

I am a resident of London and home owner, and I am writing to urge you not to support changes to Bylaw PH-3 and L-131-16 that would allow the keeping of prohibited Class 7 animals in the City of London and that would establish a license category and regulations governing exotic animal businesses.

Keeping exotic animals is cruel, and the idea the City would entertain the idea that we support companies like Reptilia is utterly egregious. This idea and proposal is backwards!

Stolen from their natural habitats in the wild, or bred in captivity, these animals are forced to perform unnatural acts for the public or live in unnatural environments as both entertainers and pets. Why is the city even interested in such an enterprise? This does not consider changes in public attitudes and values around keeping and using wild animals in captivity. Additionally, it does not recognize the growing body of information on issues around animal welfare, human health and safety and the environment and conservation. Come on folks, please support keeping London safe for people and animals and say NO to the proposed bylaw changes.

Sincerely,

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