

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 10:22 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0828

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am posting in support of the expansion Alternative 1 ONLY. Do not destroy our park!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 01:28 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposal to expand the L.A. Zoo into an amusement park is unconscionable. The Zoo is already negligent in its care of animals and the surrounding environs. It shouldn't be given more valuable space to provide low level entertainment. The destruction of land, and the displacement of its natural inhabitants, is one of the most disgusting things L.A. has considered (and that is saying A LOT considering how decrepit this city is). No one needs this. No one. The negative impact will never be fixable, appreciated, or forgotten.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Ho

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 11:57 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi there, thank you for your service and for the opportunity to comment. My name is Jennifer, I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I am writing to share my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Los Angeles Zoo. Doing this will damage the natural biodiversity we all depend on for healthy food, water, and air. Already we are faced with societal frameworks (urbanization, loss of biodiversity, carbon emissions from fossil fuels, etc.) incompatible with delivering a livable future for our children. I strongly urge against the expansion. Instead, I recommend preserving and carefully stewarding the 20 acres of native woodland habitat, protected trees/shrubs, and rare to near-threatened trees, all of which provide invaluable benefits: clean air, carbon storage, habitat for native wildlife, erosion control, healthy soils, replenishing of ground water supplies, beauty & inspiration, and so much more. The people do not need more theme parks; what we desperately need is to heal our connection with the land and the basic natural systems that we all depend on for our health. Thank you for your time and consideration. I strongly oppose the proposed expansion of the LA Zoo, and look forward to continuing this important conversation to deliver a healthy, livable Los Angeles for generations to come. Sincerely, Jennifer H. Resident of LA

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Denys Hemen

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0828

**Comments for Public Posting:** With all of the talk regarding fighting climate change, protecting the environment, and becoming a green city I hear from city officials, this proposal to develop more of the amazing woodlands around Griffith Park is very contradictory to this rhetoric. These trees that are proposed to be cut down and the land this expansion will overtake and erase much needed critical habitat for our native wildlife. I find the idea of this expansion reckless and will definitely join any protest movement that fights it. It is time for Los Angeles to get real about protecting what is left of its oak woodlands.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shawn Bailey

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 11:00 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The LA Zoo is already one of the biggest attractions in the city, with some of the best exhibits and care provided for animals in the country. Expanding the zoo for a temporary event but making a permanent change to Griffith Park is not how we should be looking at making the zoo better or protecting the park. Griffith Park is a gem inside a city filled with them. We have animals like P-22 and other more common ones like deer and bobcats which depend the wildness of the park. Hundreds of miles of hiking trails we all love, and trees and plants where smaller animals and birds make their homes, are all part of what makes the park amazing. Making a change which would result in a loss of 20 wild acres would be devastating. And for what? The Olympics will already be a drain on the city with no discernible benefit in the long-run. Why would anyone believe ruining one of the best parts of LA, which everyone in the city can enjoy, for an event as inconsequential to the city's livelihood as the Olympics would be a good idea? We need to protect our wild spaces. It's bad enough that LA has so many cars on the road and such bad public transit. The money spent expanding the zoo into nature would be better spent expanding our bus and rail lines in a more permanent and efficient way. I just don't see how this expansion has any benefit beyond the people who are bankrolling it and expecting a return. No one is mad about the size of the zoo, no one is clamoring for it to be made larger. The money the zoo may have been planning on spending for the expansion would go further making habitats for the giraffes or mountain goats better and more hospitable to them. It shouldn't be spent on a project piggybacking off of an already bad idea for the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2021 09:14 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Zoo expansion is unnecessary. It will increase vehicle traffic. The increase in space isn't justified with the low number of guests the zoo attracts. I hike by the zoo almost daily and see more of the surrounding area used by bikers, hikers and runners. More bikers park in the zoo parking than I see guests attending the zoo. If the zoo needs more land it should be moved to a different part of the city. Please do not approve this expansion. It is unnecessary and harmful to already decreased wildlife.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Georgia

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 12:11 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA city zoo does not have the right to destroy over 20 acres of native SoCal land for an expansion of the zoo. Griffith Park is home to so much wildlife ranging from protected trees to the famous mountain lion who roams Griffith park. Destroying that much land for a zoo expansion is disgusting and hypocritical, especially because the LA zoo has had programs to protect wildlife, especially wildlife who have lost their homes because of selfish humans actions

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laetitia

**Date Submitted:** 12/09/2021 08:33 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not take more land out of our public parks. Global warming is real. Let's do everything we can to fight it!