## **DECLARATION OF JOHN LEWIS**

I, JOHN LEWIS, 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 the General Manager of the Los Angeles Zoo ("L.A. Zoo"), a position I have held since July 1, 2003. As part of my job responsibilities, I am involved in all construction activities at the L.A. Zoo, including Pachyderm Forest, which is the name of the new elephant exhibit currently under construction. I report on the progress of Pachyderm Forest to the Los Angeles Zoo Commission on a regular basis, and in so doing, I am knowledgeable as to the current state of the plans for Pachyderm Forest, its construction costs, and funding sources.
- 3. The plan for Pachyderm Forest includes an approximately 3.5 acre outdoor yard for the elephants with a large pool that will allow the elephants to get in and submerge and a second pool in which the elephants can walk into and lie down. The plans also call for a waterfall which the elephants will be able to walk under and shower themselves. The majority of the substrate in the outdoor yard will be a combination of soft soils and sand, and there will be a variety of live and fallen trees for the elephants to manipulate, scratch and do with as they choose. The exhibit will also include interpretive areas for India, China, Cambodia and Thailand, where Asian elephants are found in the wild. This interpretive area will be used to educate the public on the issues facing Asian elephants in their natural ranges. Pachyderm Forest will also include a state of the art, .35 acre indoor barn for the elephants.
- 4. The cost of Pachyderm Forest is \$38,748,240. Much of the funding will comes from two voter approved bond initiatives: \$11,913,540 from Los Angeles County Proposition A-1 and \$5,840,000 from Los Angeles City Proposition CC.

Another \$4,500,000 of the cost will be funded by a donation from the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA).

Executed this 22 day of January, 2008, at Los Angeles, California

John Lewis