

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Glassell Park Improvement Association  
**Date Submitted:** 11/08/2021 08:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0828  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please read and consider our letter attached.



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6 November 2021

To: Councilmember Gil Cedillo  
Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell  
Councilmember Kevin de León

RE: LA Zoo Vision Plan Council File: 21-0828

The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA) has been active in the Glassell Park community for over 50 years and during those years we have taken an active role in supporting or opposing numerous projects on behalf of our residents.

We are writing to voice our opposition to the proposed Los Angeles Zoo 20 Year Vision Plan and our support for Alternative 1.

Griffith Park, while not within Glassell Park, is close to us and a valuable resource for Glassell Park residents both for recreational purposes and as nature preserve. Ever since it was dedicated, the City and park advocates have had to balance the dual needs of preserving the park as natural space and as developed park space for local residents. The current zoo structure falls within that balance.

Alternative 1 would help bring the Zoo up to 21st century standards and provide much needed infrastructure improvements for the well-being of the Zoo's animals and the research that is done there. However, the overly ambitious "20 Year Vision Plan", with increased traffic and large parking and entertainment structures, would destroy precious native woodland habitat, and turn the Zoo into an expensive theme park totally out of line with the scale and purpose of Griffith Park as a city park and nature preserve.

We join in supporting the Friends of Griffith Park in their support of Alternative 1 as outlined in their letter: [Friends of Griffith Park letter](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marge Piane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marge" and last name "Piane" clearly distinguishable.

Marge Piane, GPIA Secretary for  
Glassell Park Improvement Association Board of Directors

cc: Los Angeles City Council  
Friends of Griffith Park  
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Sabin

**Date Submitted:** 11/08/2021 09:57 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do NOT follow through with this major zoo expansion plan. Griffith park is too precious, and I believe ALL development that encroaches on natural spaces should be denied- no aerial trams, no consuming any more acreage to try to compete with theme parks for visitors during the Olympics. I'm of the opinion, that someday, hopefully zoos will really be no longer. I'm sure there will always be a place for them as places to help save endangered species, but the idea of having sentient beings locked up and pacing around cells for their entire lives, I think is horrible, and I hope someday the traditional idea of zoos is replaced. So, of course I hate the idea of us spending any money to EXPAND such places. I know I am in the minority though- and so I do not protest the idea of the zoo revamping any areas that are already developed, although if they do need my taxpayer dollars to do it, I am against that too. Please though, do not allow them to eat up any more undeveloped acreage of the park. Thanks for reading this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Petrea Sandel

**Date Submitted:** 11/08/2021 07:13 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am appalled to learn that the Los Angeles Zoo plans to destroy natural habitat in Griffith Park, including some 200 native trees that are supposedly protected. This is 2021, not 1956. We are at the end of the earth's limits. Destroying natural habitat in a city that already has plenty of attractions and NOT plenty of natural habitat is one of the dumbest, most backward-thinking ideas I've heard in a long time. Please don't. Please, please don't. Our future depends on protecting the environment, not destroying it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yael Pardess

**Date Submitted:** 11/08/2021 06:24 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the expansion of the zoo and the destruction of precious dwindling natural habitat. Not to mention wild animals that depends on this unique area. These animals are already competing with each other on less and less natural resources. the fires we have are not helping, and humans poisons and cars are accomplishing the rest. We do not need more congestion on the 5 Fwy, we do not need more pollution! We need green open land, fresh air and natural landscape. We do not need silly disney style attractions. Please leave these acres alone!!!