

Dear Chair and Members, Community and Protective Services Committee, City of London,

I am writing because I have reviewed the scientific literature regarding the educational role of mobile animal programs, which is a significant facet of the Reptilia business, and I am in the process of final revisions to an academic paper on the subject. I urge the City of London not to change its animal control bylaw to accommodate any businesses that carries out these kinds of activities as there are very real animal welfare and human safety concerns associated with these activities.

I am happy to briefly speak at the Council meeting tomorrow, but will be teaching and therefore unavailable between 5 and 6pm.

Thanks very much,

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