to their animals as the elephant keepers are at the Los Angeles zoo. A keeper spent 30 hours during his free time, out of work, crafting a step stool just so Billy and the other elephants could comfortably rest their feet on a piece of metal during check ups. The elephant enclosures have heated cushions floors for the elephants and the enclosure is one of the largest in the US. The Los Angeles Zoo is largely funded and has continuous profits coming in on a daily basis with hundreds of volunteers. By putting Billy in a sanctuary, you are moving him from a largely funded and supported enclosure at the zoo and putting him in another enclosure, with minimal funding, largely relied on donations. I would know because I have been volunteering at a sanctuary for the past four years, and though they treat their animals very well, they are constantly struggling to keep the sanctuary up and running because they rely so much on public donations. All I am trying to say is that Billy deserves to be around the people that love him instead of shipped off to a unknown place, which I quite honestly don't see would benefit him in any way.

Thank you,
Nita McHugh

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Billy The Elephant Should Remain At His Home

Cathalina Liebel

Jan 25, 2018 12:11 PM

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

Hello, My name is Cathalina Liebel and this is in reference of CF#17-0453 regarding the pachyderm called Billy.

As an elephant caretaker myself with over 2 decades of hands on experience with domesticated elephant, I can attest that the mental and physical health of Billy will be greatly compromised if he is forcefully removed from his home at the zoo and from the caretakers and veterinarians who know him best.

In the best interest of the animal, please allow him to remain at his home.