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Oppose Animal Ban

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To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Committee on Personnel and Animal Welfare,
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.

My name is Thomas Roach . I have worked professionally with exotic animals for the last 31 years. I am currently a Studio Animal Trainer in the motion picture industry, and have been a studio union member of Local 399 in good standing for 21 years. I have worked on thousands of production over the passed 2 decades, for a company that has been providing animals for film for even longer. In addition to studio work, I provide animals for educational shows, parties, and meet and greets. We can do this skillfully and safely. We love and care for the animals and take every opportunity to answer questions and provide the public with knowledge about the animals they are encountering. Conservation starts with people who have empathy and regard for all life, which in part comes from personal experience and education. Cutting animals out of peoples lives is not going to benefit animals. I OPPOSE the ordnance as written.

I am dedicated to the health and well being of all the animals in my care. Of course there are rules and regulations on film sets, for all cast and crew safety, including the animals. Having dedicated our entire life to these animals, they become our family and we guard their well being. My facility is closely monitored and properly permitted by the USDA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish & Wildlife Service, as well as city permits.

Sincerely,
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