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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Silver Lake (second generation homeowner) I am a member of the SL Wildlife Sanctuary. I agree with both the Friends of Griffith Park and the LFIA, which listed these objectives verbatim: • The enormity of habitat destruction of the Condor Canyon is staggering. Excavating more than 74,000 cubic yard of earth/rock will leave permanent scars on this pristine ridgeline. Dump trucks clogging the roads, noise from blasting rock away, razing and bulldozing the land – all for what? • The new plan also calls for more event space to be constructed near the entrance, on top of 73,500 sq ft. of visitor centers planned. We can imagine late night parties with excessive sound and lights. Is this appropriate use of the space? • LA Zoo animal space would increase while areas for residential wildlife would decrease. Overall, 16.1 acres of land is targeted for development that will displace native trees and plants. Required mitigation does little to offset loss of an entire ecosystem. • Digging a 60-foot -deep trench, whether by blasting or by excavation, to go through a hill is impactful and entirely unnecessary. Your own illustrations state that ADA guests can either take the corridor or the tram. Since they already have access, there is no need to build another. • The zoo is proposing 750,000 new visitors/year. What are the real measures to mitigate the impacts of those automobile trips on the park and adjacent neighborhoods? When one looks under the hood, the Peak Visitation Management Program doesn't offer any certainty that the park and the adjacent neighborhoods won't be flooded with additional cars. And, there is a reliance on the Parkline Shuttle, but that shuttle is currently not functioning (and hasn't been for several years), does not have funding, and is not scheduled to recommence due to a driver staffing shortage. • LFIA's greatest concern is that the Zoo seems to be changing its focus from animal care and conservation to an entertainment venue and event rental space. The Zoo is located entirely in Griffith Park which is zoned Open Space. The emphasis and reallocation of space in the proposed Zoo Vision Plan towards entertainment is not allowed on land zoned for Open Space. Finally, in my own words, and most importantly what about the impact of the current, long-lasting drought on our environment locally and the effects of how these new plans will address our increasing drastic need for fresh and recycled water conservation.

Enhancing zoo animal care means caring for these beings to live a natural long life because they have no choice but to depend on the humans who have caged them. They need clean water and air and a natural habitat all, more than us humans who are responsible for endangering them. How will the proposed increased number of humans affect water consumption vs current water consumption in the long run (for the next generations of wildlife and humans)? What if there is not enough storm water to capture per year to sustain the increase? Then what? Tell the zoo and wild animals they need to cut back on their water consumption?

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern: While I applaud the efforts of the city of LA to upgrade our zoo, to give more space to the animals and to address water consumption, sustainability and equitable access, I object to the concept of "growing local habitat." Fourteen acres of landscape removal and disruption of natural systems including established local wildlife I believe is contrary to the concept of a truly natural habitat. I also object to features like the climbing wall and other "attractions" that will be expensive and not contribute to the main mission of the zoo, which is animal care and protection. Please consider the animals first and last in any plan for a future LA Zoo! Best, Sue Mary Iri 2755 Angus St. Los Angeles, CA 90039