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Comments for Public Posting: The LA Zoo says it can't open at 8 AM for people to walk or visit in small groups. This makes the zoo impossible to visit during much of the year because it is too hot at 10AM. The zoo states that there are many trucks on the road then. There are always many trucks on the road when visitors are allowed. People going to the zoo for a morning walk while also viewing some animals could walk around the trucks. Not opening at 8AM makes the zoo inaccessible for about 5 months a year for people who can't tolerate the heat, which includes many older folks. Can the council do something about this? Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to reject the LA Zoo's Alternative 1.5, plan. This plan is not congruent with the Zoo's claimed mission of wildlife conservation in any way. I cannot fathom why the Zoo or any of its management would think it is a reasonable idea to deliberately disrupt and reduce the habitat of the many animals and plants in Griffith Park, some of which are considered threatened species or protected under L.A. City's Protected Tree Ordinance, with something like a rock climbing wall. There are plenty of places to find rock climbing walls in Los Angeles. People generally do not visit zoos to go rock climbing. However, there are not many large urban parks like Griffith Park. The animals that call this park home, such as hawks, owls, mountain lions, bobcat, bats and deer, are far more precious than a rock climbing wall and their welfare should be prioritized. Removing even some of their habitat threatens to disrupt the local ecosystem and may lead to more animals fleeing to residential neighborhoods or dying. The park's resident mountain lion already has the smallest known habitat of a male mountain lion, and reducing it further may be disastrous to him. Nor does this project substantially improve conditions for LA Zoo's resident animals. Please reject this plan and protect the wildlife of Griffith Park.

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Name: Joline

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, As a Los Angeles local, I am writing to express my deep concern for the LA Zoo expansion project. The LA Zoo has done some incredible conservation work, however we cannot continue to drive out wild animals from their natural habitats and monetize off of their existence. You are also locals of LA — the wild animals have been a part of our community for as long as we can remember. They already have an extremely tough climate to navigate, and the populations are dwindling — the science is there. Having this nature is a privilege, and it's part of what makes LA, LA. The line must be drawn. Someone must speak for those who cannot speak to protect them. Future generations deserve to have this same opportunity to experience untouched, imperfect, beautiful nature. The same trees that would be cut down for this project current home many native species. Please consider protecting this land; it's extremely important and has many current and future impacts if we don't. Thank you!