

Communication from Public

Name: David Meyers

Date Submitted: 10/09/2019 10:02 AM

Council File No: 16-1357

Comments for Public Posting: October 9, 2019 Dear Councilmember Koretz, chair, and Members of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee: I would like this entered into record. I am opposed to the exotic animal ordinance in its current language being considered. I see several areas of concern with the definitions. Dangerous animal is not clearly defined. Animal services should not be put in the position to discern that definition. Animal act or performance is not clearly defined. We participate in school fall festivals, community events, and science nights by presenting assemblies. These are conservation educational presentations that could be deemed an animal performance. The understaffed, overburdened Animal Services should not be put in the position to make this definition. Insurance is not specific. Most animal educators carry \$1 million per occurrence, which is standard. The insurance required should be specific; otherwise this can hurt small wildlife educators. Ten day period for permits is too long. Many productions will not fall within this 10 day period and will have to go somewhere else. Three (3) days would be appropriate. Stakeholders Committee. I propose forming a committee of at least one representative from each of the following categories: Animal Services Stakeholders (wildlife educators, production company, film animal trainers) American Humane Association Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Zoological Association of America (ZAA) The purpose of this committee would be to assist Los Angeles Animal Services to determine the definitions proposed in this ordinance. California Department of Fish and Wildlife formed a stakeholders committee a few years ago to write Title 671.1 Permits for Restricted Species. The stakeholders were able to bring their varied experience together with DFW staff and proponents of new regulations to write the permitting requirements for restricted species in the state of California. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, David Meyers Animal Trainer Studio Animal Service cc Councilmember John S. Lee Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Milner

Date Submitted: 10/09/2019 05:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the exotic animal ordinance in its current language being considered. Restricting the transport of wildlife without very careful consideration of the circumstances under which animals are transported, such an ordinance could severely damage educational programs, wildlife rescue, the transport of animals between accredited zoos and similar facilities, and even the transport of animals to and from veterinary care. While dedication to the prevention of cruelty to animals is admirable, it is vital avoid 'throwing the baby out with the bathwater' by enacting vaguely written and poorly considered legislature.

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Name: Christopher Pollard

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Service, LA county and LA city. The care and well being of the animals is our top priority. Thank you, Christopher Pollard
Animal trainer and Union 399 member

Communication from Public

Name: Ariel Hong

Date Submitted: 10/09/2019 11:11 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Paul Calabria

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Communication from Public

Name: Lena Burke

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