

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Brunell  
**Date Submitted:** 06/26/2023 05:59 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0828  
**Comments for Public Posting:** NO TO ZOO EXPANSION Destroying a natural habitat and protected trees is a bad idea. There is only so much undeveloped space left, it needs protecting.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K Chapman

**Date Submitted:** 06/26/2023 07:03 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am nauseated by the idea of the city encroaching into Griffith Park, the sacred oasis within Los Angeles. The undisturbed ridgelines of the park send a message, this is a place of natural beauty. The idea of a visitor center perched upon one of the park ridges is disturbing. I am in the park 5-6 times per week. This is such a shortsighted project. I have been a supporter of the LA Zoo, but the day this project begins is the day I cancel my zoo membership, and will encourage everyone I know to do the same. The zoo resides in Griffith Park, not the other way around. Shame on you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melanie Lee

**Date Submitted:** 06/26/2023 07:30 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0828

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing in opposition to the LA Zoo's Revised Vision Plan, Alternative 1.5. Excavation of 60-foot deep Condor Canyon through a significant geological feature is destructive and expensive and will radically change Griffith Park forever, aesthetically and ecologically. Placement of the new event space – the California Visitor Center – on top of a ridgeline will destroy the natural Park topography and should be reconsidered or eliminated. We should not be utilizing our largest natural space to create even more buildings and concrete. The destruction of the land to build a new visitor center is appalling. Every year we develop more and more natural land and leave behind little for our native flora and fauna. Let's not fracture this habitat even more at the cost of the ecosystem. We can find an alternative location for this visitor center. Despite the Zoo's insistence that much of the 16 acres of native habitat is disturbed already, this area contains rare and sensitive plants and wildlife. It's an intact chaparral habitat that should not be developed since it also contains 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs. Please keep Griffith Park a natural park, one for humans and animals to enjoy. Let's not carve into this ecosystem more than we already have. This is a sacred space that we are responsible for. Thank you, Melanie

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lance Still

**Date Submitted:** 06/26/2023 07:38 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Excavating a 60-foot deep Condor Canyon and altering a significant geological feature within Griffith Park would not only be a destructive endeavor but also a costly one. Such an undertaking would irrevocably transform the park, both aesthetically and ecologically. It is crucial to recognize that once this development occurs, there is no turning back. The natural charm that Griffith Park currently possesses would be forever lost. Furthermore, the proposed placement of the California Visitor Center on top of a ridgeline poses a grave threat to the park's natural topography. This decision would disrupt the harmonious flow of the land and detract from the park's inherent beauty. It is essential to reconsider or eliminate this plan in order to preserve the park's unique and fragile landscape. While the Zoo may argue that a significant portion of the 16 acres of native habitat has already been disturbed, it is important to acknowledge the presence of rare and sensitive plants and wildlife in this area. This intact chaparral habitat should not be subjected to further development. Additionally, it is worth noting that the area also harbors 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs, further highlighting the need for their preservation. Griffith Park is a rare and finite space. Its natural beauty and ecological significance should be cherished and protected. Instead of allowing further development that irreparably alters its landscape, we should embrace our responsibility to safeguard this sanctuary for future generations to enjoy. Once lost, the natural allure of Griffith Park can never be fully recovered, and the impacts on the delicate ecosystem will be long-lasting. Let us recognize the value of preserving this exceptional natural haven and take the necessary steps to ensure its conservation for years to come.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** William E Bergmann

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To raise better children, the proper vision for the LA Zoo is to close it permanently in Griffith Park and return the land to the people as Griffith wanted. He left money for an Observatory and the Greek Theater, not for a penitentiary devoted to extending the suffering of innocent animals. The Times says that the first half of the new “vision” plan would only cost \$650,000,000!! Maybe we should focus more on human suffering or investing in what we have more productively? If imprisoning animals for research can be justified, then it should be done as painless as possible, somewhere else, where proper space would be available. LA County is vast.

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**Name:** Joseph Laskin

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**Name:** Elizabeth

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Jolles

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a city with a concrete river, oil wells adjoining a regional park, four parking spaces for every car, and so short of open space, this is just more of death by a thousand cuts. Griffith park is not a reserve for tourist development. We can do better. With a little bit of creative thught there are numerous other opportunities and areas for zoo expansion that don't consume preciously rare habitat in a dense urban area with a lack natural environment. The zoo and city of Los Angeles must take the challenge to do better than infiltrate and bulldoze open space. Undeveloped parkland should be expanded, not threatened. Excavation of 60-foot deep Condor Canyon through a significant geological feature is destructive and expensive and will radically change Griffith Park forever, aesthetically and ecologically. Placement of the new event space – the California Visitor Center – on top of a ridgeline will destroy the natural Park topography and should be reconsidered or eliminated. Despite the Zoo's insistence that much of the 16 acres of native habitat is disturbed already, this area contains rare and sensitive plants and wildlife. It's an intact chaparral habitat that should not be developed since it also contains 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs.



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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not allow the Los Angeles Zoo expansion into the proposed areas, which serve as havens for precious wildlife and plant species. It's a scandalous misuse of resources that should be treasured for posterity. Most residents of Los Angeles would oppose this kind of destructive development were they made aware. This should be a much larger public discussion.