



August 17, 2022

The Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles
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**SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT – LOS ANGELES ZOO VISION PLAN
ALTERNATIVE 1.5, THE CALIFORNIA FOCUSED
CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE (C.F. 21-0828)**

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

At our regularly scheduled meeting of July 19, 2022, the Board of Zoo Commissioners (Board) was presented with the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan Alternative 1.5, The California Focused Conservation Alternative. At our August 16, 2022 meeting, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter of support to the City Council for Alternative 1.5.

The Vision Plan will guide future development and modernization of the Zoo for the next 20 years. It includes comprehensive redesign and redevelopment to replace outdated buildings and infrastructure, to improve animal care and welfare, further the Zoo’s commitment to conservation, ensure accessibility and inclusiveness, and enhance our visitors’ experience.

The Zoo developed Alternative 1.5 based on public feedback, through engaging a variety of audiences, listening to their suggestions, reflecting on these comments, and reevaluating our Vision Plan. The Los Angeles Zoo Commission supports the new Alternative 1.5, The California Focused Conservation Alternative because it reflects respect for community engagement and is an environmentally superior alternative. We applaud the Zoo for developing this new alternative, focused on improving the Zoo for the benefit of the animals in our care and the greater Los Angeles community.

Thank you,

KAREN B. WINNICK, President
Board of Zoo Commissioners

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