

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John L.

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:19 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0828

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Members of the City Council, Westchester YMCA supports 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 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. Sincerely, YMCA

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathy Rodriguez

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:22 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Le escribo para expresar mi apoyo a la Alternativa 1.5 como se describe en el Informe de Impacto Ambiental Recirculado (EIR, por sus siglas en inglés) Focalizado de L.A. Zoo Vision Plan. La Alternativa 1.5 también se conoce como la Alternativa de Conservación Enfocada en California y es la Alternativa Ambientalmente Superior. A medida que el mundo enfrenta su sexta extinción masiva de especies, la conservación simultánea de especies locales y globales nunca ha sido más importante tanto para la biodiversidad como para los medios de vida humanos, y el zoológico está al frente de este trabajo. La Alternativa 1.5 es el mejor uso de los 133 acres del Zoológico, brindando el espacio y la infraestructura para garantizar el mejor cuidado y bienestar de los animales, involucrar significativamente a más personas en la conservación, crear un acceso más equitativo a la naturaleza y desarrollar un mejor hábitat para la vida silvestre nativa. Muchas de las instalaciones del zoológico tienen más de 50 años y deben actualizarse para mejorar el bienestar y el cuidado de los animales, garantizar la accesibilidad de los visitantes para todos los angelinos y satisfacer las crecientes necesidades de sostenibilidad frente al cambio climático. La Alternativa 1.5 construirá primero el Área de California, lo que permitirá al público experimentar en persona por primera vez especies nativas de vida silvestre, como el cóndor de California protegido por el gobierno federal. Además de brindar un aumento de más del 160 % en espacios para animales en ambientes contiguos más grandes, la Alternativa 1.5 dará como resultado la plantación de más árboles y arbustos nativos y preservará y restaurará 6 acres de bosques de robles nativos, lo que promueve la biodiversidad prevaleciente y objetivos de conectividad del hábitat. El nuevo acceso público a la cima de una colina en el área de California brindará a muchos angelinos una perspectiva inolvidable de cómo el trabajo crítico de conservación del zoológico encaja en nuestro entorno natural, desde su hogar en Griffith Park hasta las montañas Verdugo y San Gabriel. Finalmente, al eliminar la estructura de estacionamiento e implementar el Programa de Manejo de Visitantes en Horas Pico, la Alternativa 1.5 reducirá la cantidad de visitas realizadas al Zoológico en automóvil. Por todas estas razones, le recomiendo que apruebe la Alternativa 1.5, la Alternativa de conservación enfocada en California.

Sinceramente, Kathy R. Del Rey

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jae Sim

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:43 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Members of the City Council, As a resident of the San Fernando Valley, I write in support of the Zoo's latest Vision Plan, Alternative 1.5, because it will provide more accessible routes throughout the Zoo and make it a more spacious habitat for the animals. I hope to see more linguistically accessible materials throughout the Zoo so more people of all backgrounds will be able to have an educational experience.  
Sincerely, Jae Sim

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ephraim Montoya

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Los Angeles and support the Zoo Vision Plan (Alternative 1.5). I hope City Council votes to approve it, thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Lee

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 02:58 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Pacific Palisades, I strongly believe that Zoo Vision plan alternative 1.5 would be the best for the animals AND the people of Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to select Alternative 1.5.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mariam Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:01 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Del Rey and want to tell City Council to vote for alternative 1.5 for the Zoo. I've taken my family to the zoo multiple times and definitely believe we need to improve the zoo. Please vote the best alternative for the Zoo- alternative 1.5

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Larry T.

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:05 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Larry and I am a lifelong resident of the Palms neighborhood. While I am 65 years old, I know that our future deserves much better. And this includes a better Zoo for our City. I want to drop my support for alternative 1.5 - the California conservation plan. Please pass this so that my grandkids and their kids can see a world class zoo in our City.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeremy Warren

**Date Submitted:** 08/08/2022 03:14 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon elected officials, I am writing to express my support for Alternative 1.5 as described in the L.A. Zoo Vision Plan's Focused Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Alternative 1.5 is also known as the California Focused Conservation Alternative and is the Environmentally Superior Alternative. As the world faces its sixth mass extinction of species, the simultaneous conservation of local and global species has never been more important for both biodiversity and human livelihoods, and the Zoo is at the forefront of this work. Alternative 1.5 is the best use of the Zoo's 133 acres, providing the space and infrastructure to ensure the best care and welfare of the animals, engage significantly more people in conservation, create more equitable access to nature, and develop better habitat for native wildlife. Many of the Zoo's facilities are more than 50 years old and need to be upgraded to improve animal welfare and care, ensure visitor accessibility for all Angelenos, and meet increasing sustainability needs in the face of climate change. Alternative 1.5 will build the California Area first, which will allow the public to experience native wildlife species, such as the federally-protected California Condor, in person for the first time. In addition to providing a more than 160% increase in spaces for animals in larger, contiguous environments, Alternative 1.5 will result in the planting of more native trees and shrubs and will preserve and restore 6 acres of native oak woodland, which advances prevailing biodiversity and habitat connectivity goals. New public hilltop access in the California Area will give many Angelenos a first-time, unforgettable perspective of how the Zoo's critical conservation work fits into our natural environment - from its home in Griffith Park to the Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains. Finally, by removing the parking structure and implementing the Peak Visitor Management Program, Alternative 1.5 will reduce the number of visits made to the Zoo by car. For all of these reasons, I recommend that you approve Alternative 1.5, the California Focused Conservation Alternative. Sincerely, Jeremy Warren Mar Vista - 90066