

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