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## DECLARATION OF CORA SINGLETON

I, CORA SINGLETON, declare and state as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I am a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and I am employed as a Zoo Veterinarian with the Los Angeles Zoo (“L.A. Zoo”), where I have worked since January 2006. I received my DVM in 2001 from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. From 2002 – 2003, I held a zoological medicine internship at the Indianapolis Zoo. From 2003 – 2006, I held a residency in zoological medicine at the University of California – Davis, the San Diego Zoo, San Diego Wild Animal Park, and Sea World. I have worked with elephants at the Indianapolis Zoo, the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Wild Animal Park, and the L.A. Zoo.

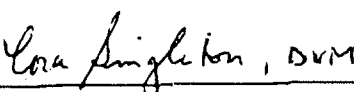
3. The L.A. Zoo has one elephant on exhibit, an Asian bull named Billy. I and the other Zoo Veterinarians at the L.A. Zoo see Billy on a regular basis. In addition to the regular preventive medicine program, which includes checking fecal samples for parasites, the collection of nasal discharge for tuberculosis culture, and administering vaccinations, Billy is given regular health evaluations.

4. I conducted a complete visual physical examination of Billy on June 22, 2007. Billy appears in excellent health. His skin is in excellent condition, his appetite is normal, he is alert, active and interested in his surroundings. He shows no visible signs of acquired musculoskeletal issues. His feet are in very good condition, with the only issue being the occasional minor nail cracks, which are common in this species. From my direct examinations, observations, and a review of his medical history, Billy is well cared for by his handlers at the L.A. Zoo, and he has no significant health issues nor displays any signs of abuse.

1           5. I am aware of the size of Billy's current exhibit and that L.A. Zoo plans to  
2 construct a new exhibit that will exceed the Association of Zoos and Aquariums current  
3 recommendations for elephant exhibit size. I am familiar with the exercise program  
4 provided to Billy by his keepers. Billy is exercised daily through a variety of activities.  
5 It is my opinion that, with a proper health and husbandry program, there is no reason to  
6 believe that an elephant cannot live a healthy life here at the L.A. Zoo.

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8           6. Billy displays head bobbing. Billy may bob his head for one of several  
9 reasons. I have noted Billy bobbing his head in anticipation of receiving food from his  
10 handlers, and therefore I believe the behavior is anticipatory in some situations.

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12 Executed this 23 day of January, 2008, at Los Angeles, California

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