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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Exotic Animal Establishments-Bylaw amendments - for February 14, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda

To: Mayor and Members of London City Council

I am a resident of London. I am writing to urge you NOT to support changes to London's Animal Control Bylaw PH-3 and Business Licensing Bylaw L-131-16 that would allow the keeping of prohibited Class 7 animals in the City and that would establish a license category and regulations governing exotic animal businesses.

I believe adding an exemption to London's animal control bylaw at the request of a private zoo business, who doesn't need the exemption to operate, is contrary to the bylaw's purpose. I also believe that changing the business licensing bylaw may encourage other exotic animal businesses to try to come to London. That is not in the best interests of the animals or the City and will only create problems, not solve them.

Amending London's bylaws would be a backward step that would erase the human safety, animal welfare and other benefits achieved through past London City Council actions. It would also waste City staff time, resources, taxpayer dollars and diminish London's reputation as a modern, animal friendly municipality.

Please support keeping London a safe and humane place for people and animals by saying NO to the bylaw changes.

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