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**Council File Number**

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**Title**

LOS ANGELES ELEPHANT EXHIBIT REVIEW

**Subject**

Communication from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) 0250-06978-0003, dated December 13, 2005, relative to the Los Angeles Elephant Exhibit Review.

**Last Change Date**

05/04/2006

**Council District**

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**Initiated by**

City Administrative Officer

**Archive History**

12-14-05 - For ref

12-14-05 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging, Personnel, and Budget and Finance Committees

12-14-05 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk

4-7-06 - For ref - Communication from the City Administrative Officer 0150-06978-0008, dated April 6, 2006, relative to an addendum to the December 13, 2005 CAO report that position authority and funding for elephant care be addressed through the 2006-07 Budget process.

4-10-06 - Ref to Budget and Finance and Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committees - to Budget and Finance Committee Clerk

4-11-06 - Communication from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, dated April 6, 2006, relative to plans to enlarge and renovate the LA Zoo's Elephant Exhibit, is attached to file.

4-19-06 - Council Action - Budget and Finance and Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committees report ADOPTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor to:

1. DETERMINE that elephants should remain on exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo.
2. APPROVE an enlarged elephant exhibit with yard space ranging from 2.5 acres to approximately 3.0 acres or more, at estimated costs ranging from \$7.7 million to \$13.9 million.
3. AUTHORIZE the issuance of up to \$13.9 million in Municipal Investment Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) funds to finance the expanded exhibit.
4. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering to report to the Zoo Capital Projects Oversight Committee with a detailed project scope, including utilization of a softer substrate, schedule and cost estimate for the enlarged exhibit.
5. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with the Los Angeles Zoo to include funding and as-needed position authority for Veterinary Technicians in the 2006-07 Proposed Budget.
6. INSTRUCT the Zoo Department to report to the Mayor and the Council on:
  - a. All animal care vacancies, and on any actions required to fill those vacancies;
  - b. Any changes being considered to the size or composition of the elephant herd along with a discussion of implications for the exhibit size, fiscal implications and other policy considerations of such a change;
  - c. A biannual basis regarding the health and well-being of the Zoo's elephants. (Personnel Committee waived consideration of the above matter).

4-19-06 - File to Mayor FORTHWITH

4-26-06 - Mayor's message concurred in Council Action of April 19, 2006

4-27-06 - File to Calendar Clerk

5-2-06 - File to Budget and Finance Committee Clerk OK

5-4-06 - File in files