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Comments for Public Posting: We don't want an amusement park in Griffith Park or in the Zoo! Wild animals should be respected. How shameful is it the city barely has sidewalks, the park barely has bathrooms and caters to cars, but wants to blow up a ridge to build a carnival attraction. How can you say you care about the animals when you plan to have nightly events like this at the Zoo? This is highly disturbing! These words were culled from a comment from Nextdoor: "A concerned zoo patron who attended the first LA Zoo Friday Night party saw us advocating for Billy the elephant and sent us this message: " attended a recent LA Zoo Nights... "Yes, it is a party - right next to the animals. The zoo website states that the animals head to bed starting at 4pm (some, many, all?). The spider monkeys, elephants, birds and at least one big cat were right next door to the loud music while people danced, yelled, and ate from the food trucks. The music in one area is a DJ and a hype person, right next to the spider monkeys, while the other party, next to the elephants, was a 7-piece rock band. Both music stations were well over 90 decibels. Fireworks were going off in the background, can you imagine what July 4th (week) was like for the animals? At dusk, a big cat was pacing, and a medium sized, black-furred monkey in a small cage just hanging by his hands without any expression. "There were no guards by any of the animals, though they did close some areas at 8pm. Kids were yelling and shouting AT the animals in most of the areas (ew, gross poo!!...). It was confusing to have all the protesters explaining the problems outside, but inside, no information was given about what they spoke about. The elephants (I think I saw two of the three, one was just standing in the way back), had no stories or names of the elephants on their information signs. Most of the signs are about their countries of origin. Nothing about this evening event seems to be considerate of the animals."