

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident and frequent user of Griffith Park, I would like to express my strong opposition to the LA Zoo expansion as articulated in the latest vision plan (Alternative 1.5). As the Friends of Griffith Park have pointed out, this revised plan has many good qualities, and the Zoo has responded to public criticism to make the plan somewhat better. It remains, however, a deeply flawed and destructive plan that should not be approved as proposed. In particular, the proposed development of the California Planning Area would be an environmental disaster that involves razing undeveloped lands in the Park and disrupting the wildlife and native plant species that live there. This destruction is entirely inconsistent both with the Zoo's mission and with our urgent need to protect wildlife habitat. The City Council must insist that the Zoo protect, conserve, and NOT develop the California Planning Area as proposed in Alternative 1.5. The Zoo can meet their objectives of animal care excellence and fulfill their mission of educating as people about conservation without destroying this hillside. An updated version of Alternate 1.5 that models its California Area development along the lines of what was proposed in Alternative 1 is a much better plan. Patricia Morton 4400 Brunswick Ave Los Angeles, CA 90039

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. Many of the existing exhibits seem to be very congested. I am excited to hear the vision plan offers more animal welfare space. 2. Is there also a plan for more space for visitors within some of these exhibits? During my visit there was some overcrowding. 3. The Maned Wolf exhibit could use some modernization it looked abandoned. 4. Is there a plan to add more seating for visitors to relax, a kid's area for them to play? Saw many visitors sitting on the edge of the walkways. 5. Adding more native vegetation in the California and Africa areas especially in the underutilized areas is a great idea and welcomed. 6. There seems to be a lot of wasted space in the Australia exhibit would be great to see something added for visitors to sit or something like the stadium seating near the Elephant India Exhibit. I really enjoyed this area, as it was shaded and had plenty of seating space for visitors. 7. The botanical highlights could have better signage; I rarely saw any during my visit. 8. Nice to see a restaurant that offers healthy food, kudos to beansprouts!