



IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS

TO: Board President, Supervisor London Breed and City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors (Sent via email to: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)

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RE: FILE #150191: Support For Health Code: Ban of Wild or Exotic Animals for Public Entertainment or Amusement

Dear President Breed and Board of Supervisors,

I write as a wildlife scientist and, on behalf of In Defense of Animals (IDA), a non-profit organization with 200,000 supporters; based in San Rafael and with a strong constituency in the San Francisco Bay area. We enthusiastically urge your support for your ban of wild or exotic animals used for public entertainment or amusement. We applaud and thank the Supervisors who introduced and supported this enlightened effort – and those of you who are seriously consider passing this important ordinance.

We urge you ensure that San Francisco no longer permits the archaic practice of using and abusing wild animals for entertainment or amusement. Please do not permit such future frivolous, inhumane, and dangerous (to the animals and the public) and cruel practices that take away from much-needed conservation efforts and the need to teach respect for – not exploitation of -for these magnificent and intelligent animals.

Given the unique and extensive physical and psychological needs of wild animals that science is increasingly documenting, there can be no reasonable justification for the continuation of such practices that, in their very nature, are now known to be highly abusive. Thank you.

With Gratitude,

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