

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe the vision plan for the Los Angeles Zoo needs to be reconsidered in light of the impact of drought and global warming on the possibility of safely providing a home for non-native animals. Assuming that the captivity of the Zoo's animal population could be justified on the basis of species preservation and public education, which is debatable, Los Angeles is not well-situated for this type of activity due to our need to conserve our failing water supply and due to the increasingly frequent heat waves that we are experiencing. It may be time to relocate the animals to sanctuaries and to rethink how best to use the property for the benefit of local wildlife, along with providing access to therapeutic experiences in nature, especially for children and families of local communities lacking green spaces in their neighborhoods. I propose that representatives of the traditional Indigenous communities of Los Angeles take the lead in determining the best plan for the property going forward.