

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Yeom
Date Submitted: 08/03/2022 12:18 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Members of the City Council: The Korean American Family Services (KFAM) supports the latest version of the Zoo's Vision Plan – Alternative 1.5, the California Focused Conservation Alternative – 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. KFAM is a nonprofit organization located in the heart of Koreatown, we were founded in 1983 and our mission is to empower underserved Korean American and Asian Pacific Islander families through culturally responsive programs. Our programs focus around Mental Health, Gender Based Violence and Foster care. Our services strengthen families and individuals to help them thrive in their lives. The LA Zoo is a space that KFAM uses to bring families together, in 2021, KFAM held our Foster Care and Adoptive meet and greet Holiday Party at the LA Zoo. The families felt comfortable and welcomed at the LA Zoo and after the party, they spent time with their children exploring and learning about animals at the zoom. Some families stayed for the Reindeer Stomp at Night time. We especially commend the Zoo's commitment to building more energy and water-saving infrastructure, including using irrigation to recycle and recirculate water, installing solar power in the parking lot and on rooftops, and installing cooler walkway materials to reduce heat. Investing in sustainable infrastructure is of paramount importance in the face of climate change and will make the Zoo a more livable place for the animals to live and for people to visit. Also, adding different continents to teach children about the animals who live there and bring in culture from those countries will be very impactful. When AAPI children see their historical background being showcased at public spaces like the LA Zoo, they feel like they belong, especially the AAPI community. 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. I hope that the LA City Council will

approve Alternative 1.5 of the Zoo's Vision Plan and invest in a world class zoo for our children, for the animals, and for our City.
Thank you.

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Name: Joe Gallagher

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of this exciting ambitious plan for our zoo. Zoos are important to the planet, and tourism is important to Los Angeles. If several dozen trees have to be cut down in the process I am still in favor of it. Sincerely, Joe Gallagher