

1 [Urging the Transfer and Relocation of the Elephants at the San Francisco Zoo.]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Zoological Society to transfer ownership of and**  
4 **relocate elephants Lulu and Tinkerbelle to a credible sanctuary and to make the move**  
5 **in compliance with applicable state and federal regulations, and to immediately bring**  
6 **into the zoo representatives of the sanctuary to begin the transfer process USDA**  
7 **regulations and the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's Elephant Species**  
8 **Survival Plan as soon as reasonably possible.**

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10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Zoo houses one African and one Asian elephants; and,

11 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2004, Calle, a 37-year-old female Asian elephant at the San  
12 Francisco Zoo was euthanized due to a worsening condition of degenerative joint disease and  
13 possible relapse of tuberculosis; and,

14 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2004, Maybelle, one of two African elephants at the San  
15 Francisco Zoo and the third oldest elephant in the country, died of cardiovascular failure; and,

16 WHEREAS, On April 8, 2004, the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and  
17 Welfare voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors immediately act to  
18 transfer the remaining elephants at the Zoo to a sanctuary; and,

19 WHEREAS, Due to the current situation of lone elephants now inhabiting older exhibits,  
20 it is in the remaining elephants' best interests to relocate them to a credible sanctuary where  
21 they will have elephant companionship; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Performing Animal Welfare Society operates a sanctuary for  
23 elephants in San Andreas, California, less than three hours away from San Francisco, that  
24 offers 100 acres of naturalistic habitat for elephants and has expertise in treating sick and  
25 debilitated elephants; and,

1           WHEREAS, The Performing Animal Welfare Society sanctuary far exceeds federal  
2 requirements and zoo-industry standards for housing elephants and has offered to accept the  
3 San Francisco Zoo elephants at no cost to the City or Zoo; and

4           WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco owns the zoo and maintains legal “ownership”  
5 of the animals housed therein and contracts with the San Francisco Zoological Society to  
6 operate the zoo for the City; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 urges directs the San Francisco Zoological Society to transfer ownership of and relocate  
9 elephants Lulu and Tinkerbelle to ~~a credible sanctuary~~ the Performing Animal Welfare Society  
10 sanctuary, and to make the move in compliance with USDA applicable state and federal  
11 regulations, and to immediately bring in representatives of the sanctuary to begin the transfer  
12 process and the American Zoo and Aquarium Association’s Elephant Species Survival Plan  
13 as soon as reasonably possible.