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Moving Billy or others without seeing his home

1 message

Sandie Miller <sanmil2004@yahoo.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 3:22 PM

Sent from my iPad Regarding moving Billy, or any elephant-
I am not an elephant trainer nor am I associated with any sanctuary.

There is much sadness in my heart as I write this. I have been watching this movement by humans where we have decided all elephants need to be moved to anything called a sanctuary...what drives this? I would like to believe it is driven by knowing it is in the best interest of said elephant, because he is being starved, is injured, but it is not. It is driven by good advertising and playing off the human need to feel good. If it was really based on the elephant's needs or wants would we not do this on an individual basis? Would we not visit the current facility where the elephant lives, see if he looks well fed, talk with the people who care for him daily, look at medical care, observe the condition of his space. Would we not meet his friends, know how long this had been his home, watch how he interacts with those people who have cared for him during the last decade? Would we not consider that this space is home, he has relationships based on many years of trust?

Instead we are supporting tearing them from all they have known and trusted, years and years of friendships with humans and other elephants. We are choosing to bring them great stress, much loss and introducing them to strangers and new herds, so we humans can feel like we have done something good. Decisions are being made without visits to the elephant's current home, without any information on the new facility, how the animal's life will be improved by said move, vet care or illness at facility, heaven forbid visiting the facilities.

I am asking for the sake of the elephants, we remember each elephant is an individual. His life story, needs and relationships are unique to him.

Please, have someone hear Billy's story before we disrupt his life.

Thank you for considering all options.
Sandie Miller



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

BILLY

1 message

Gosia Dragowska <gosia@dragowski.pl>

Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 10:34 AM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Cc: abigail@vftafoundation.org

Billy the elephant is suffering tremendously at the LA Zoo.

He spends most of his day bobbing and rocking, signs of great distress called stereotypic behavior.

Elephants in the wild never display stereotypic behavior.

Recent photos of his feet show deep crevasses never seen in the feet of elephants in the wild.

3/4 of the elephants in zoos die of foot disease.

A sanctuary in northern California with thousands of acres has offered to take Billy.

Please let him go. Please do not let him die in the zoo.

Kind regards, Malgorzata Dragowska from Poland, Warszawa



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Moderator's spam report for Clerk.CPS@lacity.org

1 message

noreply-spamdigest via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services

Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 1:02 AM

<Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

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To: Spam moderators <Clerk.CPS+managers@lacity.org>

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Subject: Goal Reached!

From: California Tax Limitation Committee <hq@catlc.net>

Date: Jan 26 09:01AM -0500

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Subject: Council File #17-0453

From: Rachel Bowman <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Date: Jan 26 05:35PM -0800

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Rachel Bowman

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

As an area resident and a

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Subject: Council File #17-0453

From: "Renée Levesque" <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Date: Jan 27 09:59AM -0800

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Subject: Council File #17-0453
From: Alyson Goodwin <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Date: Jan 27 12:30PM -0800

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Alyson Goodwin
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Subject: Council File #17-0453
From: Shelley Rank <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Date: Jan 27 01:55PM -0800

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Subject: Council File #17-0453
From: Leslie Davis <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Date: Jan 27 04:19PM -0800

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Leslie Davis

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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.

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Subject: Council File #17-0453
From: "Lilian Kröplin" <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Date: Jan 28 06:01AM -0800

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Lilian Kröplin
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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File #17-0453

84 messages

Michelle Schireman <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 12:46 PM

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,

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Sincerely,

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

Kyle Ford <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 12:51 PM

Reply-To: kylesfast@yahoo.com
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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sincerely,

Kyle Ford

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T. Klempin <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 1:09 PM

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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 3:07 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Jennifer McCabe <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 3:51 PM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Malora Azbill <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 3:52 PM

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Penny Smith <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 4:01 PM

Reply-To: penny.a.smith@outlook.com
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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 4:05 PM

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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 5:12 PM

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Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 9:38 PM

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

I am a professor of Evolution and Ecology at UC Davis and a specialist in the study of animal behavior. I have long been engaged in conservation research on wild animals. Decisions about the health and welfare of Billy the Elephant and other zoo animals should be made by professionals, not celebrities or politicians, however well-meaning they may be.

Caring for any animals in captivity is complex and not amenable to soundbites and simplistic prescriptions. The LA Zoo has Billy housed in a high-quality facility that is suited for his needs. He is attended by a caring, professional staff. No legitimate welfare concerns have been raised. This is a misguided attempt to prioritize what a handful of people think is best for this animal over what scientific research has shown to be best for the animal.

Zoos are a critical partner in conservation efforts, through educating the public, engaging in research, and preserving the breeding pool of species disappearing from the wild. If you choose to override the zoo's many experts, you will create a ridiculous narrative that Billy was "saved" from the zoo by "heroic" activists. This would undermine the conservation mission of the LA Zoo, and zoos everywhere. How can one argue that any animals should remain in zoos, if the City Council intervenes to release a perfectly healthy animal held in excellent facilities with top-notch care? Saving elephants and other vulnerable species in the wild requires all hands on deck. We cannot afford to have the effectiveness of zoos as a conservation partner weakened.

This action is not in the best interest of Billy the elephant, it is not in the best interest of conservation efforts for this species, and it is not in the best interest of the thousands of children and families that learn from visiting animals in zoos about the wonders of the natural world and our obligation to preserve them.

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Sincerely,

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I hope you will not succumb to the negative publicity campaign that has surrounded the LA Zoo elephant exhibit and instead look at the facts, consider what is best for Billy and not remove him from his home.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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As a professional in the zoological field, I know from personal experience the quality of care provided at AZA certified zoos. I am confident that Billy could not find a better home elsewhere and thus should be allowed to stay in his home.

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This is in reference to council file 17-0453. Dismiss the motion for Billy's sake. Please don't let the general public have a say in the management decisions of Billy the elephant... Bring in exotic animal experts - ELEPHANT experts- to evaluate his care at the LA Zoo if people are concerned, do not rely on the public or politically-motivated animal rights people to make decisions about the care of a large, intelligent, complicated animal that requires a lot of specialized care. The LA Zoo is renowned for its animal care standards. It is AZA accredited for goodness sakes. I would also like to mention to anyone that will listen that if the city siezes Billy the zoo will lose its AZA accreditation. This will force them to pull out of important species conservation programs. This is a bad outcome for endangered wildlife, this is probably a bad outcome for Billy (I do not trust the proposed sanctuary to give him the care he deserves), and it is definitely a bad outcome for LA. Literally talk to the zoo and exotic animal care experts, don't let any unqualified idiot with an uninformed opinion have a say in decisions for a large exotic animal that needs and deserves specialized, informed care. The aforementioned idiots can make a lot of noise and pat themselves on the back because they "helped" an animal and will never follow up with Billy again. Billy is the one who has to live with the decisions made for him. Let people qualified to make elephant welfare decisions make welfare decisions for the elephant. Bring in the actual educated experts. Please.

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