

Communication from Public

Name: Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary

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Comments for Public Posting: We commend and thank the LA Zoo and the Bureau of Engineering for working with the public in amending their plans to create the new Alternative 1.5. However, while Alternative 1.5 is improved in many respects, we cannot support it. What we can support, and ask the Zoo to consider, is an updated version of Alternative 1.5 to include the following changes: 1) Most significantly, that an updated version model its California Planning Area development along the lines of what was proposed in Alternative 1. The current Alternative 1.5 would destroy much more untouched land habitat in order to create an artificial environment, complete with a climbing wall. This is particularly seen in the enormity of habitat destruction needed to create "Condor Canyon" within the California Planning Area. The destruction is staggering. Unfortunately, mitigation with replanting never substitutes for original untouched habitat. The LA Zoo's mission and modernization need not come at the expense of razing undeveloped lands and disrupting the native species that currently call it home. 2) That an updated version eliminate the additional event space near the entrance. The current Alternative 1.5 calls for more revenue-producing event space near the entrance, on top of 73,800 sq ft. of visitor centers planned, all of which could change the Zoo into a Special Event Facility, or, as some have thought, Disney Lite. We feel this is inimical to the Zoo's mission and - with the noise, lights, crowds and traffic - a detriment to the surrounding non-zoo wildlife. 3) Finally, that all Zoo lighting, current and planned, be modified in accordance with wildlife-friendly regulations such as are established in the current Wildlife District Ordinance, CPC-2022-3413-CA and CPC-2022-3712-ZC https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/706b2aa2-4b3b-43c4-8aeb-b5cc378e36cd/2022_City_of_LA_Revised_Draft_Wildlife_Ordinance_Public_Release.pdf refer Page 17 Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continued collaboration in conserving our wildlife habitat, with a further updated Alternative. All the best, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary Board Jane Cook - 1302 Westerly Terrace, LA CA 90026 Mike Krose - 2166 Moreno Drive, LA CA 90039 Freda Shen - 2658 Griffith Park Blvd, #136, LA CA 90039

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Name: Mario Milch, MD

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long time resident of Los Feliz who utilizes Griffith Park frequently, particularly for hiking and socializing, I am concerned about the latest iteration of the expansion plans for the Zoo. I and many of my family are members of the LA Zoo and appreciate what it offers, particularly for our children and grandchildren. We fully-supports the Zoo's mission of conservation, outreach and education, and look forward to supporting their plans for modernization and evolution in the future; however, this cannot come at the expense of razing undeveloped lands, stripping mature trees from the property and disrupting the wildlife (native species) that currently call it home. Sadly, this new Alternative 1.5 plan still includes the proposed, massive development of the California Area, which encompasses a currently undeveloped, largely native habitat (16.1 acres). Beyond developing this hillside, the prospect of a massive excavation project to create "Condor Canyon" would have a devastating, everlasting impact on Griffith Park. I support Alternative 1.5, but without development of the California Area, including its new Visitor Center along the ridgeline and excavated "Condor Canyon."

Cordially yours, Mario Milch, MD, 4118 Los Nietos Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. tangoklutz@gmail.com. 323 819-5154

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Name: Lillian Diaz

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern: The LA Zoo is an important and vibrant destination for Los Angeles residents and visitors both, but I have deep concerns about the environmental impact of the development of the California area, and especially Condor Canyon. It seems deeply ironic that in order to celebrate California's natural beauty and wildlife, the project would commit to the intense transformation and destruction of a significant area of actual California native habitat. This updated version of the plan has some great improvements in terms of preserving the current native beauty of the zoo, which is a big part of what makes the LA Zoo so unique and special, but even in the current form, I can't support the ongoing environmental impacts of the project. The final version of this initiative needs to do a better job of making crucial improvements to the Zoo infrastructure, while balancing the impact of the Zoo's fragile natural setting.

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Name: Amy Kalpin

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am pleased to be able to provide my thoughts on the LA Zoo Alternative 1.5 vision plan. It was made very clear that the zoo will not be expanding its boundaries into Griffith Park. But why not, what about taking over the golf course? Surely the educational and habitat value the zoo provides is of a higher caliber than the golf course. I think it was a good idea to swap the parking structure for a solar field. If the corner of the site could be better utilized for something else though, perhaps solar shade structures could be added over the existing parking lots. I am really glad to see the emphasis on native plant communities and habitat, it seems this is a somewhat degraded area that would be well-served with restoration. It is also really encouraging to see the attention given to accessible pathways and tram systems. The zoo is in a very hilly area and even for the able-bodied, walking through the zoo can be quite tiring - it must be much more difficult for anyone with mobility challenges. The last thing I would note is that added resting points and food sales options are smart to include, especially if these rest and dining areas can be provided under the shade of trees! It gets really hot out there and providing shade trees for seating/dining areas would be a much welcomed respite!

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Name: Alice Taylor

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve the expansion of the LA Zoo. Griffith Park is a treasure that only exists through its continued protection. The native species of flora and fauna are extremely important to our community. The zoo already has a high level of visitors without this expansion, which puts traffic pressure on the park as it is. Please do not allow the destruction of more rare and beautiful natural habitat.