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**Fwd: Freeing Billy**

1 message

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**Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>  
To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:06 AM

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From: **James Frieden** <jfriedenatty@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 12:20 AM  
Subject: Freeing Billy  
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org  
Cc: eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmen,

Thanks for the motion to free Billy. Many years ago, I took my then 12 year-old-son to the LA Zoo and we watched an elephant, I think it was Billy, alone in a concrete bunker swaying back and forth from one side to the other. It was deeply disturbing. My son has not been back to a zoo since.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Frieden, Esq.  
1717 Fourth Street, Third Floor  
Santa Monica, CA 90401  
310-917-1940; fax 866-653-0684



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## Fwd: Please Free Billy

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From: **James Frieden** <jfriedenatty@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 12:22 AM  
Subject: Please Free Billy  
To: david.ryu@lacity.org  
Cc: eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilman,

Please help free Billy the elephant. It is inhumane to keep such a magnificent animal in captivity.

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Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 12:24 AM  
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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org  
Cc: eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

Please help Councilmen Koretz and O'Farrell free Billy the elephant. It is cruel to keep such a wonderful animal in captivity.

Sincerely yours,

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**Fwd: For Billy - Please support Motion # 017-0453**

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From: **Michelle Hayward** <michellehayward1313@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 12:56 AM

Subject: For Billy - Please support Motion # 017-0453

To: david.ryu@lacity.org

Cc: Clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear David Ryan,

Please vote to support Los Angeles City Council Motion #017-0453 to free Billy the elephant and allow him to live out the rest of his life in a sanctuary; ending his 30 years of solitude.

Our knowledge regarding the intelligence and complexity of elephants means that very few zoos come anywhere close to providing an adequate life for them; and LA zoo is unfortunately not one of them. The new elephant enclosure is still woefully inadequate and has done nothing to improve Billy's physical and psychological health.

Seeing a miserable and lonely elephant in a zoo is not educational. It only serves as a reminder of our ignorance. Please help transform Billy's life by supporting the actions of Councilman Paul Koretz and vote for Billy's freedom.

I am from the UK and myself and many others worldwide are following Billy's plight closely. I await your response with the utmost concern and hope.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Michelle Hayward  
UK



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**Fwd: 17-0453**

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From: **sandra zaninovich** <sandraoopie@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 1:09 AM

Subject: 17-0453

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

Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear Councilmembers:

Please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Zaninovich



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**Fwd: MOTION TO FREE BILLY THE ELEPHANT**

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From: **Annette Coomber** <aries200@optonline.net>  
Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 2:44 AM  
Subject: MOTION TO FREE BILLY THE ELEPHANT  
To: david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org, clerk.CPS@lacity.org

Please support Motion #17-0453!

It is time for humans to take responsibility and right the wrongs we allowed to happen in the past.

Thank you for reading my email. I hope you will do the right thing, and vote to allow these long suffering, innocent animals to finish their lives in peace in a sanctuary.

Sincerely,

AR Coomber



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**Fwd: FREE THE ELEPHANTS**

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From: &lt;elisabeth.rettmoser@orf.at&gt;

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 2:47 AM

Subject: FREE THE ELEPHANTS

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org

Cc: david.nyu@lacity.org, clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I ask you all to close Los Angeles Zoo Elephants of Asia exhibit and release Billy, Tina, and Jewel to sanctuary, where they can live out the remainder of their lives with some degree of comfort, security, and dignity, which is the very least that they deserve.

Kind regards from Austria,

Elisabeth Rettenmoser



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## Fwd: Thank You!

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From: **Michelle Dowalo** <mdowalo@gxppartners.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 5:44 AM

Subject: Thank You!

To: "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Cc: "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Paul & Mitch,

I just wanted to thank you for introducing the motion and seconding the motion to release Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles zoo. Finally people with common sense and compassion! Hopefully the remaining members of the committee will also speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. Please allow Billy to live his remaining days at an elephant sanctuary. As Gandhi says "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

*Michelle Dowalo*

*GxP Partners*

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*Levittown, PA 19056*

*(215) 752-8699*

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## Fwd: Los Angeles Zoo

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From: **Jacqueline Schmidt** <pacjacgohome@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 7:55 AM

Subject: Los Angeles Zoo

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

Cc: "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Council Members:

As you know, the Los Angeles Zoo is in possession of Billy, a lone, male Asian elephant. Billy was born in 1985 to a wild elephant herd in Malaysia, and was acquired by the Los Angeles Zoo in 1989, where he has since lived in isolation. He occupies one lonely acre of space where he spends most of his time in a corner swaying and bobbing his head for hours on end. This is known as Zoochosis and here is an article and brief film for a better understanding of this phenomenon: <http://www.onegreenplanet.org/news/zoochosis-what-really-happens-to-animals-in-captivity-video/>

In the wild, elephants live in complex, social communities and cover hundreds, perhaps, thousands of acres with their herd foraging for food, socializing, playing, and resting, among other activities. In contrast, the elephants in the Los Angeles Zoo have about two acres of usable space surrounded by metal bars and the constant clicking of electric wires. In addition, the two acres are divided into smaller enclosures to keep Billy separate from the females, leaving him with no mental or social stimulation.

While the Los Angeles Zoo would like the public to believe that male elephants live on their own in the wild, this justification for Billy's isolation directly conflicts with current research on wild, male elephants. As infants, until about the age of 14, males live within their tightly bonded, matriarchal family group. As adults, males live within a social community that includes lasting bonds with other male elephants, as well as interaction with females on a regular basis. Accordingly, Billy has been and continues to be deprived of companionship, mental stimulation, and social learning opportunities. In light of the current, prolific research on elephants, the Los Angeles Zoo elephant exhibit does not provide an appropriate environment to meet the most basic needs for space, exercise, socialization, and cognitive stimulation required by its residents.

There is no justification for the captivity of this highly complex, intelligent, and social species, especially since research shows that elephants experience the same psychological reactions to captivity and isolation as humans. How long will we stand by and allow Billy to be exploited for entertainment and profit? It is time to say enough. Billy needs to be moved to a reputable sanctuary such as the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) or The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.

Council Member Paul Koretz recently introduced a motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo, and Mitch O'Farrell seconded the motion. I deeply thank both of them for these kind actions. The motion must first pass the Arts, Parks, & River Committee before it goes before the full council. Please! I urge all Members of the Committee to support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). We would be most grateful.

Kindest regards,

Jacqueline Schmidt and Margaret Schmidt



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**Fwd: Motion to free Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo**

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From: **Wertheim, Ellen** <EWertheim@bloomberg.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 8:00 AM

Subject: Motion to free Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo

To: "councilmember.price@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.price@lacity.org&gt;, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org&gt;, "david.ryu@lacity.org" &lt;david.ryu@lacity.org&gt;, "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" &lt;clerk.CPS@lacity.org&gt;, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" &lt;eric.villanueva@lacity.org&gt;

Please support the Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 to free Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo. Please help end his suffering and allow him to live out his remaining life in a sanctuary. Thank you.



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## Fwd: Fw: Email the Los Angeles City Council to HELP BILLY

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From: **m t** <msterion@yahoo.com>

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Cc: "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Councilpersons Koretz and O'Farrell,

Many thanks for your respective introduction and seconding of Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). It will be a deeply humane act to retire this lonely, disturbed pachyderm to one of the sanctuaries ready and waiting to receive him. Despite recent actions by GLAZA to expand and enhance their elephant exhibit, it is still too small for Billy to enjoy, and to maintain what quality of life remains for him away from the wild.

I am emailing my council representative David Ryu in CD4, from whom I hope to expect his vote for your motion since he has shown great sensitivity to animal issues, and since the L.A. Zoo is in his district.

I am also copying your council peers on the Arts, Parks, and River Committee, since they also know how much their constituents will appreciate finding a humane solution to Billy's ongoing misery, although lifelong residents of Los Angeles like me will be sad to see him go,

Many thanks,  
 Marguerite Topping  
 637 N. Bronson Ave.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90004



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**Fwd: Billy the elephant**

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From: **Samantha Turetsky** <samituretsky@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 9:19 AM  
Subject: Billy the elephant  
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Hello Council Member Koretz,

I am writing today to thank you for introducing Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). It is refreshing when those in positions of power concern themselves with voiceless animals who can't speak for themselves. Elephants are highly intelligent, social creatures and keeping Billy confined by himself in the zoo is a form of animal cruelty. He deserves to be retired to a reputable sanctuary where his needs can be adequately met. Thank you very much for your time and compassion with this matter.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Turetsky, M.S.



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

## Fwd: Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

2 messages

**Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:25 AM

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From: **Hugh Miller** <hugh@miller123.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 5:52 AM

Subject: Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary

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

June 1, 2017

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing to urge you to dismiss the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary and to halt all elephant breeding programs at the Los Angeles Zoo. As an employee at the Los Angeles Zoo, I witness the care that we provide to Billy every day. It is exemplary.

Elephants of Asia is Billy's home. In fact, the L.A. Zoo is the only home that Billy has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best – and largest – elephant habitats in North America in a state-of-the-art facility that has tremendous resources, top-quality health care and a dedicated staff.

Here's why Billy should stay at the Zoo:

- Billy is receiving the best care possible. Our Zoo is an AZA-accredited facility, which means we're held to the highest standards of animal management and welfare practices – and we're regularly inspected to ensure compliance with all levels of this care.
- Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat in the history of the L.A. Zoo and vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA).

- Elephants are highly intelligent and sociable animals, and they form deep emotional bonds. Billy has had companions during all of his 28 years at the L.A. Zoo, including his current companions Tina and Jewel. He has also become attached to his keepers and, after decades together, they are part of his "herd."
- While I respect the work of well-run sanctuaries, they simply do not have the staff, resources or facilities to provide the daily care, exercise and mental stimulation that Billy receives here at the Zoo. Also, since Billy is a bull, he wouldn't be allowed to mate and he would be kept separate from any other elephants at the sanctuary.
- Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species and the conservation of animals and habitats everywhere.
- He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP). Participation in the SSP program is a critical component of AZA accreditation and ensures sustainable populations.
- With nearly 1.8 million people visiting the L.A. Zoo annually, Billy, along with Tina and Jewel, are raising awareness every day about the urgent need to save their wild counterparts from extinction.

I work at the L.A. Zoo because I care passionately about animals. For the sake of the endangered species that Billy represents, I ask that you let Billy stay at his home in the L.A. Zoo.

Sincerely,

Hugh Miller

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From: **Brian Levitz** <BLevitz@lazoo.org>  
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Subject: Dismiss Motion to Send Billy to a Sanctuary  
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Cc: "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" <Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing to urge you to dismiss the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary and to halt all elephant breeding programs at the Los Angeles Zoo. As a Director of Sponsorships and Fundraising at the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, I witness the care that we provide to Billy every day. It is exemplary. I walk the Zoo grounds multiple times each and every day, and it's rare that I do not witness at least one example of the extraordinary care and focus on Billy's well-being given by the keeper and enrichment staff, or facilitated by the expansive Elephants of Asia exhibit with its diverse terrain, multiple pools, waterfall and varied flora.

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Brian Levitz  
502 Punahou Street  
Altadena, CA 91001



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## Fwd: Please support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453

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Cc: "lerk.CPS@lacity.org" <lerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

I have been following this story for some time as many people are. I am writing to urge the members of the committee to support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 - the motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo. I find it despicable and unacceptable the treatment Billy is receiving, particularly in a city as progressive as Los Angeles. In general the United States treats its animals as objects and not live beings. This is also despicable. It is about time that we respect the life that has been given to Billy and he (and all the other imprisoned animals) are allowed to live their lives in peace and not as a money making attraction for greedy people who cannot even give the proper and necessary care they deserve.

I want to thank Councilmember Paul Koretz who introduced a motion to Free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo. I want to say thank you to Councilman Koretz for introducing the motion and to councilman O'Farrell for seconding the motion.

Jim Conroy



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

## Fwd: Motion # 17-0453, free Billy the Elephant

1 message

**Eric (Roderico) Villanueva** <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>  
To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:27 AM

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From: **Lauren Amick** <laurass7@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Subject: Motion # 17-0453, free Billy the Elephant

To: "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>

Cc: "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" <clerk.CPS@lacity.org>, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" <eric.villanueva@lacity.org>

Dear Members of the Arts, Parks, & River Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453, to free Billy the Elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo.

Elephants are incredibly intelligent and feeling animals and no living being deserves to spend their lives locked up, alone, and suffering.

Please take this opportunity that has been presented to you to care and change a life for the better.

Thank you,  
Lauren Amick

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[www.freekibblekat.com](http://www.freekibblekat.com)  
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**Fwd: Free Billy the Elephant from the LA Zoo!**

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Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:28 AM

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From: **L Munoz** <lmunoz10@outlook.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 7:56 PM

Subject: Free Billy the Elephant from the LA Zoo!

To: "councilmember.price@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.price@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: "Clerk.CPS@lacity.org" &lt;Clerk.CPS@lacity.org&gt;, "Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org" &lt;Eric.Villanueva@lacity.org&gt;

Dear Councilmember Price,

I am writing in support of the Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo, introduced by Councilmember Paul Koretz and seconded by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on April 19, 2017. I urge you to support this motion to finally release Billy, kidnapped from the wild as an infant and held at the Los Angeles Zoo since 1989, to an appropriate sanctuary where he can live the remainder of his life in security, privacy, and dignity.

There is no justification for holding Elephants in captivity. Research has established that Elephants are highly complex, intelligent, and social, and they experience the same psychological reactions to captivity and isolation as humans, as evidenced by Billy's stereotypic head bobbing. In addition, Elephants need miles of habitat to roam, feed, and socialize. Billy is exhibiting the symptoms of complete psychological breakdown, commonly associated with captivity.

How long will the leadership of Los Angeles stand by and allow Elephants – majestic animals with capacities similar to our own – to be exploited for entertainment and profit? It is time to say enough. The City Council of Los Angeles should take a leadership role in the Sanctuary Movement gaining momentum around the world.

Thank you for your service to the City of Los Angeles. Again, please support the Motion to Free Billy.

Sincerely,

Lilibeth Munoz



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

## Fwd: Please support L.A. City Council Motion #17-0453 for Billy the elephant

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To: Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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From: **emily** <emilyviandier@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 8:12 PM  
Subject: Please support L.A. City Council Motion #17-0453 for Billy the elephant  
To: david.ryu@lacity.org  
Cc: clerk.CPS@lacity.org, eric.villanueva@lacity.org

Mr. David Ryu,

Please help send Billy the elephant to an accredited sanctuary. Since 1989 he's been living all alone, in isolation, at the L.A. Zoo. This is extremely unnatural for an elephant, he should be with other male elephants (as they are in the wild), and this terrible form of isolation mixed with his confined living space is literally driving Billy crazy (he only has a small, one acre enclosure to move around in, as opposed to the hundreds of miles elephants roam in in the wild).

Please support the Los Angeles City Council Motion #17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo). Elephants should not have to suffer and go insane, displaying behaviors like swaying and head bobbing--as Billy is doing--for the general public to be able to look at them in a zoo.

Thank you,  
Jamila HadjSalem  
email: emilyviandier@yahoo.com



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From: **Dawn M Chaney** <dawn26felix02@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 9:46 PM

Subject:

To: "clerk.CPS@lacity.org" &lt;clerk.CPS@lacity.org&gt;, "eric.villanueva@lacity.org" &lt;eric.villanueva@lacity.org&gt;

City Clerk and Administrative Assistant,

I'm writing to ask for your support to Los Angeles City Council Motion # 17-0453 (Motion to Free Billy from the Los Angeles Zoo).

Sincerely,  
Dawn Chaney (Concerned Citizen)