

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We have already disturbed the natural environment of LA and enough is enough. We have very few open spaces. A zoo expansion may be here for 200 years, but the undisturbed land could have supported its natural biodiversity for 100 million years. LA should lead the way in what is the future. The future is restoration of the natural environment not further degradation. We don't need any of this expansion, especially into Griffith park. Let the Annenberg crossing be an example of what humanity should be working on. Helping wildlife and increasing habitat. Not destroying the land and taking it over.

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Name: CFT

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you, CLAW, for setting out the flaws in this ZOO expansion plan. Please let us remember that we, the people, are absorbing natural spaces which are meant to support ALL life. I am not certain that humanity can exist in a concrete world, or would want to. Let me reiterate that rethinking this plan in a way that would elevate the natural resources would be greatly appreciated.

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Name: Alison Brown

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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles Zoo (Zoo) and Griffith Park (Park) are both precious to Californians. However, the special place that the Zoo holds in the Park is a precarious thing. As a child visiting the Zoo, and as an adult with young nieces and nephews who have enjoyed the Zoo with me, I have always felt that the charm of the Zoo largely lies in its placement within such a beautiful natural space. Expansion that degrades the surrounding space is detrimental to the public perception of the Zoo and to the ecosystem of this natural space that has been picked apart from every side so that just this island of nature remains. There are sensitive species of plants and animals whose populations may be harmed because of the actions detailed in this plan. Chaparral habitat that has not been actively protected or on a steep enough slope to be undesirable for development has been under siege for decades. You have deemed the proposed development area as degraded with no natural value. This argument to support development is an awfully slippery slope. With so many people using such a small amount of nature you would be hard pressed to find any piece of nature in Southern California that hasn't been degraded to a point. The destruction of the natural topography and geology of the area with the excavation of Condor Canyon and the construction of the California Visitor Center is an unthinkable act. Please leave good enough alone and respect the resiliency of the Park which has struggled through, even in its deteriorated state, despite attacks and overuse by humans. If any expansion is going to happen it needs to be considered in the least possible footprint and with the smallest impact to the Park. Stop chipping away at the small islands of nature that are left in the highly urbanized landscape of Los Angeles.