

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Philip Homsey

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2021 05:10 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, I write on behalf of Griffith Park and specifically to support the implementation of the Wildlife Pilot Study and to fill the 140 Staff positions lost as a result of the pandemic. Griffith Park has been entrusted to your care. With that comes the responsibility to maintain it. Some things cannot afford to be put off. Protecting the wild life in the park is one of those things. Once they are lost, the environmental balance will be lost for a generation, if not forever. As for replacing the 140 staff personnel utilize funds earmarked for the homeless for the park serves as home for many homeless persons (this population, as you know, has never been fully accounted for; so actual numbers are not at hand). Utilize the concessions operating in the park, such as the Greek Theater's 998 account, as well as the Observatory, LA Zoo, Autry Museum, Travel Town, Pony rides, etc. Those are all uses that derive revenue from the park and should be required, as part of that, to help fund the preservation of the park in this unusual time of need. This is a multi-department issue, not just Recreations and Parks, but also Culture Affairs, Housing, Police, and DWP. If every affected department contributes some, the above vital goals can be accomplished. I have lived in CD-4 for 45 years so I have some historic perspective on this topic. I speak from experience, when I say, extraordinary times require extraordinary efforts. Thank you for considering my thoughts. Philip Homsey

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Cooper Ortner

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2021 01:59 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Members, Alzheimer's Los Angeles writes in support of the budget recommendation to meet the growing needs of the aging population as submitted by General Manager Laura Trejo. As noted by Ms. Trejo, Los Angeles County is home to one of the largest concentrations of older adults in the country. As a result, we are also home to many people living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, over 177,000 at last count, since age is the number one risk factor for developing a dementia. We know this well thanks to our forty years of serving Los Angeles families impacted by Alzheimer's through services and programs including care counseling, education, and support groups. Now is the time to take the lessons learned through the city's efforts to build an age and dementia friendly Los Angeles (Purposeful Aging Los Angeles) as well as those learned as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and use them to guide the city's funding priorities and policy decisions going forward. The recommendations put forward by the city's Department of Aging would do just that. Furthermore, each of the areas highlighted for action - social isolation, food insecurity, housing and transportation challenges – are of even greater urgency for people living with dementia and their caregivers. Challenges in any one of these areas could be the final straw that pushes an individual out of their preferred setting in their home and community. We strongly urge the Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance Committee to demonstrate their support for older adults by providing the funding needed to implement the Department of Aging's recommendations. Sincerely, Heather Cooper Ortner  
President and CEO



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**RE: 2021-22 Proposed Budget**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Cooper Ortner".

Heather Cooper Ortner, President and CEO



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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/04/2021 09:55 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Samantha Nieves and I am an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign. I strongly support the proposed budget's 1.1 million allocation to create the City's 1st ever youth development department. This investment is the first step to fully funding a department that will serve the City's youth. I want to ensure that there is long-term investment and a funding stream for this youth department. To best support the youth of Los Angeles we must have a centralized youth department where programming and resources are made available for us. We need city council to support and make sure this happens and we want to make sure it is reflected in our city's budget to support the over 3,000 youth experiencing homelessness, the over 480,000 living in poverty, and stop the 18,753 youth arrests. We need to see L.A City Council support the youth of the city and fully fund the Youth Development Department.