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## Council File #17-0453

39 messages

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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.

Dismiss the hype and hyperbole offered by activists. They don't know the real story here. Speak to experienced veterinarians and non-biased husbandry experts. Look at the thousands of hours of research the zoo has on him.

I have seen first hand the amazing care and attention Billy is offered. His needs are fully met at LAZ. Space isn't everything. No matter the size, it's what happens in that space that counts. I raise my kids with civic awareness, science-mindedness and loving hearts- in a tiny apartment. They wouldn't be better off with parents who have a yard and a big home any more than Billy should be ripped away from his family. Any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull and would not be allowed to mate.

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Disadvantaged kids cannot see Billy at a sanctuary like they can here. The zoo offered him sanctuary when his brethren were being slaughtered. Look into his origin story.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I have seen first hand the amazing care and attention Billy is offered. His needs are fully met at LAZ. Space isn't everything. No matter the size, it's what happens in that space that counts. I raise my kids with civic awareness, science-mindedness and loving hearts- in a tiny apartment. They wouldn't be better off with parents who have a yard and a big home any more than Billy should be ripped away from his family. Any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull and would not be allowed to mate.

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Disadvantaged kids cannot see Billy at a sanctuary like they can here. The zoo offered him sanctuary when his brethren were being slaughtered. Look into his origin story.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Rogers

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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,

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