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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 53.39.1 TO THE LOS ANGELES
MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE EXHIBITION OF A WILD OR EXOTIC
ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR LIMITED PURPOSES AND PURSUANT TO A PERMIT**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 16-1357

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The ordinance adds Section 53.39.1 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the exhibition of a wild or exotic animal in the City with limited exceptions for a zoo or an accredited wildlife institute. The ordinance empowers the Department of Animal Services to issue off-site permits for a zoo, an accredited wildlife institute or the holder of a film permit to exhibit a wild or exotic animal, with certain safeguards.

The ordinance also contains a ban on the exhibition of a wild or exotic animal in connection with a loud or unruly gathering, such as a house party, as defined in Section 41.58.1 of the LAMC.

Council Rule 38 Referral

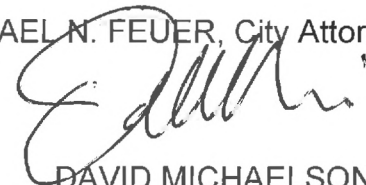
A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Animal Services and the Zoo Department with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Dov S. Lesel at (213) 978-8154. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal