



方卓怡 市議員 **Paula FLETCHER**

Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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To: Licensing and Standards Committee

Re: LS15.2 Exotic Animals

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

I am unable to be at Committee for the Committee discussion on LS15.2; Chapter 349, Animals: Exceptions for Prohibited Animals

I wish to advise you of my concerns with Hands On Exotics.

Many years ago I was advised by residents that they had seen a kangaroo on a leash being walk in the Carlaw Dundas area. This seemed impossible,

In doing my research, I found that hands On Exotics, a small firm had rented a commercial unit on Carlaw and alerted MLS.

In walking in the back lane, I saw in the window to their unit and witnessed a flamingo, standing on leg in a pie plate full of water. I contacted MLS again.

Shortly thereafter Hands On exotics moved to Etobicoke and applied as a shelter for exotic animals in an industrial area. City staff were opposed but the Committee of Adjustment approved the variance for a sheltering exotic animals.

However, since then, I have seen Hands On Exotics at school fairs. And yes, there was the kangaroo, on display in a little pen in a school classroom.

I don't believe this is fair treatment of animals and is certainly not a shelter situation and I do not support granting any further licence or exemption so that Hands On Exotics to parade these exotic animals on display at malls and schools as I believe it violates the intention of our by-law to protect exotic animals in pour city.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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