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RE: Opposition to Agenda Item #16-1357 Please include this letter into public record to be included in any hearing, studies and or reports pertaining to this issue.

Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,

My name is Ursula Brauner and am a co-owner of our company, Animals for Hollywood, LLC. I am a professional animal trainer and have worked in the motion picture and television industry for over 30 years. I am a member, in good standing, of Teamsters Union 399. Our company trains and casts animals for film, television, still photography, web media, school plays and educational projects. Myself, my business partner and our trainers have worked on thousands of productions. We all have completely dedicated our lives to our animals and our craft.

Our number one priority on any project is our animal's safety and well-being. We follow strict regulations by USDA, LA City, LA County and set animal regulation agencies, such as American Humane Assoc. and Movie Animal Protected.

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the ordinance as written. My deep love of animals and the career path I chose at only 16 years of age came from the domestic and exotic animals I had the opportunity to meet and observe as a young girl. I see myself in many young people when they meet our animals today. We always try to leave a positive impact on the people we encounter so they can walk away with a greater appreciation and respect for all living things. I have seen people's opinion change right in front of me. This is why I believe that Agenda Item #16-1357 is a travesty if passed. I have first-hand experience seeing the positive impact animals have on people. Without animals to relate to in a personal way I feel it leaves the door open for apathy, much the way violent video games leaves apathy for violence. To only see something from afar leaves no connection, no investment in an animals or species future.

Thank you for adding my letter to the public record.

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