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Subject: Please include in next agenda thank you - changing bylaw to allow zoos

Hello, I am writing to express my concern about council considering changing by laws to allow zoos and mobile zoos in our city. As I'm sure you have heard zoos around the world are closing due to dwindling attendance as people see these places for what they are, unnatural and unnecessary. They claim to be educational but everything you want to learn animals can be found in books or online.

They say people want to see these animals, tell me what good can come from seeing these poor beings in cages and tanks? These are not their natural habitats. Zoos cause great mental and physical suffering to the beings they trap there; London rightfully closed down the enclosures at Storybook Gardens why change our progress now? I urge you to think of the beings trapped in tanks and cages before you make any decisions on this subject.

And what happens when people think these beings would make great pets? They will inevitably be dropped off somewhere or released in a city park somewhere; the LACC only handles dogs and cats and can't even help with the issue of people releasing domestic rabbits and rescues are usually full.

The world is changing their ideas on zoos, do you want to be part of progress or do you want to see London regress? Thank you for your time

Regards,
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