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CF#17-0453

1 message

Roy Rolin <rolin4dabears@yahoo.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Please be assured that Billy the elephant is currently receiving the best care possible and in the best caring environment...why consider a move that could be upsetting to him...

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Council File #17-0453 - do not pass!

1 message

Lori Rogalski <lori.rogalski@lacity.org>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 1:23 PM

Good afternoon -

I am writing as a concerned citizen, an animal expert by profession, and as an animal welfare activist. I am always looking into what will be the best situation for an animal, not what is best for humans when making decisions on behalf of animals. Billy the male elephant at the LA Zoo had a very rough beginning. His parents were killed by poachers then he was orphaned with no where to go and no one to care for him. The Los Angeles Zoo took him in and gave him a sanctuary. He has lived his whole life from then on at the LA Zoo with the same loving keepers caring for him. They are his herd. If Billy is sent to a sanctuary he will once again be taken away from his family. He should not have to go through this again.

My other concern is that a sanctuary is a zoo with a different name and it is less regulated and does not have to keep up to the standards of an AZA accredited zoo like LA. The LA Zoo is kept up to strict standards in order to maintain Billy's health and well being. A sanctuary has none of this.

Another concern is that at a sanctuary Billy will still be housed alone as he is an adult bull elephant and cannot be paired with other males for aggression reasons. He also cannot be housed with females in a sanctuary because they are not allowed to breed the elephants in a sanctuary and he is of breeding age. He does have a possibility of being housed with the new female elephant that now calls LA her home if she chooses to accept him.

Yet another concern is that Billy needs mental stimulation in forms of behavioral enrichment and training sessions to keep his brain working well. Neither of these will happen at a sanctuary. Billy will be left alone without human or elephant interaction and not even be given anything to do to pass the time. He will absolutely become neurotic and will suffer. This is unacceptable!

Concerns over animals should be discussed and decided by people who are educated on the subject. There is science and studies to learn from rather than to anthropomorphize what an elephant may look like he is expressing using human expressions which is completely inaccurate.

In conclusion, please do not send Billy to a sanctuary. Let him stay in his home at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lori Rogalski



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF #17-0453

1 message

Diane <dianetuchmayer@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:19 AM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

I have been a volunteer in the L.A. Zoo's Research Department for the past 12 years, doing weekly observations of our elephants. I strongly believe that Billy should stay at the zoo where he has a large, well-maintained yard to roam in, keepers who care for him with love and commitment, an Enrichment staff constantly working to keep Billy and the other elephants physically and mentally stimulated, and Research volunteers studying elephant behavior to help the keepers and Enrichment staff in their efforts.

Billy also has physical contact with our other three elephants and will, hopefully, in the future have a mate. In a sanctuary, there is absolutely no possibility of Billy ever having the mate that my research has clearly shown he needs.

Billy's headbobbing has decreased over the years and has been shown to be a result of his anticipation of a change in yards and the presence of food. Just yesterday I observed his headbobbing when he heard the keepers in an adjacent yard. After a few minutes, when he realized that he would not be moved, he returned to moving about his yard and foraging for food.

If I thought that Billy was unhappy and/or mistreated, I would be shouting from the roof tops that he should be moved. However, I am convinced that he should remain where he is. Hopefully, if other zoos knew that Billy was staying in L.A., there would be a greater opportunity for him to get the mate he needs.

Very sincerely,
Diane Tuchmayer



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy the Elephant

1 message

Caroline | Gmail <linethomp@gmail.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 12:17 PM

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

I am writing you, hoping you will care to read what I have to say.

Billy the Elephant is not so different from us. He loves his family — both elephant and human. He loves his home and he feels safe there. The L.A. Zoo IS a sanctuary for Billy. He has lived there for a very long time. In the videos of him, his contentment is obvious. Please do not uproot him. Please do not send him to live some place that isn't his home. Please do the right thing and let Billy stay — and live out his days — with his beloveds and in the beautiful habitat that was MADE FOR HIM at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Caroline Thompson



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy - CF # 17-0453

1 message

jean clark <jdclark2k@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 12:07 PM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Hello Mr. Espinosa,

I am writing to you in desperation today to help Billy, in hopes that you will take the time to read this and then take appropriate action. Do you have a pet? Do you know anyone who has a pet? I have the most adorable and loving dog. I have had him since he was only a few weeks old. He is our everything. We feed him, exercise him, stimulate him, play with him, take him to a veterinarian for medical needs, including preventative medical care. He has the opportunity to play with other dogs, but most of all he is loved and nurtured, and part of our family. I can't even imagine for one minute a group of strangers (we shall call animal rights activists) deciding that they know what is best for my dog, and take a motion to the city council for a vote, to take him away from his loving, protective environment and set him free. What comes next? A big truck pulls up in front of our house, strangers take him out of our yard, put him in the back of the truck to be taken on a long drive, far from home, dropped off in some meadow somewhere all alone, and then drives away? If that happened to my dog, he would probably run after the truck until he couldn't run any more and then eventually die of loneliness.

Billy is 33 years old and has lived at the LA Zoo since he was 4 years old. The zoo has made many improvements over the years to enlarge, and enhance Billy's environment with new yards, a barn, waterfalls and pools. Billy gets fed, exercised, stimulated, receives medical attention including preventative care. Billy lives among 3 other female elephants, and has 3 keepers that have known, loved, and taken great care of him for the past 23 years of his life. This is Billy's family, this is what Billy knows, and this is where Billy belongs! I don't believe for a minute that these activists know what is better for Billy than the people who know him and have spent the last two decades providing for him. Billy deserves so much better than to be removed from his loving family to live in solitary confinement and eventually die alone!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I pray you will make the right decision for Billy!

Sincerely,
Jean Clark

Patron and lover of the animals of the LA Zoo (especially Billy, Tina, Jewel, and Shaunzi)



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF 17-0453

1 message

Sue Saal <suesaal@cox.net>
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:43 PM

I'm writing to plead with you to keep Billy where he is.
How can anyone want to take him out of the environment that he has known for decades.
He is familiar with his handlers and his friends.
This is heartbreaking and cruel.
If this does come to fruition there will be many people raising their voices with their disgust.
Please..... keep Billy in his home.
Thank you.
Sue Saal

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453

1 message

carolyn lantz <llantzca@gmail.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:28 PM

Dear Michael Espinosa,

This is in reference to CF#17-0453.

It is against all kinds of reason to move Billy the elephant from the life and humans that he knows, trusts and depends upon. Sanctuaries are not inspected by any responsible agency. The LA Zoo is.

His routine and life will be totally uprooted and destroyed. That is NOT in the best interest of his health and well-being.

Since these sanctuaries tout that the elephants don't have to come in unless "they want to", the animals are not assessed daily as to their health concerns. Their feet have to be maintained or there is a high likelihood of infections leading to death. If there is TB (tuberculosis) present at a sanctuary, it can spread to a heretofore healthy animal that normally wouldn't have gotten it. The depression caused by being taken away from his home, his herd, his keepers would be devastating.

I don't know what you have been told, but it goes against good husbandry practices for any animal, much less an elephant.



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453 Male Asian Elephant Billy, Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens

1 message

Patrick Maluy <patrick.maluy@lacity.org>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:11 PM

To whom it may concern;

My name is Pat Maluy and I am a professional animal keeper. I am writing to you all today, to protest the attempt to relocate the male Asian Elephant, Billy to an elephant warehouse, otherwise known as PAWS.

I have been a professional animal keeper and animal manager for forty years now, and I feel I am highly qualified to give an opinion on the matter of Billy's welfare and well being. I have been caring for elephants for most of my professional career, working with almost two dozen different elephants, at four different institutions. I have worked with both Asian and African elephants and I can personally attest to the high caliber of care all the elephants receive, including Billy, at the LA Zoo. The zoo has six dedicated, full time elephant keepers to care for the four elephants here and several of the staff have been with these elephants and Billy for well over twenty years.

Collectively, the team working with the elephants here, have over 100 years of combined elephant experience and are the most qualified to speak to the elephants and their needs. To have an outside collective of animal rights agitators, internet experts, misguided do-gooders and politicians attempt to second guess what is best for the elephants is not only insulting to those who have dedicated their lives to these animals, it is downright dangerous.

Consider the proposal referenced above; the authors contend that Billy be moved to this so called 'sanctuary' so he doesn't have to experience hard surfaces, as if the facility has no concrete floors. The elephants PAWS do have access to hard surface flooring (concrete) and do spend a significant amount of their time, because of the colder temperatures experienced in Galt, so it is a myth that he would spend less to doing so.

Here at the LA Zoo on the other hand, elephants are allowed access to the indoor facilities at night, only during the coldest of nights, generally when it gets below 50 degrees, which is quite rare. The floors they are exposed to are actually quite forgiving to foot pads and joints as they are coated with a soft rubber coating. The author of the proposal also contends that the elephant habitat is hard and unforgiving, but in reality, the exhibit is routinely roto-tilled by heavy equipment every month and we have the records to show for it. Grass seeds are also spread throughout the exhibit to allow the animals to eat green grass, unlike those held at the 'sanctuary' which is not irrigated and cannot sustain live grass for most of the year. By contrast, the PAWS facility does not routinely roto-till the surfaces and areas the animals routinely move through, nor is the land irrigated. It is ironic this is a requirement for the LA Zoo, but not for the PAWS facility.

A further contention of the author of this proposal is that Billy is subjected to the collection of genetic material. This claim is patently false, though several years ago, staff opportunistically collected a sample from the floor after Billy had ejaculated on his own. I will say that I have been trained in and participated in the collection of semen from a variety of species, including elephants, and it is not an invasive or unpleasant technique. It is actually similar to the techniques used in the dairy and equine professions for decades and has been more recently adapted for use in exotic animals like elephants. Our elephants, as representatives of an endangered species, with fewer than 30,000 left in the wild, are treated with the utmost care and respect. The elephants have been taught to cooperate in their care, so that our veterinary team can administer to their needs, assess their health and when they are ill, which is rare, treat them properly.

In contrast, the PAWS facility cannot make the same claim, they may not have adequate and routine veterinary care. Many animals have died there, due to what appears to be under-qualified and inadequate staffing, poor housing, improper training, husbandry and medical care. The facility has had multiple animals die mysteriously, with no definitive diagnosis as to what caused their deaths. The facility and some of the animals have also tested positive for tuberculosis and the animals have apparently not been treated successfully or adequately. TB is a direct threat to Billy and any other animals living at those facilities and should not be ignored in this discussion.

An additional threat to any animal housed at the PAWS facility is the danger of fire. This facility does not have the ability to evacuate the animals in the event of a fire emergency. This was evidenced just a few years ago, when the whole area in the vicinity burned. The staff at PAWS was unable to effectively deal with the situation, as they don't have the trained staff, crates and vehicles to move animals in an evacuation. Despite the offers of several institutions, including the LA Zoo

to help with an evacuation, the offers were refused. It is unacceptable for any institution, zoo or sanctuary, to not be able to care for their animals during an emergency and this is yet another reason why we should never send any animal to such a facility.

Lastly, there is the suggestion that Billy is lonely and is never with other elephants. Though it is true that he is currently housed alone, he still has opportunity to interact with the other elephants and is routinely observed doing so, through gates and fencing. In contrast, at PAWS, Billy would have to be housed by himself, without any interaction with any other elephant at the PAWS facility, due to TB quarantine restrictions, restrictions as it relates species (they do not mix African elephants with Asians) and the fact that they would not want Billy to be with females as they are philosophically opposed to captive breeding.

So this is the myth being promulgated by the animal rights industry, that Billy would be free! In reality, they would rather he go to another facility, not under the jurisdiction nor being monitored by the city, it's employees, the USDA or the media. He would be warehoused away at the PAWS facility, with literally no oversight and monitoring. This is the trick of these types of 'sanctuary' where they open their doors once or twice a year, instead of being constantly under the microscope of the adoring public. and those who truly care about these and other wild and endangered creatures. The goal of the animal rights extremists is to end all care and keeping of animals and we should not allow them to further this true hidden agenda.

Please do not allow this motion to advance any further than it already has, please kill the motion now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pat Maluy
Animal Keeper and LA Taxpayer



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy the Elephant, Council File # 17-0453

1 message

Matt Carey <mattcarey8@gmail.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:02 PM

Greetings Mr. Espinosa and everyone at the Clerk's office,

I have been going to the LA Zoo for 25 of my 27 years, from a child captivated by seeing animals in real life instead of just on tv, to my life currently where I spend 2-3 days a week photographing so many animal personalities there. Having the opportunity to be at the zoo so much, I have been able to experience a lot, but more importantly, I have got to know the individual keepers and see all the love and hard work they put into each and every animal, every single day of the year.

In an ideal world, all wildlife should live in the wild. That is not a world we live in though with poaching, habitat loss, exotic pet trade, and a growing human population. The reality is, accredited zoos are trying to save species with the SSP (species survival plan), have saved and reintroduced animals back into their natural habitats, and raise money to help wildlife and those fighting in the field to protect them. I trust our keepers, many of which have years of experience and have spent time in the wild to observe natural behaviors as well as visiting other zoos to continuously learn about how to put the wellbeing of animals first.

For those who are wishing to remove Billy from his home at the zoo, I'd recommend getting to know the keepers and learn about the care each elephant get. Spend time watching the 4 elephants, not just a quick glimpse (or even worse, making up your mind based off the feelings of others). Please stop using the same "sad" looking photos over and over, trying to convince others Billy is miserable and treated poorly. Frequent zoo visitors and photographers can show you beautiful moments happen here, one of which I will attach in this email. Bars and fences don't mean this is a bad home for Billy. Billy being a mature elephant, for safety he is not with the 3 females, but he still has protected contact with them all. An argument is that Billy is stressed and that head bobbing proves that; from what I understand, he had that behavior from his life before the zoo and the keepers do everything they can to make him feel comfortable through enrichment and having access to the different elephant yard. Animals bond with keepers, Billy's have taken care of him for years, that is very important to quality of life when arguing if he is better at the zoo or some random sanctuary. There is this dream perspective where every sanctuary is better than any zoo, and that isn't true. Accredited zoos have to follow rules and protocols, that are constantly being re-evaluated.

Those fighting for Billy to stay vs. those who want to send him to a sanctuary are all animal lovers and want the best for every animal. I genuinely believe Billy would be stressed leaving the zoo. I truly hope he is allowed to stay in the only home he has known for decades, and I wish that those who want him sent to a sanctuary would use all their love for animals to fight for those who are truly suffering, those in bad zoos, bad sanctuaries, and in the wild.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matthew Carey, Los Angeles



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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF 17-0453

1 message

Gail Newman <theperfectmakeup@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 7:31 PM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Please keep the elephant with his keepers & elephant friends. It would be cruel to send him elsewhere. Thank you!

Sent from my Sprint Phone.



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

BILLY THE ELEPHANT

1 message

Nancy Peifer <nancypeifer@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 6:56 PM

Reply-To: Nancy Peifer <nancypeifer@yahoo.com>

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

There is no room in this world for cruelty to animals. Let Billy the elephant live out the remainder of his days in a wildlife sanctuary away from his sadistic, cruel life at the LA zoo.

If you have any kindness in your heart, take action and let Billy have a better life.

Dr. Peifer



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

KEEP BILLY WHERE HE IS!

1 message

Frank Di Stefano <fdistef@att.net>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:30 PM

Reply-To: Frank Di Stefano <fdistef@att.net>

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Sir, this is a no brainer. Think about what YOU would want if you were Billy. I'm sure you KNOW how he is loved and CARED for at the zoo by his keepers. I support Billy staying at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo! The activists want to send him to a sanctuary (duh, the zoo will takes better care of him) which is not a regulated place, no standards, and he will most likely have no interaction with other elephants as he is a mature bull elephant. Besides moving him which would be very STRESSFUL on him, **he has lived at the zoo for decades**, loves his new elephant ladies 😊 and has a full time multi person keeper staff and vet care staff taking the very best care of him.

This is elementary to me, but all animals in the wild only want food, water and peace! This is a NO BRAINER!!! Please educate people on the stress of moving animals. Moving a content Billy would just be STUPID!

Think about it...every one of those activists are plopped on their couch every night watching TV and eating snacks. Those activists are just lazy uneducated hypocrites. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Frank Di Stefano



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo

2 messages

Sharon Glaeser <sharon@roguetechinc.com>
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org, clerk.cps@lacity.org
Cc: Sharon Glaeser <sharon@roguetechinc.com>

Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 11:18 PM

Re: CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo

Dear Mr. Espinosa and members of the Art, Entertainment, Parks, and River Committee

I am writing in opposition to the attempt by Los Angeles city councilman Paul Koretz to remove the elephants from the Los Angeles Zoo. The LA Zoo has an outstanding elephant program with a state-of-the-art facility that supports species-specific needs and a staff that is highly experienced, well-educated, compassionate, and dedicated to the care and well-being of their elephants. The LA Zoo elephant staff are graduates of the the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Principles of Elephant Medicine course, and are members of an organization of elephant professionals committed to advancing excellence in elephant care.

The LA Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), which means they go through an annual review to make sure that all aspects of animal care for every animal in their zoo meets a set of standards. In contrast, the "sanctuary" where Councilman Koretz wants to send Billy is not accredited and does not meet these standards. Adult male elephants (bulls) have unique needs and present unique challenges, and the LA Zoo has proven their commitment to his care. Furthermore, this "sanctuary" has proven they are not able to offer social opportunities for bull elephants, so sadly, Billy would be alone for as long as he lived there. In the care of the LA Zoo he at least has contact with three older cows.

I am a research scientist and have been doing elephant research since 2005 in behavior, communication, reproduction, welfare, and conservation. I hold a master's degree in biology and I am currently pursuing a PhD in animal conservation and welfare science, in which I am using objective measures to assess the well-being of captive Asian elephants. I am involved in the professional elephant community of researchers, veterinarians, handlers, conservationists, and managers; and currently serve on a foundation and in a professional organization that support the care and conservation of elephants in range countries. I am an advocate for humane treatment of animals and people.

As an elephant researcher, I oppose the transfer of Billy or any LA Zoos elephants because I care deeply for elephants as individuals and as a species, and I want them to receive the best care possible and for our communities to care enough to conserve this endangered species. I am appalled at the politics of Paul Koretz on this issue, and I hope that the voice of reason and objectivity of fellow Council members will change the course of action. The 'friends' of Paul Koretz – a group of people with no elephant experience– promote an ideology that animals should be dead rather than in human care. Furthermore, these activist groups have shown little to no commitment to conservation. Elephants are in danger and we need to protect them, but we protect only what we love and we love only what we know. Keeping Billy and the females at the LA Zoo not only ensures they will receive excellent care for the rest of their lives, but that they will continue to give visitors a chance to fall in love and do whatever they can to help protect them in the wild.

The argument to move Billy is an argument of ideology - not welfare - as assessing welfare requires knowledge and experience and objectivity. Please hear the evidence of facts, and take into consideration the experience, commitment, and motivations behind the arguments. Please do not give attention to inflammatory claims and political influence. Billy is an individuals, a magnificent bull elephant, a sentient beings that deserve the best care possible. His fate must not be determined by ideology and politics.

Regards,

Sharon Stuart Glaeser



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Sharon Glaeser <sharon@roguetechinc.com>
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org, clerk.cps@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 9:41 PM

Dear Mr. Espinosa and County Clerk,

Please confirm that this letter was submitted as Communications from the Public. On the LACityClerk Connect site I only see letters submitted as of 1/22/2018 and I expect mine would appear as submitted 1/23/2018.

Thank you very much,

Sharon

From: Sharon Glaeser [mailto:sharon@roguetechinc.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 11:19 PM
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org; clerk.cps@lacity.org
Cc: Sharon Glaeser
Subject: CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo
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22 Jan 2018

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Regards,
Sharon Stuart Glaeser



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

reference CF 17-0453

1 message

Lynda Skyberg <lskyberg@fedex.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:18 PM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy is 33 years old and has lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for 29 years. The current keepers have cared for Billy for 25 years. That is nearly his entire life. These keepers are his family and he knows and trusts them. Not only does he have dedicated people who tend to his daily needs, he has 24 hour veterinary care. Billy is in excellent health both physically and mentally. He is in contact with other elephants and this contact is vital to this sensitive creature.

According to Icanimal.org., elephants are one of the most intelligent mammals on the planet and have immensely complex needs. These majestic animals require social bonds. These critical bonds are currently being provided by his keepers and the 3 other resident elephants, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi. Billy is able to touch and communicate with the girls. If he is taken to a sanctuary, Billy will never again have this critical psychological necessity.

With all due respect to the animal advocates, should Billy be moved, he will be gone from their minds as soon as the "sanctuary gates" hit Billy in his hindquarters. They will be off on another mission. Billy will just be a notch in their proverbial belt of "saves." But, Billy will live on in the hearts and soul of those that care for him on a daily basis. The three ladies, Tina, Jewel and Shaunzi, will also miss him as he is part of their world.

Please all Billy to live his life in the company of other elephants.

Please leave Billy in the dedicated hands of the veterinary staff and elephant keepers of the LA Zoo.

Please consider the psychological needs of Billy.

Please Do the right thing, leave Billy in the capable hands of the LA Zoo with his family.

Best Regards

Lynda Skyberg



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

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24 messages

Roger Bergeron <webmaster@lazoo.org>
Reply-To: pirateredrum@yahoo.com
To: clerk.cps@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:58 AM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Roger Bergeron
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Burbank, California 91505
[8185661570](tel:8185661570)
pirateredrum@yahoo.com

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

As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

The Elephants of Asia habitat at the Los Angeles Zoo is Billy's home. In fact, it's the only home that he has ever known. Billy lives in one of the best and largest elephant habitats in North America and benefits from tremendous resources, a dedicated staff, and top-quality health care. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is a letter regarding City Council File #17-0453.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:21 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of our position. Please do not hesitate to contact the IEF if you have any questions on this or other elephant related issues.

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22 January 2018

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The International Elephant Foundation (IEF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation of individuals and institutions, formed in 1998 dedicated to the conservation of African and Asian Elephants. Since 1999, IEF has provided support to well over 150 elephant conservation projects worldwide and over \$4.5 million in financial assistance. The IEF Board of Directors has over 300 years of accumulated experience working with elephants and represents the leading and most successful African and Asian elephant breeding facilities in North America. IEF board members and their institutions are the largest producers of elephants in North America and the largest contributors of biological samples, data, expertise and funds into the research of elephant reproduction and diseases that affect both captive **and wild** populations of elephants worldwide.

Scientific investigation of elephant physiology, reproduction and diseases that affect both captive **and wild** populations of elephants through the collection of biological samples, data, expertise and funds has resulted in ground-breaking knowledge and action. Individual members of the IEF board of directors in association with

their institutions are responsible for the cutting-edge research and documentation of the female elephant estrous cycle which is unique in the animal kingdom. This breakthrough was followed by the research and development of a successful and repeatable artificial insemination technique which is now **used worldwide** to improve elephant population numbers. The IEF was the first organization to identify EEHV as a high funding and research priority organizing national and international meetings for medical and veterinary experts to discuss management, treatment and research priorities. This has resulted in significant advancements in our knowledge of EEHV leading to improved management and treatment of those elephants, captive **and wild**, most susceptible to becoming ill from EEHV. Similarly, IEF has funded the research of tuberculosis in elephants and partnered in developing guidelines for its management. All these advancements, and many not mentioned, were possible due to the financial commitment of IEF board member institutions, the expertise of individual board members, the elephant management excellence of their staffs and partner elephant-holding institutions who have the ability to acquire necessary biological samples from willing, stress-free, well-managed elephants, and donations from the general public who in most cases were first introduced to a live elephant through a zoo.

We ask that you look beyond the emotional rhetoric and oppose this unnecessary and unwise L.A. City Council Motion CF #17-0453.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. Please do not hesitate to contact the IEF if you have any questions on this or other elephant related issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Olson', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

Deborah Olson
Executive Director



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy the Elephant, case #17-0453

1 message

Nicole Miller <gibbonlover150@gmail.com>
To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 7:46 PM

Dear Mr. Espinosa,

I am on Billy's side and in my heart of hearts he does not want to go to a sanctuary. He loves where he lives. He is very well fed, happy, well cared for by keepers and a full veterinary staff motivated to give him the best life. Billy is engaged with other elephants, out in nature in the beautiful Griffith Park and with people. He has it all at the Los Angeles Zoo. Please please help keep him at the Los Angeles Zoo where he is thriving and most importantly comfortable. I have been a keeper for 20 years and I know when an animal is in a good situation. I have seen wild elephants and he is doing just great. Life in the wild is usually far worse, they are poached, harrassed by villagers for eating their crops and go for long periods without water in droughts. Sanctuaries rarely if ever have a veterinarian on staff. The animals are not regulated by any outside agencies like the USDA or the AZA which the Los Angeles Zoo must follow many guidelines to ensure the animals well being and safety.

I hope you understand our united front of keepers, staff, volunteers, regular visitors, average patrons when I say please keep Billy home where he belongs at the Los Angeles Zoo!

Thank you,
Nicole Miller
Animal Keeper
Los Angeles Zoo



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF #17-0453 - Billy the Elephant Motion

1 message

dmarietamura <dmarietamura@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:18 PM

To: michael.espinosa@lacity.org

Honorable Members of AEPR Council Committee:

My name is Denise Tamura and I am a career City employee having worked for the City of Los Angeles almost 33 years and for the past 29 years at the Los Angeles Zoo. I am so fortunate to work at a City facility where all of the employees and volunteers share in the mission of the Zoo "Creating Dynamic Experiences to Connect People and Animals". It is not "just a job" to anyone that works here. The Zoo hires the very best to take care of all the magnificent beings that call the LA Zoo home from the smallest sunburst diving beetle to the largest, the Asian elephant. It's a slap in the face to everyone that works at the Los Angeles Zoo to have a member of the City family single out and criticize the wellbeing and care of Billy based on misinformation from a few vocal individuals rather than listen to the experts.

Billy arrived at the Zoo a few months after I did. I remember seeing him arrive as a juvenile elephant. It has been a privilege to watch him grow into the majestic handsome bull elephant he is now. It is not surprising that he thrives here because he has the best care possible. The keepers care about the animals and Billy's keepers care about him. You cannot entrust the Zoo staff to care for all of the Zoo's animals 365 days a year and single out Billy and insinuate he is not thriving. We have dedicated animal care staff that solely take care of our four elephants. If he were sent to a sanctuary, the public would never know how he is doing. If he were sent to a sanctuary, children and adults would not be able to marvel at his beautiful tusks, make eye contact while he is foraging for food, watch him move around his exhibit, listen to him trumpet. If he were sent to a sanctuary, YOU would never know how he is doing.

By keeping Billy at the Los Angeles Zoo, people can visit him daily to see for themselves that his needs are being met and guarantee that he will always be taken care of because he belongs to the citizens of this City. By keeping Billy at the Los Angeles Zoo, you, as City leaders, can continue to ensure Billy and the other Zoo animals are receiving the very best care possible. Come visit him anytime. The door is open.

The City Council is entrusted to do what's best for its citizens. There are many critical issues within the City - homelessness, affordable housing, good jobs - that need your attention. Billy's home at the Los Angeles Zoo being cared for and loved by the only family he has ever known. Please dismiss this motion.

Thank you.
Denise Tamura



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Billy Reference CF#17-0453

1 message

Brittany Daniel <bddaniel1@crimson.ua.edu>
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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 11:13 PM

Mr. Espinosa & Everyone at the city clerks office,

I started working for the Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens over a year, and that's when I first met Billy our bull elephant. I was given a tour of the elephant barn, and I got to see what actually goes into caring for our four Asian elephants. It still warms my heart to see how excited Billy gets when he sees his keepers (that have worked with him for over 20 years). Everyone that is pushing to move Billy because he is "sad" or "neglected" or "abused" need to take all the money being invested into this ridiculous campaign and invest in animals that truly are being abused, starved, killed, and ultimately left behind because of people like you. There are other areas that deserve your interest, please don't waste the resources on taking Billy away from his home & family just to relocate him to a sanctuary where he will know no one. Billy would not do well if he was moved to a sanctuary. I know people think they know what is best for Billy, but they truly should spend more time with him and his animal care staff & then it would be obvious that Billy doesn't deserve to be sent to a sanctuary away from the people he grew up with & his home (for now 29 years). Billy's keepers take such excellent care of him & the other elephants (the golden gals)! As a keeper for the zoo, I stand with the Los Angeles Zoo and the Elephant Keepers, the LA Zoo is Billy's home & we are his family.

Please consider doing good in our city, look at all the shelters around where cats and dogs are euthanized daily because of no space. You could take the money that you're using now and spay/neuter those animals, vaccinate those animals, provide care for those animals, set up adoption fairs for those animals...

This is a picture I took of Billy last May just as he enjoyed finding special treats left by his animal keepers.

Sincerely,

Brittany Daniel

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Sent from my iPhone



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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Fw: Billy Needs Your Help!

1 message

Donner 11 <donner11@outlook.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 3:37 PM

To: "michael.espinosa@lacity.org" <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Elephants do not belong in a Zoo!
You have an offer to take Billy to a sanctuary where he can be free!
No concrete floor. He can have dirt and water to play in, and the comfort of other elephants.
Let him go and be happy!

As always, Pippin says,

Be Careful Out There!

♥ Paw prints on my heart ♥

Miss Taffy2008(R.I.P)

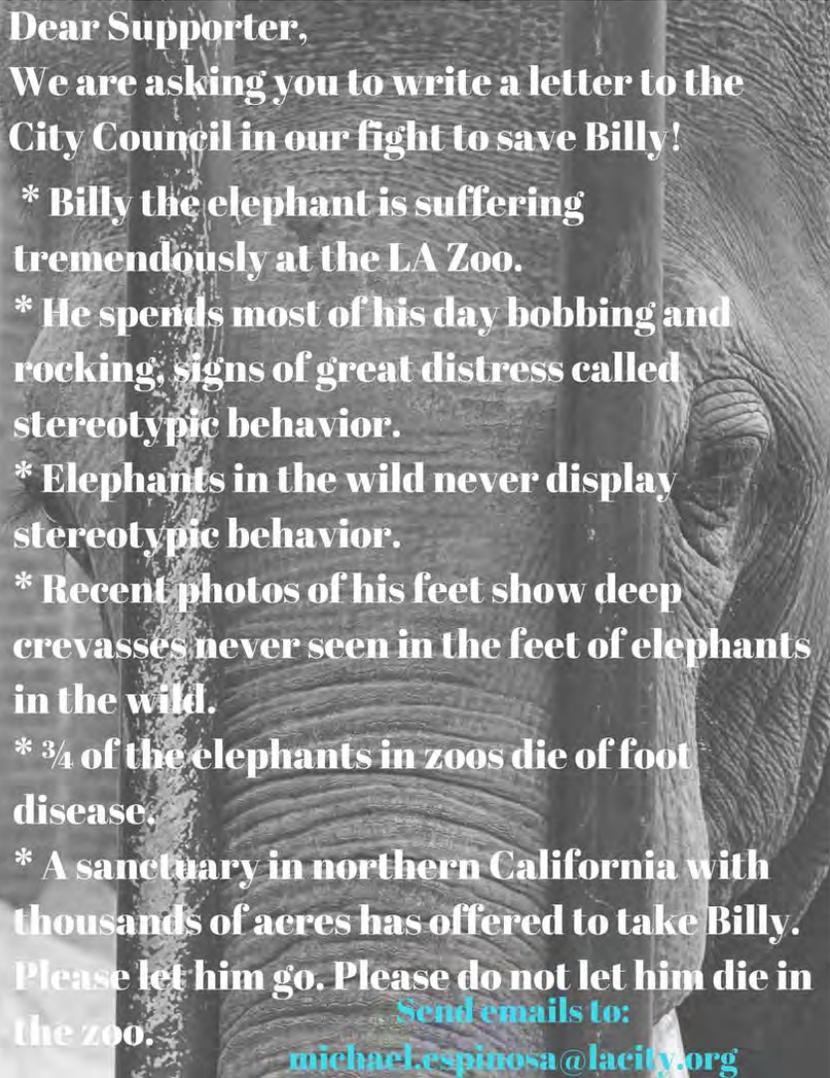


From: John Ortlieb <john@vftafoundation.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 3:29 PM

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Subject: Billy Needs Your Help!



Dear Supporter,

We are asking you to write a letter to the City Council in our fight to save Billy!

*** Billy the elephant is suffering tremendously at the LA Zoo.**

*** He spends most of his day bobbing and rocking, signs of great distress called stereotypic behavior.**

*** Elephants in the wild never display stereotypic behavior.**

*** Recent photos of his feet show deep crevasses never seen in the feet of elephants in the wild.**

*** 3/4 of the elephants in zoos die of foot disease.**

*** A sanctuary in northern California with thousands of acres has offered to take Billy. Please let him go. Please do not let him die in the zoo.**

Send emails to:

michael.espinosa@lacity.org



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

TIME TO EVOLVE - SET BILLY FREE!

1 message

dslaschiava@comcast.net <dslaschiava@comcast.net>
To: Michael Espinosa <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 4:14 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am contacting you today to implore you to release Billy to a reputable elephant sanctuary as soon as possible. Reports are

indicating that Billy's behavior is a clear indication that he is suffering from severe captivity induced stress.

The heartwarming rescue and rehabilitation of Nosey the elephant is proof positive that these sentient beings heal and thrive

in a sanctuary environment.

It is long over-due for humanity to make amends to these wondrous beings that have been so brutally and selfishly robbed of their

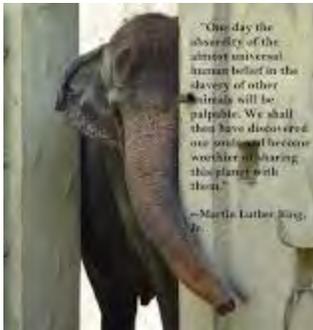
families and their freedom.

Please, release Billy now! Captivity KILLS!

Most Sincerely,

Dona LaSchiava

DSL Animal Advocacy



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#17-0453 Motion to Dismiss Motion to Relocate LA Zoo Elephant Billy

1 message

Lori <smithlori1991@gmail.com>
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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:50 AM

Memo in Opposition to Motion to Relocate Elephant Billy from Los Angeles Zoo

The LA Zoo is Los Angeles' generous gift to its citizens, a treasured oasis where families come to bond and adventure into exotic lands; many I see come regularly to visit the Billy the elephant, almost as if he's their family pet.

Procedure: The present matter has already been raised in the court system in Leider v. LA Zoo, where those Plaintiffs sought to close the LA Zoo Elephant exhibit and move Billy to Tennessee. That court refused to rule that the Elephant exhibit be shut down/Billy be moved, while it made a ruling to ensure exercising of the elephants/roto-tilling and no use of bull hooks (although the elephants were already being cared for in these regards). The California Supreme Court reversed even that ruling in May 2017, so the court never ordered that Billy be moved. If the court had felt Billy should be moved, it would have found a way!

With no court ordering Billy's move, now a motion is brought to the City Counsel — to move Billy from the only home he has ever known to a cold, lonely sanctuary in the vastly different northern California climate — similar to taking a dog from his family home and forcing him to live in a kennel in a cold, harsh, rainy climate with no one he knows to visit or comfort him.

My zoo background

I have been a non-employee, unpaid volunteer at the LA Zoo for 8 years, helping conduct research on the condition of Billy dating back to the years before his present, State-of-the Art enclosure was built. I am a UCLA grad, but took a supplemental UCLA extension class through the zoo on how to make proper animal research observations. Thus, I have spent far more time with Billy than the untrained casual observers who might, based on lack of proper observation and information, suggest a sanctuary might be a better spot.

Evidence Billy is well cared for:

1. Even during the construction phase, Billy had quite a large yard, with various diversity in terrain to climb, watering areas, feeding areas, carrot runs (elephant version of "fetch," etc. I'll never forget the day he first strode into the gigantic new yard with the tremendous waterfall and pool beneath for bathing and lakes and trees, which I observe him using often! What a delight!
2. During every visit, I see keepers interacting with Billy with warm affiliation, like he is a dear friend, rather than simply a ward.
3. Billy rushes to the keepers when they appear, and in all my years, I've never once seen him cower from a keeper. Abused animals do not race up to visit with their abusers!
4. Usually, Billy comes out in the morning and forages around for food which is hidden (to give him a challenge), and one can conclude from his body language that he enjoys feeding, just like a pet dog at home. While he bobs his head sometimes before feeding time, that seems to be linked to waiting for food or interactions, just like a young child jumps up and down in excitement before getting a treat.
5. At times, I've seen Billy approach the opening in the fence to the yard where the female elephants are, and appear to interact with them, which obviously can only be done under the

close supervision in a zoo — sanctuaries, out of necessity must keep male elephants out of contact with others, as they do not have the ability to afford safe interactions. In LA, he and the females have the opportunity to touch each other.

6. Billy engages in all the behaviors one would expect of an elephant — foraging for food, eating, bathing, giving himself baths with ground dust, acting playful with keepers....
7. I have never witnessed a harsh word or action toward Billy by any zoo personnel in my 8 years.
8. Billy appears to enjoy human interaction — on occasions, sometimes when I'd arrive, he'd strike a pose with his trunk up and his back leg outstretched; other times, he would play with water.
9. Since Billy is under constant observation, if a health issue should arise, top-notch health care can be rendered immediately (although he appears to be quite healthy).

Sanctuary living

1. As an attorney, I write grant letters for a sanctuary in The Congo. In hard times, our funding sometimes drops so low that we are in danger of not having enough money to feed the animals whose lives we are saving!!! This risk would definitely be true of any sanctuary where Billy would be sent in the prime of his life, at only age 32! What if they run out of funds and have to euthanize him! This risk does not exist at the LA Zoo.
2. Elephants are social animals. As mentioned above, Billy would be alone in a pen at a sanctuary, with no elephants to interact with (sanctuary males must be kept sequestered from females) and only rare visits by a keeper versus his life at the LA Zoo where people care for him lovingly like their own pets and he can observe the joy in the zoo visitors.
3. Health and safety issues might not be noted, because sanctuaries are not governed by the strict rules that a zoo must follow.
4. One might wonder whether the transportation or loneliness at a sanctuary might cause serious health problems, and expert testimony should certainly be required before such an undertaking is considered.

Sperm samples

While mention is made, I do not see any **data** in the moving papers regarding sperm samples, and I have never heard mention of anyone sedating Billy to obtain sperm or obtaining his sperm in any manner. Unsupported inflammatory statements must be disregarded. One would hope that **proof** would be required that such actions are occurring before making decisions based upon such a statement.

I request that you dismiss the present Motion, and consider restricting future motions, absent a change in facts.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Smith



Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

CF#17-0453

1 message

Heather Shields <heather.shields@lacity.org>
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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 8:41 AM

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to send this email in hopes to convey my opinion on the motion that was put forth by Council member Koretz regarding Billy the Asian elephant and his home at the Los Angeles Zoo. I am writing as a citizen of Los Angeles, a mother, an educator, and a champion of conservation. I have been in the field of conservation education for over 17 years and before that I was a classroom science teacher. I whole heartedly believe in the value of Zoo's, not only as a place where families can spend time together learning and connecting with our living planet, but the value that they have to elicit change. Most animals that live in Zoos are there because they cannot be released out in the wild - they in turn become ambassadors for their species that live in wild spaces. Zoos and aquariums are dedicated to helping to conserve wildlife and wild spaces and by presenting some of this wildlife to the public they begin to plant the seed that will hopefully grow into a mighty tree of change.

Billy is a prime example of why Zoos do what they do. Billy along with Jewel, Tina, and Shaunzi represent their wild counterparts and allow the Los Angeles Zoo to impact visitors on a daily basis. Billy has been here at the Los Angeles Zoo for most of his life and like all living creatures Billy considers the Zoo his home because the people who have cared for him for almost all of his life are here. I can't help to think of the phrase - "Home is where the heart is"....council member Koretz and the groups that are supporting this motion seem to think that Billy is unhappy here and that the Zoo is a bad place for Billy to be. The Zoo has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that they go above and beyond to care for Billy as well as the girls that he lives with. And Billy's love for his keepers and his home are proven by the robust desire he has on a daily basis to interact with them and be with them.

As I mentioned above the groups supporting this motion claim that the Zoo is bad for Billy, he is unhappy, and does not have enough space. How exactly are they quantifying that, let alone proving that? Billy is healthy, he is robust, he is highly interactive with his keepers and enjoys being around the other elephants, and most of all he loves his home. By agreeing with the motion - you are saying that all of that doesn't matter. Billy can't speak for himself but those who know him best and who have his best interests at heart believe that the Zoo is the best and only place for Billy to live - putting him in a sanctuary will take him away from the only home he has ever known and most of all removing him from his people - his family. The opponents claim how highly intelligent elephants are (which they are) and how intricate the emotional needs are for this species...so it baffles me how removing Billy from the only home and family he has ever known will be the best thing for him.

I contend that this motion is more about an agenda - which is to get rid of Zoos entirely than it is about Billy and it frustrates me that they are using Billy to try and forward this agenda.

Zoos and aquariums are a gateway to another world, a world that we desperately want to save - and Zoos do great work helping to guide their guests into this world and proving to them that this world is worth saving. 1.7 million guests who visit the Zoo yearly would agree that the Los Angeles Zoo does great work and takes care great care of its animals - including Billy.

Thank you for your time and I hope that the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee sees that the Los Angeles Zoo is the only home for Billy.

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Heather Shields
Education Manager
Los Angeles Zoo
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Council File #17-0453

100 messages

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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 6:08 AM

Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

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Sincerely,

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens (<http://www.lazoo.org>)

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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 6:10 AM

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The word "zoo" does not deserve the negative connotation that it has received in recent years, especially because zoos often have better resources than sanctuaries for providing the best health and welfare for captive wildlife. I am a zookeeper at another facility, and the professionalism and expertise of the staff at the LA Zoo is of a caliber that I have aspired for since I began my career. The animal's health and welfare is of utmost importance, and as zookeepers we dedicate our lives to making sure our animals have the best life possible.

I can only assume that this motion is someone's misguided attempt to provide Billy with the best life. He doesn't need to move to a sanctuary. He already has the best life with a dedicated and caring team of professionals who are well educated on elephant husbandry. Moving Billy away from the LA Zoo, the people he knows, the life he knows, and adding the stress of a move and getting to know new surroundings is completely unnecessary. I stand by my colleagues at the LA Zoo, and I hope you will too.

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Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 10:41 AM

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Michael Espinosa <michael.espinosa@lacity.org>

Please do not move Billy the Elephant!

1 message

Tracy Collins <tcoll33@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jan 23, 2018 at 12:18 PM

To: "Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org" <Michael.Espinosa@lacity.org>

Cc: "clerk@lacity.org" <clerk@lacity.org>

He's an older guy, likes his lady friends. Why move him off by himself; for what benefit would there be?

Please don't move him; he's happy where he is.

Sincerely,

Tracy E. Collins

Sent from Windows Mail



Melinda Novoa <melinda.novoa@lacity .org>

Council File #17-0453

100 messages

Ronald McRae <webmaster@lazoo.org>
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Dear Los Angeles City Council Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee Member,

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Sent by the Los Angeles Zoo on behalf of:

Zelie Bullen

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I am writing regarding Council File #17-0453, concerning Billy, the Bull Asian elephant, at the Los Angeles Zoo. As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

Billy lives in a wonderful environment that meets all of his needs, and then some. He lives in an incredible state-of-the-art facility, an amazing habitat with acres of land to roam, heated floors when HE chooses to go inside, wonderful water features, the company of female Asian elephants, and the equipment to care for him should he need it. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. He has the very best animal care staff who have been with him every day almost his entire life (30+ years). They use no 'tools' to manage him. By every measure he is a happy, extremely well cared for, elephant. He receives top-quality health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

Removing Billy to a sanctuary would critically reduce his level of care and his quality of life that he enjoys at the zoo. In a sanctuary, Billy would receive none of what I have described as the incredible features of his Zoo life and environment. Any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull. The ties he has with his present lifelong caregivers and fellow elephant companions here at the zoo would be broken. The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA (American Zoo Association), and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction. At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

Please do not consider subjecting Billy to the turmoil, disruption and danger that this move would bring. If you have questions about this, please visit Billy and see his habitat for yourself. A sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys. Never.

Please vote NO on this motion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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21 messages

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Dear Council Members -

As a volunteer in the Research Department at the L.A. Zoo, I am in full support of the Zoo keeping Billy the Asian elephant and continuing to provide the best care possible for him. Billy's habitat is one of the best and largest for elephants in the entire country. I have been to several zoos around the country, as well as other countries, and the L.A. Zoo's elephant habitat is one of the best I have ever seen. I believe taking Billy out of his current environment and away from the other elephants would have a very detrimental effect on him. It would also have a detrimental effect on the other elephants at the Zoo as well. Elephants are by nature very social animals, know each other well, and actually mourn over a loss.

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Unfortunately, due to the fact that I work full-time, I am unable to attend the council meeting. Therefore, I am writing this to encourage you to please vote to keep Billy at his long-time home at the L.A. Zoo.

Thank you for your consideration,
Joy Robbe



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81 messages

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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is a letter regarding City Council File #17-0453.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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I came to this page intending to write my own letter with my own words, but the one provided covers all the points I was going to make, and says it much more eloquently than I would be able to, so I will use the prepared letter and I hope you will not hold that against me!

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Billy lives in a wonderful environment that meets all of his needs, and then some. He lives in an incredible state-of-the-art facility, an amazing habitat with acres of land to roam, heated floors when HE chooses to go inside, wonderful water features, the company of female Asian elephants, and the equipment to care for him should he need it. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. He has the very best animal care staff who have been with him every day almost his entire life (30+ years). They use no 'tools' to manage him. By every measure he is a happy, extremely well cared for, elephant. He receives top-quality health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

Removing Billy to a sanctuary would critically reduce his level of care and his quality of life that he enjoys at the zoo. In a sanctuary, Billy would receive none of what I have described as the incredible features of his Zoo life and environment. Any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull. The ties he has with his present lifelong caregivers and fellow elephant companions here at the zoo would be broken. The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA (American Zoo Association), and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction. At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

Please do not consider subjecting Billy to the turmoil, disruption and danger that this move would bring. If you have questions about this, please visit Billy and see his habitat for yourself. A sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys. Never.

Please vote NO on this motion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Nicole Lucas

Jan 23



Other recipients: cler...@lacity.org

Billy is very happy at the LA Zoo. He is an amazing creature and deserves the best! Please let him stay in his beautiful home at the LA Zoo.

Thank you,
Nicole

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Fate of Billy, elephant at LA Z00

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**J. C. Danzansky**

Jan 23

**Other recipients:** cler...@lacity.org

Dear 'Clerk,'

For 23 years I worked as a volunteer with the elephants at The Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, DC. I m quite familiar with elephants' social and emotional needs and with the excellent care that Billy the Asian elephant at the Los Angeles Zoo has received there, which is exactly what he needs at this stage in his life.

The motion by Councilman Koretz (file #17-0453) to move him to a 'sanctuary' would actually be cruel.

Please add my voice to those who are opposing this move.

Sincerely yours,

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Bill the elephant file #17-0453

Rebecca Givens

Jan 23, 2018 5:51 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear council chambers,

As I am sure you are trying to do the best you can for the sake of the animals moving Billy would be the best thing for him. Elephants become bonded with their herds and removing them will be detrimental for that animal. Animal rights activists are never out for the good of the animal they are only out for their selfish gain of ruining the lives of those who care deeply about these exotics. You have no idea what you are doing by removing Billy. I urge you to open your mind and not be blinded by one part regardless of how they are convincing you otherwise. This world needs to be set right in so many ways and you have the power to set this situation right. Please leave him where he is this is his home and he knows his place. Only by conservation and determination of the people who care for any captive wild animal will these creatures ever last in this cruel world. This concept of them being unhappy is simply devastating to those who love and care for them. Again please do not listen to those animal rights activists they have become a negative force in the animal world. He was four when he arrived and has lived 29 years at the same place think of how horrible it would be to be stripped of your family. If you move him he will die. This is fact from people who know and care deeply about about him and other animals.

Sincerely
Rebecca Givens, licensed veterinary technician

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Council File #17-0453 Billy the Elephant

Lindsey Sayers

Jan 23, 2018 8:22 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing concerning the motion to relocate Billy the elephant from the LA Zoo to a sanctuary. I urge the council to keep Billy at the LA Zoo. From my observations of Billy and talking to the zoo keepers, it seems that Billy is in great health and is well taken care of at the zoo. He has a state of the art enclosure.

The motion to remove Billy provides no evidence that he is being mistreated at the zoo and provides no evidence that Billy would receive better care at a sanctuary.

For these reasons, I am asking you NOT to approve the motion to send Billy to a sanctuary and let him stay at the LA Zoo where he is well cared for and loved by the public.

Thank you,

Lindsey Sayers

Sent from my iPhone

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Elephants at The LA Zoo

William Caulfield

Jan 23, 2018 9:13 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Re: Council File #17-0453

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Los Angeles City Council,

I have been a member of the Los Angeles Zoo for ten years and have seen quite a few changes. The most exciting change has been the completion of the Elephant habitat. It goes above and beyond to provide a perfect environment for Billy, Tina and Jewel.

Before the habitat was built, I could have some sympathy for those who wanted Billy out of the Zoo and into a sanctuary. Now they just seem to be blindly following through on their agenda with no reference to the new reality.

The Los Angeles Zoo has answered their concerns and has already surpassed their demands. Now I hear that you will still have a vote on removing Billy from the Zoo and placing him in a sanctuary.

Please, when voting on this measure; stand up for the Los Angeles Zoo, its members and donors, its staff and administrators, and the children of Los Angeles. Keep Billy in his home!

Thank you.

—
Liam Caulfield
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Council File #17-0453: Please do not relocate Billy the elephant from the L.A. Zoo

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Jan 23, 2018 9:43 AM

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Greetings,

I am a member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association and I wish to submit my thoughts on why Billy SHOULD NOT be relocated from the Los Angeles Zoo, regarding Council File #17-0453.

Seeing Billy at the Los Angeles Zoo helps people, and especially children, understand the majesty of the elephant and recognize the importance of preserving their numbers in the wild. I have watched Billy on my many visits to the Zoo, and I feel Billy is well cared for and enjoys the personal attention he receives in his enclosure from visitors and Zoo staff.

Please do not remove Billy from his position of wildlife ambassador at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Sincerely, Dale O. Cipra 818-366-9090

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Council File #17-0453 Keep Billy at the LA Zoo!

Marjorie Laflin

Jan 23, 2018 10:33 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

For heavens' sake. Billy is an old elephant. He has lived many peaceful years at the LA Zoo. To move him now, with NEW attendants, NEW surroundings, NEW food is completely inhumane. KEEP him at the LA Zoo!

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Billy - CF # 17-0453

jean clark

Jan 23, 2018 12:23 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in desperation today to help Billy, in hopes that you will take the time to read this and then take appropriate action. Do you have a pet? Do you know anyone who has a pet? I have the most adorable and loving dog. I have had him since he was only a few weeks old. He is our everything. We feed him, exercise him, stimulate him, play with him, take him to a veterinarian for medical needs, including preventative medical care. He has the opportunity to play with other dogs, but most of all he is loved and nurtured, and part of our family. I can't even imagine for one minute a group of strangers (we shall call animal rights activists) deciding that they know what is best for my dog, and take a motion to the city council for a vote, to take him away from his loving, protective environment and set him free. What comes next? A big truck pulls up in front of our house, strangers take him out of our yard, put him in the back of the truck to be taken on a long drive, far from home, dropped off in some meadow somewhere all alone, and then drives away? If that happened to my dog, he would probably run after the truck until he couldn't run any more and then eventually die of loneliness.

Billy is 33 years old and has lived at the LA Zoo since he was 4 years old. The zoo has made many improvements over the years to enlarge, and enhance Billy's environment with new yards, a barn, waterfalls and pools. Billy gets fed, exercised, stimulated, receives medical attention including preventative care. Billy lives among 3 other female elephants, and has 3 keepers that have known, loved, and taken great care of him for the past 23 years of his life. This is Billy's family, this is what Billy knows, and this is where Billy belongs! I don't believe for a minute that these activists know what is better for Billy than the people who know him and have spent the last two decades providing for him. Billy deserves so much better than to be removed from his loving family to live in solitary confinement and eventually die alone!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I pray you will make the right decision for Billy!

Sincerely,

Jean Clark

Patron and lover of the animals of the LA Zoo (especially Billy, Tina, Jewel, and Shaunzi)

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Council File #17-0453 -- Billy the Elephant

Jen Martin

Jan 23, 2018 12:42 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Council,

My 3 and 4 year old children know and love Billy the Elephant. We were lucky enough to tour his barn on a visit to the L.A. Zoo, where we are members. It was very memorable to the children, who, many months later, recount how they saw Billy, Tina, Jewel and, "the new girl" Shanti. The zookeepers welcomed us and told us about the elephants' different personalities. This experience has created life-long elephant lovers out of two Los Angeles kids.

Please do not move Billy from his home.

Thank you,
Jennifer Martin
Resident of Los Angeles County

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Regarding "Reference Council File #17-0453"

Kevin Closson

Jan 23, 2018 12:46 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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

I am writing you as nearby resident and supporter of the city of Los Angeles and as a person who has a yearly membership to the Los Angeles Zoo. I would ask you to simply DISMISS L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary. It is nonsense, and not worth the time of the committee. There are more important issues in the city of Los Angeles to be dealt with.

I have observed the elephant Billy, his other three elephant companions, and the habitat at the L.A. Zoo for many years now. From what I have seen it is one of the biggest habitats in the U.S. at 6.5 acres (with 4 acres of yard space). He is with trained professionals that have been with him for many years who know him very well and love him. The Zoo is AZA accredited.

Why in the world would any one who loves animals want to send him away from such a great place to something a lot less. The word "sanctuary" is a nice buzz word, but all I see or hear about PAWS sanctuary and other places like that is the elephants have a good chance of getting TUBERCULOSIS! I do not want a healthy animal like Billy getting TUBERCULOSIS! There are whole host of issues about the lack of basic animal husbandry at these places that are highly questionable from an animal welfare perspective.

At the end of the day, all these animals at the L.A. Zoo live lives better than most people. If someone tells me otherwise then I want to know what objective ethical standard they are using. Please do not listen to animal rights activists where agenda is first over good science, facts, and reasoning.

Thank you,

Kevin Closson
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Re: Council File #17-0453 - Billy the Elephant

Emilie Pallos

Jan 23, 2018 1:09 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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

Good afternoon. My family is a longtime member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) and am writing today about an urgent matter concerning Billy the Asian elephant.

I am writing today to ask that Billy remain at the L.A. Zoo and that he NOT be sent to a sanctuary. I am certain his veterinary and daily care at the L.A. Zoo is first-rate. He has two elephant pals for socialization, and elephants are widely known to maintain species friendships for life.

Our family has enjoyed seeing all three of the Zoo's elephants in their impressive and vast new quarters in the center of the Zoo for the last few years. Billy is a particular favorite, and we always look for him on our frequent zoo visits. He is well-cared for and exceptionally bonded with his human staff. Seeing him trek across his vast enclosure for a bucket of carrots and fed by two zookeepers is really cool! Enrichment is a large part of his daily life, and he is happy and healthy at the L.A. Zoo.

I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 and NOT move Billy to a sanctuary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Emilie Pallos

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File # 17-0453 in support of the Los Angeles Zoo position re Billy the elephant

Karen Lundvall

Jan 23, 2018 1:55 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To: Council and Committee Members
From: Karen Lundvall, LA Zoo Member

I believe Billy is getting the best care and mental stimulation at his home at the LA Zoo. The word sanctuary is intended to evoke an ideal setting, a community of elephants coexisting in a peaceful manner, as in their home country. While this may be possible for groups of females and young, it isn't true of bull elephants. Billy is a bull.

I believe activists want Billy taken out of the Zoo, but to where isn't certain. Exchange the word sanctuary for a dried up field such as the past Central California proposal. Billy, a bull, would not be commingling with a group. More likely he would be fenced off and pacing at a gate in hopes to get to the other side.

I don't believe those who want Billy removed from the Zoo are being realistic as to Billy's long term welfare for many reasons, including expert veterinary care, daily management, and a proper nutrition program, mental stimulation. The highly educated and trained Zoo Staff is providing all this.

Reference the Tennessee Elephant Sanctuary news reports of premature elephant deaths in 2017 alone. It is startling.

In my opinion, sanctuary is generally an unrealistic romantic notion. It is more of a last resort for unwanted animals who no longer have sponsors.

Last word: Billy should continue receiving the best care possible at his LA Zoo home.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

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Billy at the LA Zoo

Victor Levine

Jan 23, 2018 2:41 PM

Posted in group: Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services

I am writing regarding Council File #17-0453, concerning Billy, the Bull Asian elephant, at the Los Angeles Zoo. As an area resident and a supporter of the Los Angeles Zoo, I urge you to dismiss L.A. City Council motion #17-0453 that would send Billy the Asian elephant to a sanctuary.

Billy lives in a wonderful environment that meets all of his needs, and then some. He lives in an incredible state-of-the-art facility, an amazing habitat with acres of land to roam, heated floors when HE chooses to go inside, wonderful water features, company with the female Asian elephants, and the equipment to care for him should he need it. Elephants of Asia is the largest habitat at the L.A. Zoo and the space vastly exceeds the standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), as well as those of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. He has the very best animal care staff who have been with him every day almost his entire life (30+ years). They use no 'tools' to manage him. By every measure he is a happy, extremely well cared for, elephant. He receives top-quality health care from board-certified staff veterinarians.

Removing Billy to a sanctuary would critically reduce his level of care and his quality of life that he enjoys at the zoo. In a sanctuary, Billy would receive none of what I have described as the incredible features of his Zoo life and environment. Any sanctuary would keep Billy separated from other elephants, since he is a bull. The ties he has with his present lifelong caregivers and fellow elephant companions here at the zoo would be broken. The fact is that sanctuaries are limited in their land and financial resources, no matter their size. They do not have an accrediting organization as stringent as the AZA (American Zoo Association), and they are not focused on or committed to saving animals from extinction. At the L.A. Zoo, Billy is an ambassador for his endangered species. He is an important member of the AZA Asian elephant Species Survival Plan (SSP) and his presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the Zoo annually. The L.A. Zoo does a tremendous amount of conservation work and is committed to saving the thousands of species, including wild Asian elephants, that are on the verge of extinction.

Please do not consider subjecting Billy to the turmoil, disruption and danger that this move would bring. If you have questions about this, please visit Billy and see his habitat for yourself. A sanctuary could never match the level of care and the quality of life that Billy enjoys. Never.

Please vote NO on this motion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Council File 17-0453

Mike Reiner

Jan 23, 2018 4:40 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I would like the council to know that I fully support the Los Angeles Zoo and their employees. They take excellent care of all the animals and most especially Billy the Elephant. Please do not remove him from an environment that he is comfortable with and one where he is well taken care of.

Ellen Reiner

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On Council File #17-0453

Nicole Hayes

Jan 23, 2018 5:07 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask you to dismiss Council File #17-0453, as no one with elephant management experience has been asked to comment, it is not clear that transferring Billy from the LA Zoo would benefit Billy, and there would be extensive future repercussions.

While I am not a constituent, I have personal experience with elephant management at an AZA accredited zoo.

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LA Zoo is a member of both the American Zoo Association (AZA) and the California Association of Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA), neither of which has publicly commented. Nor has input been solicited from the Elephant Manager's Association or Billy's own animal care

team. There is often context to why animal management decisions are made that is not available to the public—or if it is available, the public has not asked yet. For example, I once saw an elephant who spent part of each afternoon swaying back and forth, bobbing

her head and crossing her feet. When I talked to her keeper, I learned that she had developed that habit in the 1980s, when her enclosure was limited and boring; now that she has extensive enrichment and others to socialize with, the swaying and bobbing are

not a sign of boredom, but of excitement! She only does them when she knows it is almost mealtime.

Animal care decisions are not made lightly. Please ask the people who are responsible for Billy's care what impacts the decisions they have made before removing their ability to make those decisions at all.

Furthermore,

there is no reason to believe that transferring Billy would benefit him. Elephants are enormously difficult to transport safely, and, like humans, can get sick from stress. Billy has lived at the LA Zoo since he was a calf, for 29 years. Why is the proposal

to remove him from the zoo entirely, which would at best be disruptive and traumatic, instead of encouraging the zoo to improve their elephant enclosure? In addition, the only sanctuary that takes male elephants, Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), has

had elephant tuberculosis. Tuberculosis in elephants is often asymptomatic—making it extremely difficult to diagnose—but when it does develop into a full-blown ailment is often fatal. Billy may well have already been infected with tuberculosis, but outbreaks

are more common at sanctuaries than at zoos. Why subject Billy to the stress of moving only to take him somewhere with a higher risk of disease?

Finally,

there would be far-reaching consequences if the committee chooses to seize Billy. By seizing Billy, the AZA would consider the LA Zoo not to have ultimate control over its animals, and the zoo would lose its AZA accreditation. This means that any animal at

the zoo on loan as part of a Species Survival Plan—a breeding plan for the conservation and preservation of endangered species—would have to be returned. Those that the zoo owns would not be allowed to

breed with animals from AZA zoos, impacting the genetic diversity of any species the LA Zoo is currently helping to sustain. Due to a recent LA ordinance banning wild animal acts, the zoo would probably no longer be allowed to perform animal demonstrations: while the text of the ordinance is not yet written, it has been implied that only AZA zoos would be exempted.

Please

dismiss Council File #17-0453, and look into other ways to improve elephant care at the LA Zoo. The LA Zoo does exceptional work in the fields of education and conservation. Please consider working with them, rather than against them.

Thank
you,
Nicole
Hayes

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Billy The Elephant Transfer

Hunter Gaddy

Jan 23, 2018 5:36 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

I'm writing you today in opposition of the pending transfer for Billy the elephant to an animal sanctuary. Activists claim that he doesn't receive adequate care or have enough free-range to roam, but a recent 42 million dollar, 6 acre addition to the elephant enclosure points to quite the opposite. He's been part of the Los Angeles zoo for over 28 years & has become much more than just another tourist attraction; he's family. Those who choose to work for a zoo do so because they genuinely love animals & want what's best for them. Moving him away from the people who care for him most seems a bit rash & irresponsible. I realize the council is under a great deal of pressure from outside animal rights organizations, but moving him from one enclosure to another just seems like a waste of resources. You'd be taking him away from everything he's ever known, which could ultimately prove to be far more detrimental than what the goal you're seeking to achieve entails. I doubt all of these emails will actually be read, but I figured I'd give it a shot. Thank you for your time.

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council file #17-0453

Lisa Edmondson

Jan 23, 2018 5:50 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Council Arts, Parks7River committee members, re Billy the elephant at LAZoo. Billy should stay in Los Angeles!!! I cannot believe that anyone who has toured the Zoo's elephant exhibit would judge it as anything but the very best elephant facility in the World!!! Top of the line veterinarians and keepers care for Billy!! Why does the Sanctuary issue keep being resurrected when it has NO merit???

Respectfully,

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Billy the elephant: file #17-0453

rm...@roadrunner.com

Jan 23, 2018 6:05 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

As a biologist, life-long nature lover & Research Volunteer at the zoo for over two years, I have observed many animals, their environment, & their keepers. The care & attention that all animals get is the BEST. There is no way an animal will receive better care anywhere else, despite what radical activists who have neither the knowledge nor experience say. Thank you . R. Gebert

Sent from my iPhone

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Item #17 0457

Marilyn Bersch

Jan 23, 2018 6:21 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

As a docent for over 20 years and an animal lover, I cannot understand why the City Council or Councilman Paul Koretz are even entertaining the misguided and fanatical motion to remove Billy from an ideal home at the Los Angeles Zoo. Frankly, I thought this matter was settled some years ago.

The elephant exhibit at the Zoo is "state of the art" and there is no other place where Billy could get the type of care that he currently gets at the Zoo. Billy currently lives with 2 older non-breeding females which we took in from the San Diego Zoo. Frankly, my personal opinion is that I think the Zoo should bring in a breeding female for Billy — he is an endangered species.

Moreover, if the uninformed zealots get their way, ordinary people would have no opportunity to see elephants unless they are wealthy enough travel to Africa and/or Asia. How very selfish and unformed these protestors are — their position should be overruled.

Marilyn Bersch

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Please dismiss Council File #17-0453

Victoria Kaml

Jan 23, 2018 6:36 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear LA City Council,

My name is Victoria Kaml and I am an animal caretaker at the El Paso Zoo but I am also a native Californian. I have personally been to the LA Zoo several times and was one of the facilities that helped me make my decision to become a zoo keeper. I was absolutely amazed by the facility the first time I visited. The animal enclosures were designed for the best interest of the animals and I found the educational signs in front of each exhibit to be very informative. The staff was also incredibly kind and answered all of my questions to the best of their ability. One of the animal enclosures that stood out to me was the elephant area. The elephants looked like they were very well-cared for and when I talked to their keepers, I could tell that they truly loved their elephants.

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File 17-0453 Billy at the zoo

Elayne

Jan 23, 2018 6:53 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

As you are aware elephants have strong emotions and moving him from his loving caregivers would be unjust to him. Please think of him more kindly and leave him where he is loved and in a familiar home.

Sent from my iPhone

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Council File #17-0453 - Dismiss motion

Marissa Guterry

Jan 23, 2018 6:54 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello,

Obviously this is a brief statement about council file #17-0453 and the movement to relocate Billy the elephant from our local AZA accredited zoo to a "suitable" sanctuary. From what has been gleaned from the media, there have been few unaffiliated experts speaking on Billy's current welfare. I cannot encourage the city council more to seek the opinions of experts in elephant welfare and behavior who are not affiliated with either political party, and ultimately dismiss the motion to seize Billy.

The LA Zoo is an AZA accredited facility that provides the best possible husbandry for their charges. Not only does it work to conserve species that are on the brink of extinction, but it provides a foundation for millions of native 'Angelenos' like myself who have discovered a passion for education, conservation, and animal husbandry.

Thank You.

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Billy the elephant.

Mike Eittreim

Jan 23, 2018 7:04 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Please do not allow Billy to be removed by people who have no understanding of love and the love for animals. Before you do if you do please go live in that environment yourself for a month. Can you live without care or love, companionship? My bet is not! So let Billy stay where he is loved and with a reason to live. Better yet, go and talk with Kevin and live a day doing what he does. Then ask yourself who is right.

Sent from Windows Mail

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Please dismiss Council File #17-0453 edited

Victoria Kaml

Jan 23, 2018 7:32 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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

My name is Victoria Kaml and I am an animal caretaker at the El Paso Zoo but I am also a native Californian. I have personally been to the LA Zoo several times and was one of the facilities that helped me make my decision to become a zoo keeper. Being a zookeeper was never a childhood dream for me but when I was exposed to the zookeeping world I knew that is exactly what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. However, it has not been an easy path. After graduating from UC Davis with a bachelors in Wildlife Conservation Biology, I was hoping that just having some volunteer work at a local wildlife rehab facility would be able to get me a job. I was very much wrong. Believe it or not becoming a zookeeper is one of the most difficult careers to get into. You not only have to have a bachelors degree in biology but you must also have at least a years experience to even be looked at. It is also a very laborious job so you must be able to meet the minimum standards of walking around on your feet all day and be able to lift at least 50 pounds. It took me a year and a half worth of unpaid internships in order for me to land a position. It has been a huge hit on me financially but it was worth it to finally be able to do a job that I absolutely love and feel like I am making a difference to animals and visitors. As you can see, Zookeepers put a lot of time and passion just to start a career in this field and they continue to put this passion into everything that they do.

I can tell that the Los Angeles Zoo animal caretakers and management has incredible passion and love for what they do. I am absolutely amazed by the Los Angeles Zoo every time I visit. The animal enclosures are designed for the best interest of the animals and I find the educational signs in front of each exhibit to be very informative. The staff are also incredibly kind and have answered all of my questions to the best of their ability. One of the animal enclosures that stands out to me is the elephant area. The elephants look like they are very well-cared for and when I talked to their keepers, I could tell that they truly love their elephants.

I am writing to you in order for you to hear both sides of the argument. Zookeepers have years, if not decades of experience working with animals and are truly passionate about the animals in their care. Billy has been at the zoo for decades and is treated like a family member by the animal care staff. Taking him away would not only be devastating to his caregivers, but also to him as well. Elephants are intelligent creatures and often times will bond with their keepers and view them as their herd. I fully believe that the caregivers do everything possible to make sure he has a fulfilling and stimulating life. Billy also has a state-of-the-art facility that is incredibly large and allows Billy and the other elephants to be able to explore their enclosure however they please. Billy also plays an important role as an ambassador to his species. His presence at the L.A. Zoo raises awareness about his wild counterparts to the nearly 1.8 million people who visit the zoo annually, which helps inspire many people to care about Asian elephants and donate to causes that help wild Asian Elephants. The L.A. Zoo does an immense amount of conservation work and are devoted to helping many endangered animals including Asian Elephants. Before making this crucial decision that impacts Billy's life forever, please take the time to go to his home and talk to his caregivers and see how he is taken care of. There is no one better to speak to than the people who take care of him on a daily basis in order to find out what is best for him.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Victoria Kaml

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Billy the Elephant, case #17-0453**Nicole Miller**

Jan 23, 2018 7:55 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Council,

I am on Billy's side and in my heart of hearts he does not want to go to a sanctuary. He loves where he lives. He is very well fed, happy, well cared for by keepers and a full veterinary staff motivated to give him the best life. Billy is engaged with other elephants, out in nature in the beautiful Griffith Park and with people. He has it all at the Los Angeles Zoo. Please please help keep him at the Los Angeles Zoo where he is thriving and most importantly comfortable, I have been a keeper for 20 years and I know when an animal is in a good situation. I have seen wild elephants and he is doing just great. Life in the wild is usually far worse, they are poached, harrassed by villagers for eating their crops and go for long periods without water in droughts. Sanctuaries rarely if ever have a veterinarian on staff. The sanctuaries polices and management are not regulated by any outside agencies like the USDA or the AZA which the Los Angeles Zoo must follow many guidelines to ensure the animals well being and safety.

I hope you understand our united front of keepers, staff, volunteers, regular visitors, average patrons when I say please keep Billy home where he belongs at the Los Angeles Zoo!

Thank you,

Nicole Miller

Animal Keeper

Los Angeles Zoo

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Council File #17-0453. Please do not relocate Billy the elephant from the Los Angeles Zoo

rci...@socal.rr.com

Jan 23, 2018 8:00 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

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

When your Committee meets tomorrow, Wednesday at 2:30 pm, to vote on the matter of Billy's relocation (Council File #17-0453), please vote to keep Billy at the Los Angeles Zoo.

As a member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, I watched the Elephant Compound being built and have witnessed first hand Billy's interaction with his surroundings, staff and zoo visitors. Adults and Children delight in visiting Billy. Billy is a true ambassador for his endangered species and without this relationship Billy shares with the public, the passion to fight to protect them in the wild will be lost forever.

All my best,

Roberta Cipra (818-366-9090)

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Council File #17-0453/Billy the Elephant

Sherry Lopata

Jan 23, 2018 8:30 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Council File #17-0453

To whom it may concern:

Please keep Billy at the LA Zoo. I have a young son who has grown up visiting Billy. Billy always seems well taken care of and his attendants are sometimes visible.

My 11 year old son has even been to camps where zoo staff take the students in closer to the elephants and teach them more about them.

This education and appreciation is invaluable to the next generation who will be the ones facing extinction of many species.

The caring staff demonstrated their compassion and commitment to providing the best care possible.

I am an Angelino and proud of the Los Angeles Zoo!

Sincerely,
Sherry Lopata
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Council File #17-0453 - Dismiss this motion!

Michelle C Forelle

Jan 23, 2018 8:56 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To the Arts, Entertainment, Parks & River Committee,

I strongly urge you to dismiss this motion to remove Billy the elephant from the LA Zoo. I am a Los Angeles resident, and have been to the zoo many times. The LA Zoo is a highly regarded institution, full of dozens of experts and trained staff who are deeply knowledgeable about animal husbandry and care deeply about their wards. Allowing non-expert advocates to intervene in the zoo's ability to manage its animals would do incredible damage to the zoo.

By intervening like this, the LA Zoo would likely lose AZA accreditation, which would mean they could no longer participate in conservation breeding programs like the California condor program, which brought our great state bird back from the brink of extinction. Not only would this be an incredible blow to conservation programs, it would be a blow to the zoo itself as a large tourist attraction for Los Angeles.

While I understand (and in many ways share) people's general ethical concerns about zoos in general, the specific instance of Billy the elephant is not the way to navigate that debate. Please dismiss this motion and let the LA Zoo experts do their jobs.

Best regards,
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RE: CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo

Sharon Glaeser

Jan 23, 2018 9:41 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Mr. Espinosa and County Clerk,

Please confirm that this letter was submitted as Communications from the Public. On the LACityClerk Connect site I only see letters submitted as of 1/22/2018 and I expect mine would appear as submitted 1/23/2018.

Thank you very much,

Sharon

From: Sharon Glaeser [mailto:sharon@roguetechinc.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 11:19 PM
To: Michael.espinosa@lacity.org; clerk.cps@lacity.org
Cc: Sharon Glaeser
Subject: CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo
Importance: High

Re: CF #17-0453 - OPPOSE removing Billy from LA Zoo

Dear Mr. Espinosa and members of the Art, Entertainment, Parks, and River Committee

I am writing in opposition to the attempt by Los Angeles city councilman Paul Koretz to remove the elephants from the Los Angeles Zoo. The LA Zoo has an outstanding elephant program with a state-of-the-art facility that supports species-specific needs and a staff that is highly experienced, well-educated, compassionate, and dedicated to the care and well-being of their elephants. The LA Zoo elephant staff are graduates of the the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Principles of Elephant Medicine course, and are members of an organization of elephant professionals committed to advancing excellence in elephant care.

The LA Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), which means they go through an annual review to make sure that all aspects of animal care for every animal in their zoo meets a set of standards. In contrast, the "sanctuary" where Councilman Koretz wants to send Billy is not accredited and does not meet these standards. Adult male elephants (bulls) have unique needs and present unique challenges, and the LA Zoo has proven their commitment to his care. Furthermore, this "sanctuary" has proven they are not able to offer social opportunities for bull elephants, so sadly, Billy would be alone for as long as he lived there. In the care of the LA Zoo he at least has contact with three older cows.

I am a research scientist and have been doing elephant research since 2005 in behavior, communication, reproduction, welfare, and conservation. I hold a master's degree in biology and I am currently pursuing a PhD in animal conservation and welfare science, in which I am using objective measures to assess the well-being of captive Asian elephants. I am involved in the professional elephant community of researchers, veterinarians, handlers, conservationists, and managers; and currently serve on a foundation and in a professional organization that support the care and conservation of elephants in range countries. I am an advocate for humane treatment of animals and people.

As an elephant researcher, I oppose the transfer of Billy or any LA Zoos elephants because I care deeply for elephants as individuals and as a species, and I want them to receive the best care possible and for our communities to care enough to conserve this endangered species. I am appalled at the politics of Paul Koretz on this issue, and I hope that the voice of reason and objectivity of fellow Council members will change the course of action. The 'friends' of Paul Koretz – a group of people with no elephant experience– promote an ideology that animals should be dead rather than in human care. Furthermore, these activist groups have shown little to no commitment to conservation. Elephants are in danger and we need to protect them, but we protect only what we love and we love only what we know. Keeping Billy and the females at the LA Zoo not only ensures they will receive excellent care for the rest of their lives, but that they will continue to give visitors a chance to fall in love and do whatever they can to help protect them in the wild.

The argument to move Billy is an argument of ideology - not welfare - as assessing welfare requires knowledge and experience and objectivity. Please hear the evidence of facts, and take into consideration the experience, commitment, and motivations behind the arguments. Please do not give attention to inflammatory claims and political influence. Billy is an individuals, a magnificent bull elephant, a sentient beings that deserve the best care possible. His fate must not be determined by ideology and politics.

Regards,

Sharon Stuart Glaeser

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Comments on Council File #17-0453

Olivia Zunino

Jan 23, 2018 10:00 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Hello,

I'm e-malling in regards to the Billy the Asian Bull Elephant. I am an Animal Science major at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I study the proper care of animals, and it is a subject of extreme importance to me. I want to speak out against the movement to move Billy to a sanctuary.

He currently resides in an AZA accredited facility (AZA = Association of Zoos and Aquariums). This means that the LA Zoo is required to participate in conservation efforts for all its species and provide the highest standards of care. I have interned at multiple AZA accredited facilities and witnessed first-hand the strict protocols AZA facilities need to adhere to. Their animals receive diets specifically formulated to their needs, are regularly visited by certified veterinarians, receive enrichment which help them emulate their natural behavior, and much, much more.

Although sanctuaries occasionally emulate a more natural environment for the animals, they by no means are more beneficial to their welfare. Billy should remain in the facility that is already dedicated to his care and to the conservation of his species. Simply subjecting him to the process of transporting him to the sanctuary already shows little regard for his real well being. Forcing him to leave his current herd and re-establish himself in the hierarchy of another set of animals also endangers him. This new herd may also have diseases that could harm him. The list goes on.

Please, if you are intending to have Billy's best interests in mind, let him stay where he is.

Regards,
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Reference #17-0453: Billy the Elephant-Los Angeles Zoo

Susan Pearson

Jan 23, 2018 10:01 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I urge you all to vote NO on the motion to send Billy, the L.A. Zoo's bull elephant, to a sanctuary.

Billy is 33 years old and has been at the Zoo since he was 4 years old.

Sanctuaries cannot provide the level of care that the Zoo can provide – animal keepers, veterinary care, nutritional care, and he is housed in one of the largest and state of the art facilities.

Don't put him through the stress of a major move and readjustment in his life. He will be going from a facility where he can interact with Tina and Jewel, the two female elephants, to a sanctuary where his life will be a solitary one. He could not have better home or a better life than where he is now.

Vote No!

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Pearson

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File #17-0453 support Billy staying

Alexis

Jan 23, 2018 11:04 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am in support of Billy the elephant staying at the Los Angeles Zoo. I worked at the Los Angeles Zoo and botanical gardens for 9 years before staying home to take care of my young children. He has a team of professionals ensuring he is well taken care of. City of Los Angeles employees who work hard and deserve support. They are good people who do their job amazingly well.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
Alexis Higgins

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Billy file # 17-0453

Frank Di Stefano

Jan 23, 2018 11:52 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk - Public Use - Clerk Council and Public Services**

To whom this may concern, this is a no brainer. Think about what YOU would want if you were Billy. I'm sure you KNOW how he is loved and CARED for at the zoo by his keepers. I support Billy staying at his home at the Los Angeles Zoo! The activists want to send him to a sanctuary (duh, the zoo will take better care of him) which is not a regulated place, no standards, and he will most likely have no interaction with other elephants as he is a mature bull elephant. Besides moving him which would be very STRESSFUL on him, **he has lived at the zoo for decades**, loves his new elephant ladies 😊 and has a full time multi person keeper staff and vet care staff taking the very best care of him.

This is elementary to me, but all animals in the wild only want food, water and peace! This is a NO BRAINER!!! Please educate people on the stress of moving animals. Moving a content Billy would just be STUPID!

Think about it...every one of those activists are plopped on their couch every night watching TV and eating snacks. Those activists are just lazy uneducated hypocrites. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Frank Di Stefano