

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the health and well being of Billy the Elephant.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) with the assistance of the Zoo Department, to seek advice from licensed veterinarians, independently without providing additional weight to recommendations provided by entities external to the CLA, who have at least five years of experience in exotic and/or wild animal medicine, specifically for the unique needs of male elephants, and advice from subject matter experts, and report with findings in response to the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee questions detailed in Attachment 1 of the June 13, 2018 CAO and CLA joint report, attached to the Council file.
2. AUTHORIZE the CAO and CLA to execute personal services contracts and expend up to \$75,000 total for expenses related to consultation with medical and subject matter experts who can assist with the completion of this study.
3. INSTRUCT the CAO and CLA that, upon completion of the study, submit a written report to the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee detailing the results of this study on the health and welfare of Billy the Elephant housed at the Los Angeles Zoo, as well as responses to the supplemental questions posed by the Committee.
4. NOTE and FILE the September 21, 2018 CAO and CLA joint report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO and the CLA report that approval of the recommendations contained within the joint report will result in the expenditure of up to \$75,000 for costs associated with the requested study. The CLA and CAO will work with the Zoo Department to identify existing funding that may be used to cover these expenses.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For if Amended

Mid City Neighborhood Council.

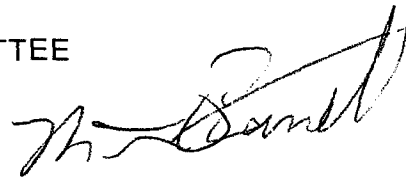
Summary:

At the meeting held on October 24, 2018, your Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee considered a June 13, 2018, and September 21, 2018 joint CAO and CLA reports relative to the health and well being of Billy the Elephant.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approved the recommendations as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT

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