

LILY TOMLIN

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The Honorable Tom Leppert, Mayor of Dallas
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla Street
Room 5EN
Dallas, TX 75201-6390

Dear Mayor Leppert:

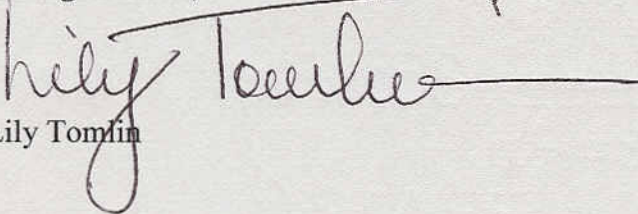
I am writing to urge you and the Dallas City Council to intercede on behalf of Jenny the African elephant who is housed at your zoo. As you know, the zoo is closing its elephant exhibit and planning to send Jenny to a Safari Park in Mexico where there is no USDA regulation, limited roaming space and, most significantly, which has no other African elephants. Elephants need the community of their kind.

At Safari Park, there are only Asian elephants and the two species of African and Asian do not mix at all. Elephants also need acres and acres of land on which to roam which Safari Park cannot provide. When confined without companionship and space to roam, elephants suffer severe physical and emotional damage.

Mayor Leppert, please, if you haven't been informed of the genuine plight of elephants in captivity, I hope you will make yourself aware. There are many qualified and concerned advocates who can make an emphatic and persuasive case for Jenny's transfer to the Sanctuary in Tennessee: There are other African elephants there living a more humane life roaming in community on hundreds of acres of land---and the Sanctuary wants Jenny! The informed caregivers there will welcome her and give her the understanding and affectionate care she will need to live out her days in comfort and peace.

Please use your influence to give Jenny this chance.

In all good faith,



Lily Tomlin