

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jaimie

**Date Submitted:** 07/19/2022 08:45 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0828

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Members of the City Council, I support the latest version of the Zoo's Vision Plan – Alternative 1.5 – because it will provide more hands-on educational experiences for kids and families, create larger and more immersive habitats for the animals, and allow the Zoo to expand its work to preserve animals from extinction. The Zoo has been invaluable in providing what for many Angelenos is the only place where they can experience precious wildlife from around the world and learn the important role we all play in protecting these habitats so that wildlife can thrive for generations to come. I appreciate that the Zoo has made sure children around the City are exposed to these experiences by hosting tens of thousands of kids through school field trips.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2022 08:03 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the LA City Council to REJECT the zoo expansion plan. Leave the natural spaces of Griffith Park alone. The habitat and human visitors to the park should not lose any land to a "entertainment-commercial-artificial-unsustainable" invasion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy Lee

**Date Submitted:** 07/25/2022 02:09 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Make animal areas more natural like the Animal Kindom park in Orland. If you visit "Africa" the guest see many herbavoris mix with other species in the African plains. The guest ride through a guided path and its the animals that roam around free. For the carnivors, they like to walk and run. Make their enclosures long so they have space, but there are wide areas where guest can see them, or maybe use a tram over the whole park like the park in Escondido.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** C Degenhardt

**Date Submitted:** 07/19/2022 10:12 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Its a shame when animlas INNOCENT animlas are being treated far worse than GUILTY inmates. This is our city? Our state? Shame on this happening. And firing people for comong forward ? Breeder liscence , spay and nueter , locking up animals for months, taking our tax dollars in your pockets and the jokes that run LAAS and not doing as were hired to do? If animals are mistreated, then adopted they will be returned and in the system again. this isnt fair to them or the people who are tryin to help. And bring back the task force to protect animal abuse in the police dept.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nina Boone

**Date Submitted:** 07/19/2022 10:21 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** SPECIAL MEETING – PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE Hello - I volunteer at various shelters around LA but have moved to private rescue for fostering and general volunteering. The LA shelters were such a depressing place, and I found myself completely unable to handle the situation as I felt anything I did there was not enough. Cat kennels were full of feces and urine as they need litter boxes to be sanitary and they never got out. Dog kennels for WEEKS were not cleaned up and dogs would often lay in their own mess or walk in it due to stress. Just being in the kennels this long also causes so many issues that makes dogs seem not adoptable. Please take some of the funding from the over \$1 million that should have gone towards fixing these issues years ago. We need to hire dog walkers, more full time employees, MANY more veterinarians not just vet techs that focus on shelters only, in house animal trainers, people to spend time with the cats to assess behavior, volunteers focused on the MANY other animals in there as well. It needs a full overhaul. We need to work closely with private rescues and really take advantage of everything. If you won't provide the funding these animals will die.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina Kim

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2022 03:25 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0828

**Comments for Public Posting:** LA Zoo 2022 Vision Plan (2022 Vision Plan)? (i.e., Alternative 1.5). I strongly support the LA Zoo 2022 Vision Plan (i.e., Alternative 1.5). There will be larger spaces for the animals and the kids will have more opportunities to learn. My family and I enjoyed our visits to the Zoo to look at the animals in the past and at an affordable price.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phyllis Marie Daugherty

**Date Submitted:** 07/18/2022 08:48 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** An emergency meeting will not solve the neglect that the shelters and animals have suffered for the entire tenure of Paul Koretz as head of the Animal Welfare Committee, which he contrived after imposing himself into the hiring of Brenda Barnette. Koretz is merely worried about the bad publicity that deservedly falls on him as the only political reviewer of the deterioration of Los Angeles Animal Services Department and the shelters paid for by taxpayers under Prop F. Both Barnette and Koretz expressed their disdain for animal control and animal shelters—Barnette because she was (is) a breeder and “fancier” of purebred animals and a former-political representative for the AKC, and Koretz who has spent his entire political career with the City attempting to destroy the animal shelters, which have to clean up after the abandonment, neglect and abuse of animals—something he has never discussed as he used popular political issues to gain re-election. Koretz expressed his distaste for shelters in stating to a local radio station that he never got over his parents taking the 19 cats he was feeding when he was a child to an animal shelter (where they undoubtedly were euthanized.) He never voiced his concern that the City law that owned cats must to altered has not been enforced, rather than allowing them to multiply in the streets. How dare he now—after his long tenure as head of the PAW Committee—try to save his political career and gain the ability to cover up as Controller the expenditure of millions of donated dollars designated solely for programs sponsored by the major donors who provide and charge for those services to LAAS. The shelters, including, or especially, the NE Valley shelter occupied by Best Friends Animal Society, are in shambles. Obvoiusly Koretz has not even driven by one or he would know that they are so neglected that they appear to be abandoned military barracks after a war. The exterior upkeep and any landscaping was ceased by Barnette right after her appointment as GM. The equipment within the shelters is outdated and much of it is malfunctioning and dangerous to employees and animals. The washing machines did not work for years and volunteers have spent their own money keeping conditions for animals sanitary and as comfortable as possible with little, if any, help from management and none from Koretz and the Council.. All the City shelters are overrun with rats. Where has Paul Koretz been? The

public can see it. The volunteers have been reporting it all regularly. CityWatchLA articles have chronicled the deterioration of the entire system. It is too late for Paul Koretz to salvage this situation with one meeting. He has proven he does not care but also does not want bad publicity during an election campaign. Sorry, Councilman, you have abandoned the voiceless in shelters for all these years and you cannot salvage your political career by a meeting generated only because the L.A. Times exposed your true lack of interest and your deliberate failure to the volunteers, employees and animals—other than for political issues which brought you publicity and photo-ops. . Phyllis M. Daugherty