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# DISMISS the Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

1 message

**Cecile Bender** <webmaster@lazoo.org>

Sun, Oct 22, 2017 at 9:52 AM

Reply-To: cecbender@yahoo.com

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org

Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Cecile Bender  
12426 milbank st  
studio city, California 91604  
8187539954  
cecbender@yahoo.com

Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Parks, and River Committee Member,

As an L.A area resident I totally agree to send Billy the elephant to a sanctuary where he would have a much better life, more space and be with his peers!

thank you on his behalf!

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## Send Billy to Sanctuary and End Captive Breeding at the Los Angeles Zoo

1 message

**Libby Martinez** <takeaction@idausa.org>  
Reply-To: Libby Martinez <libbynmartinez@gmail.com>  
To: "Holly L. Wolcott" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 11:45 PM

Oct 17, 2017

Ms. Holly L. Wolcott

Dear Ms. Wolcott,

As a Los Angeles constituent and a supporter of California-based In Defense of Animals that represents over 250,000 supporters, I urge you to support Councilman Koretz's motion to free Billy, the lone bull elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo, to an accredited GFAS (Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries) sanctuary as soon as possible. We also ask the same for the female elephants at the exhibit, Tina and Jewell.

Billy's plight at the LA Zoo has been a focus of In Defense of Animals for over 12 years. The inadequate conditions that he is forced to live in, despite costly renovations to the Elephants of Asia exhibit, continue to negatively impact his well-being.

Through the LA Zoo's breeding program, Billy has been forced to endure a highly invasive procedure to collect his semen for the purpose of artificially inseminating females at other zoos for breeding. According to zoo documents, Billy underwent "training" for the actual semen collection process at least 55 times between January 20, 2011 and November 14, 2014.

This procedure is inhumane and invasive. While this has been touted as a practice of "conservation," the data shows that it is nothing of the sort, with elephants in zoos dying in captivity faster than they can reproduce due to the unnaturally high mortality rates of elephants in captivity. The only real way conservation for elephants can occur is in the wild and a certified elephant sanctuary is the closest thing to a natural environment that we can give to Billy.

There is no science- or conservation-based justification for the LA Zoo to keep Billy or ANY of the elephants, including females Tina and Jewel - in captivity. The scientifically validated negative effects of captivity on elephants are irrefutable and well documented.

Los Angeles must seize this opportunity for leadership on humane animal welfare issues and policy. Therefore, we urge you to support the relocation of Billy to a GFAS-certified sanctuary to transfer elephants Tina and Jewel as well - end all elephant captivity and elephant breeding programs at the LA Zoo immediately. +

Sincerely,

Mrs. Libby Martinez  
5939 Sutter Ave Apt 31  
Carmichael, CA 95608-2746  
(916) 676-6627



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**FREE Billy the Elephant - over 300,000 people beg the right. the HUMANE decision be made.**

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**'bernadette armstrong' via Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 7:56 AM

&lt;Clerk.CPS@lacity.org&gt;

Reply-To: bernadette armstrong &lt;bkcats1@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "ofarrell@lacity.org" &lt;ofarrell@lacity.org&gt;, "price@lacity.org" &lt;price@lacity.org&gt;, "blumenfield@lacity.org"

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.Let this elephant go to a home that is open and will allow him to roam FREE. He has served LA well - now LA needs to serve him well by letting him go to a new world of freedom.

It is the Humane thing to do.

Regards,

Bernadette Armstrong  
818-437-0177 Cell



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**Please vote in favor of letting Billy go to a sanctuary.**

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**Jillana Laufer** <jillana@lauferco.net>

Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 3:07 PM

To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org,  
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Dear Sirs:

A resolution is before the City Council to release Billy, the elephant, to a sanctuary. He has suffered for thirty years at the L.A. Zoo. That's more than enough. Let him live in peace. Please, vote in favor of letting Billy go to a sanctuary.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jillana Laufer  
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L.A. CA 90036