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Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo!

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Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 3:53 PM

It has come to my attention that a motion to free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo has been issued. This motion must first pass the Arts, Parks, & River Committee before it goes before the full council, so please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo)!

thank you for your consideration~

most sincerely,

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DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

70 messages

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It makes me very angry that it's even something that would be brought up.

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To Whom it May Concern,

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best interests. Please collect information on animal behavior from REPUTABLE scientific studies and sources, and review the AZA guidelines. Send someone to physically view and document his enclosure, and I am certain you will find that this elephant is in beyond capable hands in the care of teh Los Angeles zoo.

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Councilman Koretz needs to stay out of the way of the expertise of the zoologists.

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