

Last Chance for Animals Condemns Judge's Decision Allowing Elephant Transfer to Tulsa Zoo



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Calls on Mayor Bass and LA City Council to Send Billy and Tina to a Sanctuary Instead

LOS ANGELES, May 15, 2025 /PRNewswire/ - Last Chance for Animals (LCA) is deeply disappointed by today's court ruling denying a temporary restraining order (TRO) to prevent the Los Angeles Zoo from transferring its last two remaining elephants, Billy and Tina, to the Tulsa Zoo in Oklahoma. The decision comes despite overwhelming public outcry and a lawsuit filed by a Los Angeles resident, who sought the TRO in order to give time to consider relocating the elephants to an accredited sanctuary instead of another zoo.

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Tina with manacles confined at the Los Angeles Zoo on May 3, 2025 (CNW Group/Last Chance For Animals)

While the judge acknowledged the troubling realities of elephant captivity, he ultimately deferred the matter to the city's elected officials, stating that it falls under their authority, not the court's.

LCA is not backing down. They are calling on L.A. Mayor Karen Bass and the City Council to do the right thing: halt the transfer of Billy and Tina to the Tulsa Zoo and direct the L.A. Zoo to send them to a sanctuary, where they can live out the remainder of their lives with peace, dignity, and the space they've been denied for decades.

"This is a tragic moment for Billy and Tina, but it's not the end," said LCA President and Founder Chris DeRose. "Today's decision puts the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of our elected officials. We will not stop fighting — not until Billy, Tina, and every other elephant exploited in the name of entertainment are treated as the sentient beings they are, not as exhibits or profit machines. The L.A. Zoo has failed these animals. It's time for L.A. to choose compassion over captivity."

The Tulsa Zoo's falsely labelled "preserve" is nothing more than another zoo. It is still a captive environment that cannot offer the space and social structures elephants desperately need. An accredited sanctuary would give Billy and Tina a chance to heal from their decades of captivity. Sanctuaries prioritize the elephant's needs over public display and entertainment.

The L.A. Zoo is ridding itself of responsibility by passing Billy and Tina off to yet another cage. Shuffling elephants from zoo to zoo is like rearranging chairs on the titanic.

Take Action Now:

LCA urges every L.A. resident to contact Mayor Karen Bass and your Los Angeles City Councilmember. Demand that they stop the transfer and direct the L.A. Zoo to send Billy and Tina to a sanctuary. Go to SaveTheLAZooElephants.com for more information.

About Last Chance for Animals (LCA)

LCA is an international non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating animal exploitation through education, investigations, legislation, and public awareness campaigns. Since its formation in 1984, LCA has succeeded as one of the nation's pioneer animal advocacy groups. LCA's educational and public outreach programs have empowered the public to make positive changes for animals in their communities. For more information, visit <https://lcanimal.org>.

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