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## Council File #17-0453

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We visited to LA zoo in late December and the elephant exhibit was the best I have ever seen. It was beyond evident that Billy is in the best place possible with outstanding staff to care for him. It would be a shame to have Billy relocated.

Sincerely,

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As a zookeeper in another part of the country, I have worked late, come in early, cried, sweat, and bled to take the best care possible of my animals. My days consist of giving the animals under my care the best possible lives whether that is through mental stimulation, quality food, and medical care. I have had many sleepless nights worrying about an animal that is feeling unwell, and cried over a situation that I could not change.

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Moving an elephant is no small feat, and it can kill them, to put it bluntly. Is it in Billy's best interest to leave the keepers that he knows, the exhibit that is a safe place for him, and a dedicated medical team that knows him? Have you even spent 30 minutes watching the keepers interact with him? Watching how the vet staff and the keepers work together for his best interest? Is it worth putting him through the stressful situation of transportation, and the stressful situation of a new home and a stressful new potential introduction process (which in no way guarantees that he will get along with any new elephants that he encounters)?

If you haven't met with every single zoo keeper, and every single veterinary specialist and every single volunteer who has helped to take care of Billy at the LA zoo, and if you haven't watched how he reacts to them, how they anticipate his needs, and how he interacts with every facet of his exhibit and everyday routine, then you are not qualified to make a decision on his fate.

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I am a keeper at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo in Fort Wayne, IN. As zookeepers, we do our very best and spend all of our time caring for our animals. Taking an animal that is lived at the zoo his whole life and sending him to a sanctuary would cause long-lasting stress on Billy. Not to mention the costs of transporting Billy there.

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Please do not cave to these idiots and their misguided notions of "what is best". This animal knows his home, his habitat, his keepers. How is removing him from where he feels safe doing him any good? They have a twisted notion that this animal knows anything any different from what he has been born and raised with. I am part Native American-it would be like dropping me off in the middle of the Dakotas with a teepee and a buffalo skin and saying, "Here you are in your natural habitat." Holy crap! I would be dead inside of 48 hours! Please show a strong resolve to doing what is BEST for these animals and not cave to the bleeding hearts. Keiko the whale was "returned to his natural habitat." HE IS DEAD! Do not let idiots cause Billy to suffer.

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

As a former zoo keeper, I know the dedication the members of Billy's staff have for their job and for him. He is more than an elephant, he is a beloved coworker, and a member of the family. Sometimes more so than humans are. I also know that elephants have one of the most well developed social structures of any animal we know and that they are extremely effected by changes to their family groups and habitats. Removing Billy would have a profound and negative impact on Billy and all the other elephant residents. I know his unusual behaviors are due to childhood trauma and I do not wish further stress on the poor boy. He will be happiest at hos LAZoo home with his LA Zoo family.

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

As an animal lover who understands the need for human intervention if we want to help endangered species survive the damage we humans have done to this planet 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.

Sending Billy away from his herd and his home is not in Billy's best interest. You wouldn't take a child from a loving, caring, home where they are well provided for and send them to a stranger's house where they mean well, but can't provide the same high level of care and quality of life. So why would you do that to Billy?

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Sincerely,

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**Courtney Rae Miller** <crmill0428@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 27, 2018 at 8:00 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my concern, as an elephant trainer, about moving Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo to a sanctuary.

Some of the reasons are:

- Billy has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for 30 years, it is what he knows.
- In 2010 the zoo invested significant funds into updating their elephant habitat, to increase the elephant's welfare.
- One reason the animal rights group desires to move Billy is that he is alone, but he will be alone at any sanctuary he goes to as well. Also, at his current facility he does have tactile contact through the fence with the other elephants.
- At either sanctuary that Billy would end up at there is a profound lack of actual elephant management experience. It is one thing to have book knowledge of elephants, and an entirely different skill to work with elephants and care for them.
- Either sanctuary that Billy would be sent to does not have an enclosure built as of yet, so how can one say that the standards of care will be any better, or even equal to.

There are many elephant professionals out there with many more years of experience than me, and I urge you to seek them out before making such a decision. Also, if you have not been to the Los Angeles Zoo to see how they run their elephant program it would be worthwhile. There are many policies that are misrepresented to the general public through social media and the internet. Please take the time to have someone explain them to you and then make a logical choice based on facts.

Thank you for your time.  
Courtney Miller



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## Council File #17-0453

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**Nora Beirne** <webmaster@lazoo.org>  
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Sat, Jan 27, 2018 at 5:49 AM

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**Lindsey Brant** <webmaster@lazoo.org>

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

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Sat, Jan 27, 2018 at 6:49 AM

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This is the only home billy have ever known and he loves his family (keepers) and they love him. Please don't take that away from him

Sincerely, Emma

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As a marine scientist 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.

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

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## Google Groups

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### Billy the Elephant

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**Michael Fritzen**

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

I support Billy, the Asian elephant remaining at the Los Angeles Zoo. As a Native Angelino the Los Angeles Zoo played an important role in my life. As a child of divorced parents, the Zoo was a place my father, on his limited income, could take my sister and I to enjoy a day out and experience animals like the elephants. Seeing the zoo's animals developed a strong love in me for animals. Our home was never absent of a dog, fish, reptiles, rabbits and more. If my father didn't take me to the zoo I am sure my love for animals would be minimal.

I speak for the thousands of kids who visit the zoo on a yearly basis. If the zoo and its animals were no more where would they ever have a chance to see an elephant, hear a lion roar, or stare eye to eye with a venomous snake? Africa and the rainforests of Asia are not an option because most children in Los Angeles can't even afford a trip to the museum or Disneyland. How are they going to go on an African safari?

Billy and the other animals of the Zoo are ambassadors for the animals in the wild. They are there to teach and help save the animals of the wild. Take them away and the kids of today are going to have little or no way to connect to exotic animals. The animal rights people care calling for virtual zoos. Look how kids are interacting with virtual life, they are blowing up places, killing people and bombing everything with little remorse or emotion. How are they going to connect or care about a virtual elephant?

Please take a moment and contemplate the impact Billy's presence in the Zoo is having on the thousands of people who visit the Zoo. HE is teaching and connecting people to the beauty of elephants. Let him continue to do his job and be cared for by a team of zoo keepers who I am sure love him immensely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Michael Fritzen