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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Feb 14 , 2023 Council Meeting - Reptilia

To: Mayor and Members of London City Council

Re: changes to London's Animal Control Bylaw PH-3 & Business Licensing Bylaw L.-131-16

We are residents of London and live 1 block from Westmount Mall. Never in the 45 years that we have lived here did we ever envision a time when our city would allow an exotic reptile zoo to be allowed to set up shop in London, let alone in a residential mall.

We believe adding the exception to London's animal control bylaw at the request of a private zoo business is contrary to the bylaw's purpose. We strongly request that you do NOT support these changes. This may encourage other exotic animal businesses to try to come to London and we feel that this is not in the best interest of the animals or the city and will only create more problems not solve them.

In our opinion, amending London's bylaws would be a backward step that would erase the human safety, animal welfare and other benefits achieved through past City Council actions.

Living as close to Westmount Mall as we do, we have concerns with regard to the reptiles escaping and ending up in our back yard. Others have been assured this would never happen, which turned out not to be the case.

Some members on council seem to feel it would bring people to the city. Maybe once, but how many return visits will be created? Once they've seen it, we can't see them coming back again and again.

We strongly oppose to Reptilia being allowed to be located in Westmount Mall and to any changes in bylaw's relating to this.

We urge you to please support keeping London a safe and humane place for people and animals by saying "NO" to the bylaw changes.

Peter and Barbara Giampa