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Agency: TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: There has been documented corruption within El Paso animal welfare agencies for decades, and in particular, the El Paso Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Stick House Sanctuary, a wildlife rehab facility in El Paso, has filed complaints against Parks and Wildlife director Ray Spears in the past, for lack of enforcement and accountability. I personally have experienced their failure to act upon violations and enforcement of existing laws. I have recently suffered retaliation from this department after complaining about a federal violation within the El Paso City Zoo when a healthy, federally protected animal was killed within thirty-minutes of being in their possession. I am requesting an investigation into the El Paso Parks and Wildlife Department concerning the failure to uphold and enforce state laws, and for illegal retaliation towards those who file complaints.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The replacement of Ray Spears and Officer Cone with more suitable individuals is the only way to ensure that state laws are upheld and enforced within the El Paso Parks and Wildlife Department. The actions of that department of resorting to intimidation tactics to silence the public is not only outrageous and unacceptable, but illegal.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree