

Communication from Public

Name: Tanya

Date Submitted: 07/27/2023 02:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Greetings, I am distressed to hear that plans for zoo expansion continue without regard for community protest. Excavation of a wholly-artificial 60-foot deep Condor Canyon through a significant geological feature is destructive and expensive and will radically change Griffith Park forever, aesthetically and ecologically. Talk of “a tunnel” so far is just that – talk – and not part of the plan. Placement of the new 18,000 sq. ft. event space – the California Visitor Center – on top of a ridgeline will destroy the natural Park topography and should be reconsidered. Again, talk of reducing the scale of the event center so far is just talk and not part of the plan. Despite the Zoo’s insistence that much of the 16 acres of native habitat has already been disturbed, the undeveloped land boasts rare and sensitive plants and wildlife, plus 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs. Implementing Alternative 1.5 as proposed would leave the first significant scars on the Santa Monica Mountain Range in the 21st Century, at its most easterly terminus. Our Council leadership representing Griffith Park should not allow this to happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah James

Date Submitted: 07/27/2023 03:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I wholeheartedly OPPOSE the LA Zoo's Alternative Plan 1.5 and find it unacceptable that the Council seems to be ignoring overwhelming public opposition to this plan. The excavation of Condor Canyon and the visitor/event center will permanently scar Griffith Park. Our elected officials' narcissistic desire for a photo-op at a groundbreaking should not override the responsibility we have to our rare and already diminishing natural habitat.

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Name: A. Birch

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Comments for Public Posting: Even though there is overwhelming public opposition to this, you are still moving forward? Please no excavation of condor canyon which hosted a very rare Thick-billed Kingbird this past winter and no construction of an event space please. GP is for the people - we've lost too much to inaccessible golf courses and now the zoo which should focus its investment on the land it already has which surely needs an upgrade. The zoo looks pretty run down and outdated. Reinvest in what it has rather than expansion.

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Name: Deborah Brosseau

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Communication from Public

Name: Sarajo Frieden

Date Submitted: 07/27/2023 03:57 PM

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Name: Rich Crook

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow Griffith Park to be forever mutilated by the Los Angeles Zoo and their reckless decision to carve out a chunk of the park and monetize it. Future generations will not look upon this decision with favorable eyes. Respect the wishes of Griffith himself and LEAVE THE PARK UNMOLESTED as was originally intended!

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