

Communication from Public

Name: Tanya Ward Goodman

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long time Los Feliz resident and a huge fan of Griffith Park, I read with some surprise and distress the plan to expand the zoo into a major (mega?) attraction at the expense of large swathes of wilderness. I'm deeply concerned that the addition of something called "Condor Canyon" will sacrifice the actual wild space that our native birds and animals call home. I applaud continuing efforts to limit car traffic in the park and support the idea that the park will be more enjoyable for more people if we can keep traffic to a minimum. The construction of a giant parking structure in the zoo expansion plan seems contrary to this idea. We have to start making some real choices -- we must consider the irreplaceable loss of our natural world. Tearing down old growth trees and established woodlands in favor of more concrete, hot dog stands and replica habitats is unconscionable. I spent a lot of time at the zoo when my children were small. I pushed my babies in their strollers up the long hill and played with them in the grass near the playground. The zoo was a quiet place of contemplation. Over the years, it's gotten bigger and louder and the restful areas are fewer and farther between. We don't need loud music or big shows. We don't need to climb a fake canyon wall. We need spaces where we can commune and connect. We need dark skies at night and the sweet mystery of a wooded land inaccessible to humans. I join LFIA, Friends of Griffith Park, CLAW, California Native Plant Society, the City of Burbank, and others in asking the Los Angeles City Council to approve an "Environmentally Superior Alternative," presented in the Zoo's Environmental Impact Report as Alternative 1.

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Name: Leslie J Edmonds
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Comments for Public Posting: In this time of increased awareness of the importance of trees and open spaces for both animal and human life, it seems incredible that the LA Zoo would tear down trees to build an artificial (and water-intensive) vineyard. How does this make any sense given our critical and increasing issues with heat and water availability? It doesn't. This plan might have been an entertaining idea 40 years ago, but now it's just blind and deaf to today's realities. We don't need a rock-climbing wall. We need a zoo that doesn't kill its elephants. That doesn't have primates and big cats depressed inside their too small, too restrictive, too unnatural enclosures. We need a zoo that helps endangered species and recognizes that animals are not born for our self-centered, egotistic entertainment. I'm ashamed that this idea is even being considered.

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Comments for Public Posting: Page | 1 of 2 November 17, 2021 Councilmember John Lee, Chair Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods (APHEN) LA City Council c/o City Clerk 200 North Spring St, Room 395 Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: LA Zoo's Vision Plan Project (CF-21-0828); Support for Alternative 1 Honorable Councilmember Lee and APHEN committee members: We are long time residents of Los Feliz and we emphatically join with the Friends of Griffith Park, Los Feliz Improvement Assoc (LFIA), Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW), and other groups to support of Alternative 1 as described in the Project's Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). The LA Zoo's mission includes a mandate to "support programs that preserve biodiversity and conserve natural habitat." The destruction of 25 acres of critical habitat for animals and plants is ill-advised. And we strongly support Alternative 1 (the Reduced Project Alternative) as an environmentally superior alternative in the FEIR. Likewise, we reject and oppose the proposed Project and Alternative 2, which both essentially have the same permanent deleterious impacts on the surrounding Griffith Park ecosystem, and thus the ecological health of the interconnected Rim of the Valley ecosystem. We are also concerned with extra traffic, noise and other destructive effects that would be brought on by more night-time events at the Zoo with the proposed Project and Alternative 2. Once again we most strongly support Alternative 1 which will accomplish the upgrading and modernization of the L.A. Zoo while minimizing the negative impact on local flora and fauna and vehicular traffic and preserve a precious, irreplaceable, beautiful local wild ecological system in the heart of our beloved Los Angeles.