

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Flores

Date Submitted: 06/29/2023 05:45 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: As a teacher for over 35 years, I understand the importance of preserving our natural landscape and resources for both humans, plants, and animals. Please stop the overdevelopment of the LA Zoo as this would impact the Griffith Park's goal of preservation. Thank you, Elizabeth Flores CA Credentialed Teacher

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't approve the expansion. It is a tragedy that in 2023 we still have to fight to keep green spaces like these away from developers (for housing or the Zoo in this case). It is quite ironic that a conservation organization is willing to marr the local natural terrain and habitats for wildlife for an expansion that isn't direly needed. Please protect the park. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: No thank you to expanding the zoo. (I'm personally not a fan of zoos at all. Animals never asked to be caged for human entertainment.) Leave Griffith Park alone.

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Name: Phoebe

Date Submitted: 06/29/2023 07:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I VERY MUCH oppose the zoo wanting to expand into the natural landscape of Griffith park. It is one of the city's only actual natural treasures and is home to much of our wildlife that make this city so great. Unlike the zoo, Griffith park staying natural is a sanctuary to our native plants, bobcats, hawks, and many more. Non caged animals that call it their home. It is a space where children learn about the wild life through exploration, not sitting in an area stadium on their iPads while a presentation is happening. Please do NOT allow this destructive expansion plan to go on. The zoo has enough space. Griffith park and it's trails and beauty will always be more of a draw for visitors then a sad zoo which you can find in any B list city. What makes Los Angeles world class and an A list city is Griffith park!

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Name: Justin Lucas

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider this project - the last thing we need in our already crowded city park is more traffic and building. Preserve the open space, that's what it's there for. Nature is far greater attraction than another zoo would ever be.

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Name: jennifer parker

Date Submitted: 06/29/2023 01:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: AS A 20 YEAR HOLLYWOOD DELL HOMEOWNER AND GRIFFITH PARK SUPPORTER and LA VOTER OUR FAMILY IS AGAINST THE PROPOSED LA ZOO CHANGES. IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT THE CONTINUES TO ENSLAVE BILLY THE ELEPHANT AND NOW YOU WANT TO DESTROY THE NATURAL HABITAT OF THE PARK? JUST STOP! SOME FACTS- • Excavation of 60-foot deep Condor Canyon through a significant geological feature is destructive, expensive and will radically change Griffith Park forever, both 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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Name: Sydney Pontius

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Comments for Public Posting: As an ecologist, the desired constructional changes the LA Zoo proposes seem unwarranted and actively destructive for our local native ecosystem. Building out large, sprawling structures will destroy MANY native plant species, as well as actively degrade habitat for the native animals that live there. The proposed 60-foot canyon excavation is incredibly concerning; it could actively isolate many mammal populations, such as cougars or bears, for example. This would negatively affect populations' in both genetic diversity and ability to reproduce; their population numbers could start to dwindle, and we could lose these animals in this area entirely due to unnecessary human intervention. The LA Zoo actively advocates for the conservation of animals and environmental education; this initiative directly stands in opposition to those values and seems nothing short of downright hypocritical of their mission. Approving this project would be potentially detrimental for the chaparral ecosystem of the Griffith Park area, and, as concerned LA resident and scientist, I would strongly urge the council to not approve this motion.