

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the new motion, 24-0209 and the upcoming Los Angeles City Council meeting on May 1 to address "the standards for elephant management and care, the Zoo's current compliance or non-compliance with the standards, and related matters" -- this is an oxymoron since the 'standards' of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for the care of elephants are too low to meet the needs of elephants. The current consensus among concerned academia and animal welfare advocates represents that elephants need far more room than the Los Angeles Zoo can provide to meet the needs of the two remaining Asian elephants, Tina and Billy, still under their care, to thrive and for their health not to deteriorate further. Billy and Tina need to be sent to an accredited sanctuary before their health deteriorates further and they meet the same fate as Jewel and Shaunzi.