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Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the LA Zoo project alternative 1 (the Reduced Project Alternative) and opposes both the original proposed project and alternative 2 (the Multi-modal Transportation Alternative) as described in the environmental impact report (EIR) (in Council File 21-0828). While the LA Zoo's general manager wrote that the vision for the zoo's "proposed infrastructure and animal facility improvements prioritize animal welfare, conservation, sustainability, operational excellence and being a community resource," we disagree, and we do think the improvements should prioritize animal welfare, conservation, and sustainability, in addition to biodiversity. Removing native habitat at the scale proposed in the project (21 acres) does not strike us as consistent with the stated vision, and, if given the choice between the proposed project and alternatives 1 and 2, we would much prefer alternative 1, which is identified in the EIR as the "environmentally superior alternative."