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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote against any exemption to zoo bylaw

I'm writing to ask all of you to vote against any attempt by the business Reptilia to undermine the City of London's bylaw prohibiting zoos and to refrain from making any changes to the laws that would create a business licensing category to regulate exotic animal businesses.

I'm frankly shocked that this issue has even been considered by any municipal committee or by the London City Council. There is no possible intelligent or moral justification for rolling back a bylaw that prevents businesses in London (or any other body) from caging and displaying wild animals. That this council is even discussing this possibility makes me wonder how the issue got this far. Reptilia should have been shut down long ago, using the bylaw that already exists.

Other cities have kept this business out. Were London to allow it to open, we'd look like some kind of business backwater, the place where the most unsavory businesses are allowed to open. Not all business is good business, and I shouldn't have to explain why a business that exploits and abuses wild animals for profit is immoral, reprehensible, and seriously out-dated. I mean, it's embarrassing as a citizen of London to read about how this is being debated in Council.

Respectfully, I ask you to keep this business and any other like it out of our city.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Exotic Animal Establishments- Bylaw amendments

Please see my email to my ward's councillor, Skylar Franke:

Dear Ms. Franke,

I'm writing to you, as your constituent in Ward 11 and as someone who voted for you in the last election, to ask you to speak out and vote against any attempt on the part of other members of London's City Council to make an exception to the Animal Control Bylaw PH-3. Zoos are always wrong, always. Wild animals should never be caged, not even reptiles. There is no educational argument that justifies allowing a zoo in London, Ontario. There are numerous resources online and in libraries available to anyone who wants to learn about wild animals.

Furthermore, if City Council members were to vote to allow an exception to the bylaw which would enable a private business to display animals (thereby abusing them), such an action would set a precedent that other unsavory businesses could call upon when they want exceptions to our important municipal bylaws.

Please do the right thing and speak out and vote against this attempt by an illegitimate business to bypass the laws that underpin the morality of our city. We can't call ourselves a progressive city if we encourage these kinds of businesses. They need to be sent packing.

Sincerely,

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