

Communication from Public

Name: Orsolya D.

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:54 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Do not expand the LA zoo! The zoo is garbage to begin with and should be closed as is. Not expand it and destroy precious wildlife, plants and topography in the park!!! Stop,.please!

Communication from Public

Name: Hank Henderson

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:58 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider this comment a definite NO regarding the expansion of the L.A. Zoo. There is no reason to destroy any of Griffith Park in order to expand the zoo. The sixteen acres of natural habitat include protected species of plants. Why destroy this area? Mr. Griffith surely did not envision a visitor center on a ridge of the park's crests that would ruin the topography. I have enjoyed the park for decades, including hiking and picnics with friends, Shakespeare in the Park, the Autry, and even the zoo - which in my opinion - is fine just as it is. Please do NOT approve the expansion of the park with the plan that will destroy parts of Griffith Park. Thank you, Hank Henderson

Communication from Public

Name: Beth Pratt

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 11:09 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: To LA City Council Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee: On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation, I am writing to express concern over elements of the LA Zoo's Revised Vision Plan, Alternative 1.5. The Federation is one of the oldest and largest wildlife conservation groups in the country, with 6 million supporters nationwide. Our organization provides a voice for wildlife, and is dedicated to protecting wildlife and habitat, and inspiring future generations of conservationists. In California, the Federation works on a number of conservation projects, and our work throughout the state focuses on restoring habitat, connectivity and corridors for wildlife. We also focus on mountain lion protection in the Los Angeles area, and are also one of the primary partners in building the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, which will connect a key linkage for wildlife over the 101 Freeway and help save the local population of mountain lions from extinction. Griffith Park provides critical habitat in the second largest city in the country to an array of wildlife. Indeed, the Santa Monica Mountains is one of the largest and most significant examples of Mediterranean-type ecosystems in the world. Located in one of just 36 'biodiversity hotspots' worldwide—and the only one of two in the continental United States. Numerous mammals are found in the Santa Monica Mountains, including bobcats, coyotes, and mountain lions, along with nearly 400 species of birds, and 35 species of reptiles and amphibians. The Santa Monica Mountains are also home to more than 50 threatened or endangered plants and animals –among the highest concentrations of such rare species in the United States. We are in the midst of a climate and biodiversity crisis that threatens life on earth. Preserving every inch we can of habitat is critical, especially in Los Angeles, where the wildlife are running out of options. While we recognize the needs for improvements at the Zoo, some of the proposed components of the plan would negatively impact wildlife. This includes the expansion onto 13+ acres within the undeveloped native habitat of the California Planning Area. We ask that you consider the below: • 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. Griffith Park was home most recently to P-22, the world's most famous mountain lion. Los Angeles set an example for the world in wildlife coexistence with P-22. We need to honor his legacy, and ensure a future for all wildlife in Griffith Park by not significantly altering and diminishing his home. We must continue to invest in proactive efforts to protect and conserve wildlife and the habitats they depend on — even in urban areas. Thank you for your consideration. Beth Pratt California Regional Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation

Communication from Public

Name: CCG

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 11:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The zoo takes up enough of our natural space as is. I am firmly against any further development into the rare native space and land we have left in the city of Los Angeles, providing not just refuge and cleaner air but providing a healthy habitat for wild animals, not animals that have been captured and caged for the sake of profit.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Louyse
Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 11:34 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: There are several elements in the latest iteration of the LA Zoo's Alt. 1.5, which should raise more questions whether this is the plan that should be adopted – especially since the LA Zoo resides in an urban wilderness setting. And while many of these expansion concerns have been enumerated by others, I will simply ask whether it's worth paving paradise to put up more parking lots? Most living in LA's park-poor community long for an environment where they can decompress from the events of their day, so on any given day, hundreds of folks can be seen communing with nature... in Griffith Park. But if this vision moves forward, it'll become even more difficult to walk/run/hike the trails without encountering more development as this expansion will be clearly obvious along roadways, and adjoining hillsides. Further – in an era where cities are reevaluating the concept of zoos – whether it's morally justified to cage animals solely for our entertainment, perhaps the entire plan should be reevaluated or completely scrapped. Griffith Park is a Parkland. Stop abusing this remarkable gift!

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Name: Samuel Feig
Date Submitted: 06/25/2023 09:50 PM
Council File No: 21-0828
Comments for Public Posting: Placement of the California Visitor Center should be reconsidered or eliminated.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheila Harmer

Date Submitted: 06/26/2023 10:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Why is LA DETERMINED to ruin Griffith Park? That ridge above the condor canyon is a riding/ hiking trail. What a dumb place for a visitors center! How are they going to get there? What are the folks with physical disabilities supposed to do to visit this center? If you feel the need for a center put it by the ranger station or the merry-go-round or even the conservatory. Build it somewhere there is access to it. Maybe even down where the pony rides are supposed to be. Since you have managed to destroy one of the greatest attractions in the Park. There will be nothing natural about a center built on top of a lovely ridge. Just another part of the great outdoor views for so many, that you seem to want so desperately to ruin. Sheila Harmer, SoCal native & resident

Communication from Public

Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 12:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to express my strong opposition to the planned LA Zoo expansion which would destroy 16 acres of precious open land in Griffith Park. We cannot afford to lose this chaparral habitat which supports native protected plants and animals. It would be a tragic loss of natural beauty and wildness to excavate Condor Canyon and build a visitors center. Griffith Park is an irreplaceable treasure whose integrity must be preserved. We should not deprive current and future generations of the healing and inspirational experience of unspoiled nature which Griffith Park offers us. We have enough built "entertainment" spaces in our city. We do not need an expanded zoo.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 11:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the LA Zoo's new revision plan. As a recent past employee, I witnessed many native animals on the very land they're proposing to build on. Animals like mule deer, bobcats, southern pacific rattlesnakes, coyotes and migrating birds often utilize the undeveloped land for safe passing. Endemic plants such as California Sagebrush and the Sacred Datura grow on this land and have co-evolved with native insects over thousands and thousands of years. Insects like the Sphinx moth who only feed on the Sacred Datura plant depend on this native habitat and we should try to save as much of it as we can. In reference to the soil removal, native bees (not European honey bees) typically burrow underground. Removing this soil and cutting into the land would most certainly disrupt a large number of native bees. Chaparral plants, insects and animals are all disappearing in Los Angeles due to exactly what the LA Zoo is trying to do! What's very ironic to me, especially as a past employee, is the erasure of this dying ecosystem in exchange of a "California" section, which is supposed to highlight our native ecosystem. How can anyone in conservation/nature education be for this? As an institution supposedly devoted to nature education, it's beyond disappointing to hear how much land they wish to develop. The LA zoo has promised for several years to work on their small exhibits from the 1960's, but instead are focusing on building another building for people. I certainly hope the conservation crew and the rest of the zoo team come to their senses in regards to destroying fragile native habitat that we cannot get back.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Swanlund

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 07:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: The last thing we need to be doing is expanding the zoo! This is harming the ecology that the zoo claims to want to protect. Zoos are antiquated and our efforts to promote animal and species preservation would be better served in other ways. Please do not allow the L.A Zoo expansion!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 09:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The zoo does not need to be expanded.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 01:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Griffith park is a protected place for the public, wildlife, and nature and shouldn't be built in and the city needs to maintain this protection.

Communication from Public

Name: Artemisia Mazuer

Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 02:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Why would you allow the zoo to kill local wildlife so they can further domesticate and exploit “exotic” animals under animal welfare? The LA zoo has been a dying business for years but the Griffith park trails are historic to LA. The ironic nature of this whole thing is why we are having a climate crisis. Don’t be part of the problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Amber zaborowski

Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 04:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Griffith Park means everything to me- i have spent countless hours running every trail in the park and it is my favorite place in LA. I have sweat there, bled there, cried there, and laughed there. Altering the park in a way that does not benefit the natural flora and fauna is a disastrous waste of resources and time. Please reconsider updating the existing infrastructure and prioritizing the upkeep and natural beauty of one of the only green spaces we have in the city. Thank you.

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Name: Jasmin
Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 08:29 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Leave nature alone...

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Name: Jason Myers

Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 09:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No. Do NOT expand the zoo. It would forever change the habitat of Griffith Park both ecologically and aesthetically. Please DO NOT DO THIS.

Communication from Public

Name: AA

Date Submitted: 06/27/2023 10:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not destroy native habitat to expand a zoo to keep caged animals that don't belong here. Every kid I've ever tried to take it to the zoo has asked me within the first 10 minutes if the animals are sad and then they feel sad and want to go home. I will never take a kid to that zoo anymore.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 07:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against the L.A Zoo's Revised Vision Plan because it will ultimately cause more ecological harm. Griffith Park serves as the habitat for a variety of sensitive plants and wildlife that will be harmed in the development process. There is no need to destroy the park's natural ecology. We should prioritize protecting our local wildlife and their homes.

Communication from Public

Name: Nare Ovsepien

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 08:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking the council to please reconsider LA Zoo's plans for expansion. Griffith Park is a Los Angeles icon and one of the few places inside the city to experience nature undisturbed. The zoo's plans would destroy natural ecological features of the park and disturb native plants and wildlife. We should be preserving natural parks, not destroying them to replace with artificial habitats and trapped animal enclosures.

Communication from Public

Name: DIANE

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 09:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The World Wildlife Fund's 2018 Living Planet report demonstrates a global wildlife population loss of 60 percent between 1970 and 2014. "Earth is losing biodiversity at a rate seen only during mass extinctions," the report says. (<https://wildlife.org/wwf-finds-global-wildlife-has-declined-60-percent-since-1970/>) What more does anyone need to know? We MUST preserve our wildlife in every way possible. Period. This means NO MORE UNNECESSARY DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN LAND. This means NOT DESTROYING 23 ACRES OF HABITAT, AND 227 PROTECTED TREES. WE DON'T NEED MORE AMUSEMENT PARKS. WE NEED MORE NATIVE HABITAT AND UNDEVELOPED LAND. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO BE SO STUPIDLY SHORT-SIGHTED IN OUR CITY'S DEVELOPMENT. Please behave as though you care first about the environment and our wildlife. Behave as though this was YOUR home.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 09:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting as a long-time neighbor of Griffith Park. I truly CANNOT BELIEVE that the Zoo administration thinks that a LARGE building on top of a ridge line in a (up to now) completely natural section of Griffith Park would be an "enhancement" to the Park itself! What can they possibly be thinking? The "old zoo" is STILL an ugly reminder of where the Zoo used to be located in Griffith Park. Have any of you walked through it recently? It is an ugly reminder of previously ill-conceived ideas about what the Zoo needed to be...perhaps the Zoo should, instead of building a BRAND NEW LARGE building on top of a ridge line, FINALLY clear out the remainder of their "OLD" facility? Or will you allow it to just keep developing its new buildings without any consequences for its old mistakes?? And, seriously, why does this new building have to have such a VISIBLE and PROMINENT location in an otherwise natural landscape? I wouldn't mind if the Zoo wanted to remodel some of its gift shops where they now exist. The current shops sit comfortably in the setting of the current Zoo, where they should be. Why on earth would a visitor to the Zoo want to climb a hill to a NEW visitor center? The ANIMALS, which are what the Zoo's visitors are ostensibly there to see, ARE ALL DOWN THE HILL AT THE ZOO, not UP THE HILL at a new visitor center. I don't know if the "crazy" idea for a tram across Griffith Park still is on the drawing board, but let me say here that is another ill-conceived idea! As a member of the Friends of Griffith Park, I have spent many hours collecting trash in Griffith Park (primarily along hiking trails). I do not relish the idea of collecting trash dropped from the cars in an airborne tram as well. I seriously question the intellect of those suggesting these ideas!! Los Angeles already gets criticized for being a "concrete jungle", without any natural beauty. Why on earth would these ideas be considered for what is factually the nicest natural place in Los Angeles? PLEASE reconsider these proposals and DO NOT DESTROY the natural beauty of Griffith Park for the ACTUAL RESIDENTS of Los Angeles!!!

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Name: Sarah Krausse

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 09:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today to strongly oppose the revised vision plan for the LA Zoo. I speak on behalf of the Norm Harriton Franklin Hills Garden community, in saying that there are far too few natural spaces in Los Angeles, and that this would be a tragedy to destroy such an important natural treasure. This vision plan does not have the community's support or agreement. Thank you.

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Name: Save Open Space

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: City Hall needs to stop viewing open space as fungible "free land". The City Charter mandates a new acre of Open Space must be created to replace every single acre taken, and this never happens. Every decade or so, the LA Zoo is allowed to pretty much steal more rare, open space habitat from Griffith Park. Once absorbed into the amusement park-wannabe Zoo, it's gone. It's a well-known scam to say "Well, we've already disturbed the habitat, so oh well, we might as well just take it over completely." STOP NOW. If it's all that imperative that the Zoo expands, then it is time to relocate the entire facility to property where it has room to expand - BOTTOM LINE. Griffith Park is rare habitat completely surrounded by City - it must be protected. Either the Zoo doesn't really need more land, or it needs to be relocated to a parcel or parcels where it can legally and ethically expand outside Griffith Park. DEFEND THE PARK HABITAT!

Communication from Public

Name: Elias

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Destroying undeveloped land in Griffith park is the wrong proposal. Why does the city council state its goal is to combat climate change and then turn a blind eye on destroying the most iconic park not only in LA yet probably in all the US?! New York City wouldn't even do this for Central Park! This is the wrong plan and I strongly urge you all to not allow this to happen!

Communication from Public

Name: D Spinelli

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:21 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I urge a NO vote on the LA Zoo's Revised Vision Plan, Alternative 1.5. Griffith Park's wild spaces should be preserved. The Park provides valuable natural landscape and green open space for public use, it should not be altered. Excavation of the 60-foot deep Condor Canyon through a significant geological feature is destructive and will change Griffith Park forever, aesthetically and ecologically. The California Visitor Center – on top of a ridgeline will destroy the natural Park topography. Despite the Zoo's insistence that much of the 16 acres of native habitat is disturbed already, the area contains rare and sensitive plants and wildlife. The intact chaparral habitat should not be developed because it contains 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs.

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Name: LG

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: REPOST FROM AUG 2022 Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council – As a native Angeleno, I implore you to approve the L.A. Zoo’s Vision Plan Alternative 1.5. Growing up in underserved Echo Park, the L.A. Zoo was the place where I found a greater connection to nature and the amazing animals that inhabit our world. The Zoo is the first place I heard about animal extinction beyond dinosaurs – I didn’t hear about it in the LAUSD classroom – I heard about it while on a field trip to the L.A. Zoo. An immersive California section as the gateway to our Zoo would highlight the importance of biodiversity in our own beautiful state. It also allows the Zoo to tell the successful conservation story of the California Condor Program, which represents a species that would not exist without the work of the Los Angeles Zoo. The enhancements the Zoo was allowed to make in the 1990s and early 2000s benefitted both animal welfare and visitor experiences. However, the majority of the Zoo grounds are still made up of out-of-date animal roundhouses and minimal animal exhibit space. Zoo improvements provide a better quality of life for the animal collection. I appreciate everyone’s concern for the flora and fauna of Griffith Park. I refer to Griffith Park as my church; the only place in L.A. I seek solace. I do not see the Zoo’s improvements as destroying or harming our wonderful park in any way. As a reminder, the entire hillside being discussed in the California Focused Conservation Alternative is a man-made hillside. The Zoo sits on the site of what was the Roosevelt Golf Course – that’s right – it was a flat graded piece of the park. The hillside was constructed during the building of the Zoo in the 1960s. Griffith Park landscaping has changed plenty of times in the past century. What the Zoo is proposing is an actual restoration of native plants, which improves the entire area of the park. And yes, the Zoo is part of Griffith Park, but its boundaries are clearly defined – this project is completely within the Zoo’s boundaries and does not affect normal park usage as the public cannot access these areas. This City deserves and desperately needs improvements to our Zoo. LG GREW UP IN CD 13 – LIVED OVER A DECADE IN CD 4 – HOME OWNER RESIDENT CD 14

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Dyer

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:32 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the LA Zoo Vision Plan -Revised The Condor Canyon excavation should not be approved or allowed. This is home to native plants and animals. It is wild land that should not be compromised. Once a change like they want occurs it can never, NEVER be replaced or recreated. It will be lost forever. Animal and plants in the native chaparral are precious and we must do everything to preserve it. It's interesting to me that the LA Zoo of all places, that works so hard to conserve wildlife in other places would not act in that way in their own backyard. If the Zoo values a Visitor Center over native habitat, then I think they should reexamine their values and act according to the good of the animals and land, which they are so fortunate to be placed in. Griffith Park is part of our neighborhood and we, the neighbors feel responsible for it. PROTECT Griffith Park, please. Thank you for your time, Victoria Dyer

Communication from Public

Name: Joan Dyer

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: NO to the Zoo's planned expansion! Protect Condor Canyon! Hands off Griffith Park! I am 88 years old and I have seen a lot of change, and once a change like the Zoo proposes takes place, it can never be recreated. Lost Forever! My grandchildren will lose the enjoyment of Griffith Park that I have treasured. Please reject the plans for Condor Canyon. Sincerely, Joan Dyer

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Halley

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 10:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Griffith park is the gem of Los angeles county and plays a critical role in the wellbeing of countless people and animals. In a world where we are so desperately in need of the protection of natural spaces, I am shocked that LA county would even consider such a proposal as this. If proposals such as this are allowed, then it sets a president for developers and other enterprises to go ahead and keep chopping away at Griffith park, piece by piece, until it's no bigger than any other slice of land where too many animals are forced out of their habitats and beautiful, natural, and SAFE hiking trails are lost. The world needs more natural space, not lest. The idea of removing REAL animal habitats to make way for more ZOO is spectacularly inappropriate, disrespectful, and counterproductive to the idea that animals and their natural habitats should be revered protected. If a zoo claims to support these ideals, it should not be expanding into existing natural habitat. The LA community needs more protection for wild spaces - not less. The news of this proposal even existing is disheartening and upsetting. As a long-time resident of Los Angeles who loves this city and everything it has to offer, I beg that this proposal be turned down. Visitor centers could be made anywhere inside the already developed areas of the park to encourage appreciation and education about the natural world, without encroaching on local wild spaces that are already delicate, diverse, beautiful, precious, and imperative to maintain. If the zoo needs to expand for the betterment of its existing animals, expand toward the city. Take up room in rhe parking lot and have guests shuttle in from elsewhere like Disneyland. Don't creep up the side of the mountain and pave the way for slowly dismantling the limited wild areas we have left. I intend to be a resident here for the rest of my life, and I hope to have the beautiful wild spaces of Griffith park completely 100% protected for as long as I live and beyond. We often don't know the value of things until they're gone, but here we have a chance to stand our ground and fight for the natural world that we NEED. Please let's not approve this proposal. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The city needs more green spaces (not more development of those areas). Strongly opposed to any further encroachment of the zoo on Griffith park.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Zoos, aquariums, and circuses are a downward trend because it's more important to focus on the ecosystem in today's climate. If you want to propose something more appealing and current with the times please look into "Ecotourism". The community is deeply connected with the protection of existing wildlife. Invest into the hiking experience instead!! Caged animals is depressing. Too many documentaries on shortened life span & poor health.

Communication from Public

Name: Meagan Kadish

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow the LA Zoo and their Revised Vision plan to move forward. It will have detrimental impacts to the ecology of Griffith Park, including the wildlife and native plants that have already been reduced to small areas and desperately need the land left alone. Not to mention this is a very expensive and disruptive project. Please do not allow this to move forward.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz S.

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging the council to vote NO on the Zoo's expansion plan. 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: Jon Berry

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't normally post public responses like this for city actions. But after seeing the proposed plans for this expansion, I had to do something to make my voice heard. I'm against the creation of the Condor Canyon for instance. Excavating more than 74,000 cubic yards of earth/rock will leave permanent scars on this topographical feature of Griffith Park. Dump trucks clogging the roads, noise, razing and bulldozing the land is not an option i want for any space, let alone Griffith Park. LA Zoo animal space would increase while areas for residential wildlife would decrease. Overall, 16.1 acres of land is targeted for development that will displace native trees and plants. Required mitigation does little to offset loss of this intact ecosystem. The new plan also calls for more event space to be used utilized near the entrance, on top of 73,800 sq ft. of visitor centers planned which would further encroach upon natural land that should not be disturbed.

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Name: Sophia Szekely
Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:38 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Griffith park has rare and sensitive plants and wildlife that the LA zoo plans on destroying through their expansion. This is unacceptable. Griffith park is one of my favorite Los Angeles landmarks and to see it be disturbed would be so disappointing.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Derwingson-Peacock

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the following items of the Zoo's expansion plan: 1. 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. It is unnecessary and destroys rather than improves Griffith Park. 2. Placement of the new event space – the California Visitor Center – on top of a ridge line will destroy the natural Park topography and should be redesigned to blend in with the topography or eliminated. 3. 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. We need to protect this habitat and improve the native habitat. Not destroy it. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Casey Martin

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello there. I'm taking the time to comment on the proposal to expand the Griffith Park Zoo. I am against additional development. I do not agree that the wildlife is already disturbed and that additional construction will not make their lives worse. Griffith Park is not just a treasure to Los Angeles but to the whole country and other than maintenance on existing features should be left for all residents and visitors - humans and wildlife alike - to enjoy its nature. There are so many parts of LA ripe for additional development and this should be the one place we leave alone. I ask the city to reconsider this project.

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Name: Madeline

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not invade what little native plant life the native animals have to live and thrive in.

Communication from Public

Name: KM

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider halting his L.A. Zoo expansion. Wild areas are becoming increasingly sparse in our city, and taking away even more of a very, very small oasis for our wild animals and plants is a cruel and horrible idea. The repercussions of removing even more wild areas not only impacts our biodiversity, but feeds into climate change. I cannot think of one good reason to kick off significant construction inside one of the few wild remaining areas. Put this energy into conserving the little wild land we already have with wild animals. Displacing wild animals to make room for caged animals makes absolutely no sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Soderberg

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The LA Zoo should heed the call to NOT alter Griffith Park in any kind of expansion, especially the proposed visitors center that would change the topography of the park. If the LA Zoo truly cared for the environment they would start by demonstrating the utmost care for the immediate environment their foot print disturbs.

Communication from Public

Name: Lydia pautler

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 12:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider changing Griffith park zoo and welcome center forever. We love it the way it is. We give so much of our city to tourist but this is one little secret that gives residents so much of our beautiful and fulfillment. I think every it's perfect the way it is. Thank you, lydia

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I, along with many other Los Angeles residents, very much opposed the proposed development plan for the LA Zoo. It would negatively impact the landscape and the native plants and wildlife. No to this plan. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: alexis

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO to the LA zoos expansion! Protect wild places for LA's citizens and native wildlife species. Respectfully, Alexis Sepkovic

Communication from Public

Name: Francoise Giacalone

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow the zoo to encroach on park property via it's expansion plans. The zoo is not a friend of the park, it is a tenant (effectively). The park - in its state, imperfect though it may be - belongs to the people. Public good should not be privatized. The zoo is not a public good.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Brull

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: As the greatest natural city park in the United States, more should be done to PRESERVE it, not decimate its landscape for the sake of expanding the zoo. The zoo should be the benefactors and conservators of this land where animals roam and call home. This plan is foolhardy and destructive to the natural habitat of the park. STOP! I vote NO on the LA Zoo's expansion plan.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Lim

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: The expansion plan of the Zoo is threatening to destroy native habitat that is irreplaceable and contributing to increased temperatures in adjacent areas and neighboring cities. Right now, the canyon has a cooling impact on the surrounding areas due to the natural evaporation of moisture from the native shrubs and trees, which has taken hundreds of years to grow. The area which the LA Zoo is eyeing for its expansion plan, includes the beautiful Condor Trail canyon which will be bulldozed to build a rock climbing wall as a new amusement feature of the LA Zoo. Currently, the Condor Trail canyon is an intact chaparral habitat that should not be developed since it also contains 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs. Building a rock climbing wall runs counter to the conservation and educational mission for which the LA Zoo (and/or its management entity) was conferred 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as a charitable organization. The LA Zoo will earn back the trust of the public and fulfill its role in the community, if it will manage its current acreage along sustainable design principles. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: koyarsky

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is an extraordinary city and deserves to retain as much untainted land as possible! We should fight to keep, if not only restore, the city's natural habitat areas and native flora and fauna. Please don't take any remaining landscapes that contain rare and sensitive species! The Zoo is popular and lovely and educational just as it is. How disturbing that those who profess a love for animals, would destroy land that contains protected trees and shrubs. Save what little untouched land there is: our urban wildlife depend upon it! In addition, the building of a huge and unnecessary visitor's center on the top of a ridgeline, visible to millions, would be tragic. Thank you, kb.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey Linares
Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:44 PM
Council File No: 21-0828
Comments for Public Posting: I DO NOT WANT OR AGREE WITH THIS! This is destructive and we just do not need it! Leave it as is and let wildlife be! This is unnecessary and as an LA native i do not want this!

Communication from Public

Name: Karin

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 01:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: The recent passing of the beloved mountain lion P-22 made clear that the people of Los Angeles value what wildlife and wild places we have left in the great Los Angeles area. Maintaining as much open and wild places should be the goal. The Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan should be scaled back to do just that - to maintain as much of Griffith Park as possible for the people of L.A. and the wildlife we love.

Communication from Public

Name: John
Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:02 PM
Council File No: 21-0828
Comments for Public Posting: I love the LA Zoo but I am opposed to this expansion. Destroying a natural habitat is wrong, especially for a zoo

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:06 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Honor the original gift from Griffith J. Griffith, and keep Griffith Park a place of respite for citizens of Los Angeles. No more development, no parking structures, etc. The proposed development of the zoo is a also in the face of park users - killing off existing wildlife habitats/ pristine flora (some of which can only be found in Griffith Park and nowhere else in the world) to create an "educational" Condor Canyon is like cutting off your nose to spite your face. Develop ELSEWHERE. Keep the Park for its intended usage - a respite from the craziness of the urban areas of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please please please stop this Griffith Park development!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Very excited for the new proposal and all the thoughtfulness that seems to have gone into it. Some excellent credentials on the team of people who developed it, and I've had a chance to sit down and talk to them in addition to researching their bona fides. Lots of care and passion for wildlife and people alike. Especially appreciate the focus on restoring of some of the native plants in areas that are currently unused/filled with non-native plants/invasives. California section makes so much sense. Let's celebrate and educate about our state's amazing beauty. Can't wait to bring my out-of-town visitors to the new zoo!

Communication from Public

Name: Christina G

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Beachwood Canyon and strongly oppose the expansion proposed by the LA Zoo. As these current plans stand, they will radically impact the topography of Griffith Park and forever destroy some of the last remaining wild space we have left. Please refuse this proposal and demand LA Zoo creates plans that work for the people, the wildlife, and the land. There is every reason for caution and no reason to move forward with plans that don't serve the community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mason

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: The LA Zoo really does not need to expand. At a time when we should be trying to conserve the wild lands we have left, it is time to tell the zoo that they can not expand and develop more of Griffith Park. This is obviously a greedy land grab that will do nothing but harm our native ecosystems!

Communication from Public

Name: K Tseng

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the zoo's proposed new excavation and placement of building on ridgeline. Both will negatively impact the area and are unnecessary.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe fronek

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not damage this amazing park again. Plans to ravage the park come from many directions to different purposes: the elite who need a place for their name, the wealthy looking to be wealthier by putting up sky rails, theaters, more roads and parking lots, government officials polishing their badges, the good and bad ignorant folks, and now that unfortunate zoo ,which actually only needs a new approach to what zoos are because nearby is SD the greatest public city zoo anywhere (and their animal park north of SD). Stop this encroachment. Let the public know what a great and unique park Griffith is: It's natural landscape, wildlife, trails, sunsets, stars in dark skies.... A few years ago when some group wanted to put a baseball field in the park, I wrote the editor of the LosFeliz Ledger that it would be healthier for parents to take the youth on a hike and teach them about our world, rather than the grown ups gossiping with friends at a ballgame while baseball babysat their children for them. Joe fronek

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Bickley

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:55 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: We don't want to see a State of the Art Zoo in Los Angeles....the beauty of Griffith Park is its simplicity in the center of a concrete jungle. We want it to remain for future generations a wild and native place for the animals now roaming the land in and around Griffith Park. The proposed plan will desecrate the Park, bringing "more people, more scars upon the land." Haven't we learned anything in 50 years. Let Griffith Park be a call of the wild for friends like P-22. We should be so lucky again. No to the proposed plan.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Edgar

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:57 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: The Sierra Club and Friends of Griffith Park are asking for reasonable review of the zoo's plans. Let's keep the park friendly and safe for the animal and plant residents so the residents of Los Angeles can enjoy nature for generations. The plans seem to be catering to tourists.

Communication from Public

Name: Danica

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 02:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I urge this committee to put this project on hold and consider the lasting negative environmental impacts it will have on local wildlife. California chapparal is a biodiversity hotspot containing rare and endangered species that rely on these limited open spaces in majorly developed areas to survive. Eliminating this open space will further stress these fragile populations. LA Zoo— your mission should be to protect species and ensure positive public wildlife education. This project is problematic and does the opposite, please consider the negative impact you will have on local native species. I urge the committee and the LA Zoo to work with local wildlife officials to reduce the open space and native habitat used for this project and minimize disruptions to these ecosystems. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: L. Raine

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 03:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: The LA Zoo's development plans would have a significant negative impact on the park, as a whole, and encroach on already limited space for important flora and fauna. The proposed event center is also a big threat to the existing park ecosystem and would also create too much traffic, noise, and waste.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 03:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: We need only look at the Toyon Canyon landfill and then Royces Canyon to see the enormous mistakes made in Griffith Park and further mistakes that were nearly made as we consider further development by the zoo. No, there should be no excavation to create a Condor Canyon. And there absolutely should not be new construction of a visitor center sited on a ridgeline. The unique gift that Griffith Park offers Los Angeles is its natural beauty: a reprieve from the noise & traffic, a glimpse at what this region looked liked before development, a home for native animals. Site the visitor center so that everyone can enjoy the many trails with exceptional views without breaking the ridgeline.

Communication from Public

Name: Brad Carr

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 03:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't allow this project - Griffith remains one of the FEW parks in this city that has resisted such a massive project and is perfect as is. To allow this expansion is to align with greed and the further destruction of an amazing, one of a kind park.

Communication from Public

Name: I-Ching Lao

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: RE: LA Zoo's Revised Vision Plan, Alt. 1.5 As much as I love animals and support the LA Zoo, I must speak up regarding their expansion plans – as in, NO! Part of the plan involves excavation of Condor Canyon as well as a new event space, both of which would irreparably alter our beloved Griffith Park. Griffith Park is free and open to the public for recreation and green space; the LA Zoo is neither of these. There is also an intact chaparral habitat containing 26 City-protected trees/shrubs which would be threatened by the LA Zoo's expansion. Please consider other options for improvement or upgrades instead of destroying more of our precious wild spaces!

Communication from Public

Name: Neara Russell

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, please consider the irrevocable loss of wild territory in our magnificent municipal park. With all respect to the zoo, there is no better preservation or greater treasure than land left undeveloped. I do not support zoo expansion.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: All the things the zoo is requesting are ridiculous. Excavating is destructive and will forever alter Griffith park.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael C

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:33 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve any of the development plan for the Zoo. Whether or not any part of this is already developed it would literally be a crime against nature to further develop the area. Protect what's left of native species in the area before it's all lost. Aside from that, what's the true value of building a center for tourists to further destroy a unique environment. The Zoo, of all institutions, should know better. Greed!

Communication from Public

Name: Kate
Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:34 PM
Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask that you do not support the LA Zoo's Revised Vision Plan. This plan sacrifices the well-being and existence of current wildlife and biodiversity. Please preserve the natural habitat of Griffith Park. The excavation of 60 foot deep Condor Canyon through a significant geological feature is destructive and will radically change Griffith Park forever ecologically. The area contains rare and sensitive plants and wildlife. It's an intact chaparral habitat that shouldn't be developed because it contains 26 city protected trees and shrubs. The new visitor center will destroy the Park's topography. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Bortner

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I will keep this brief, only containing a few points Agains Zoo Expansion. As an almost everyday user of Griffith Park, I would like to express my opposition to the Zoo's Expansion. The changes and eliminations to area immediately around the zoo are destructive and unnecessary to LA Zoo's overall mission. The loss of flora and displacement of fauna should be of greatest concern, followed by the loss of wilderness "green space" in the park. Also the space in includes 26 protected trees/shrubs. Id ask that if expansion is absolutely integral to the zoo, possibly expand into the Golf Course instead. Thank you Christopher Bortner

Communication from Public

Name: Marika Zappas

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I beseech you to please NOT take land away from Griffith to expand the zoo. Griffith is protected wildlife for plants, animals and people. The zoo does not need it. Please do not approve expansion!

Communication from Public

Name: S Hernstadt

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 04:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Although owned by the City of LA, Griffith Park is truly a gift to Los Angeles, most especially because it provides access to nature in the middle of a big city. I love using Griffith Park for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and taking in LA city views and our native ecosystem in a peaceful space for free. Please do not destroy something naturally beautiful for financial gain of the LA Zoo, and to the detriment of human visitors, neighbors, fauna and flora alike who thrive in its natural wildness. The biodiverse urban wilderness that is Griffith Park was deeded to the City of Los Angeles over 100 years ago as free for public use in perpetuity. Instead it has suffered many insults like Toyon Canyon being carved into a landfill against the wishes of Griffith J. Griffith's family. That shameful scarred hillside can be seen from miles away. I am somewhat heartened that the ridiculous unsightly aerial tram and larger parking structure are no longer part of the Zoo's expansion notions. However I am horrified that the Zoo's Alternate Plan 1.5 will still destroy several acres of functional native habitat for its California Visitor Center, Condor Canyon and funicular, and possibly some parts of the Africa Planning Area. Destroying those acres would do so at the expense of the very nature it purports to celebrate: protected Coast live oaks, Black Walnut trees, Nevin's barberry, Raptors, plus Lizards, Sticky monkey flowers, Bobcats, Pheasants, Coyotes, Deer, Woodpeckers and so many other birds and animals who thrive in undeveloped areas in the park, including near the zoo. Our famous sadly-deceased puma P-22 thrived almost 10 years in those undeveloped areas. And just focusing on the cost to trees, the Protected Tree Plan is short-sighted - relocating and replanting trees sets back that ecosystem by decades, if not longer, as those mitigation efforts may not even succeed. Per current proposals in the LA Zoo Vision Plan Revised Final EIR plan dated May 2023, Griffith Park doesn't need a huge visitor center scarring the skyline of a natural area and ridge line, plus adding light and sound pollution to the park. Griffith Park definitely does not need a new canyon blasted out in the name of California Condors, and such naming reflects disingenuous greenwashing on the part of the City and LA Zoo. And with Climate change, biodiversity challenges and implicit water use impacts, this plan seems very out of step with the needs of the city moving forward. Therefore,

as listed in the “Alternatives Considered” in ES.9.1 section, I am most supportive of Alternative Use (Reuse/Conservation Center) which would relocate the Zoo outside of Griffith Park, and turn the existing Zoo facility solely into a conservation-focused space. That way the Zoo would be able to continue on its vital work protecting the endangered California Condor instead of blowing up some Griffith Park land just to sell condor stuffed toys to kids. We have so so many entertainment attractions in the park already: Autry museum, Greek Theater, Travel Town and miniature railroad, Golf course, Merry-Go-Round and Griffith Park Observatory, plus many smaller areas of interest and public use. The Hollywood Bowl, John Ford Anson Ampitheater and Universal Studios are within a couple miles of the park if I really want to find loud, bright entertainment. I go to Griffith Park for the nature. Please do not keep chipping away at wild spaces. I believe that the Los Angeles Zoo and the City of LA are at odds with the will of the public if the LA Zoo’s destructive expansion is allowed to move forward as currently planned.

Communication from Public

Name: Faye Jackson

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 05:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the excavation of Condor Canyon and the ridgeline Visitor Center. While I admire the intent of the zoo to create such a habitat, Griffith Park simply cannot support such an extensive destruction of the native habitat and, aesthetically, it is in violation of the original intent of the land donation. It turns what was meant to be the preservation of a wild space that all residents can enjoy into a theme-park style attraction. The visitor center on top of the ridgeline would be an abomination. I have hiked through this area and it is home to many rare and fragile flora and fauna and it would be heartbreaking to see this habitat destroyed to provide yet another tourist attraction in a city full of them. From what I understand It's an intact chaparral habitat containing 26 City Protected Trees/Shrubs. I urge you to oppose these plans or to insist on major remedies and/or alternatives. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Bjorn Kindem

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 05:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the Zoo's Alternate Plan 1.5 that will destroy several acres of intact habitat for its "California Planning area to house the Condor canyon and funicular." Destroying those acres would do so at the expense of the very nature it purports to highlight and celebrate: plants and animals which thrive in undeveloped areas all through out the park, especially near the zoo. I get it. The zoo could use updating and maybe a small expansion. But that could easily happen with a minor change to it's existing footprint. This proposal goes way beyond that into something much more destructive to Griffith Park. It seems like the zoo is asking for way too much, hoping that it will still get way too much later. We have so many added entertainment venues in the park already: Autry museum, Greek Theater, Travel Town and miniature railroad, Golf course, Merry-Go-Round and Griffith Park Observatory, plus many smaller areas of interest and public use. The Hollywood Bowl, John Ford Anson Amphitheater and Universal Studios are within a couple miles of the park and Hollywood Hills. That's enough. An even better option is listed in ES.9.1 "Alternatives Considered:" Alternative Use (Reuse/Conservation Center) which would relocate the Zoo out of Griffith Park and turn the existing Zoo facility solely into a conservation space. The Los Angeles Zoo and the City are misreading their constituents if any more destructive development plans are allowed Thank you for considering.

Communication from Public

Name: SANDY PATTEN

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 05:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Why is the city of Los Angeles not standing up for keeping the natural beauty that remains here? Proposing to remove 13 acres of walnut-live oak woodland, home to native plants and wildlife - WHY?! For a visitor center and event space on top of a ridge line? That can be done elsewhere all over the the city where nature has already been compromised. Excavation of 60-foot deep Condor Canyon is destructive, expensive and will radically change Griffith Park forever, both aesthetically and ecologically. I was born, raised and still live in Los Angeles - this is a crime against the city and nature. It's heartbreaking.

Communication from Public

Name: JB

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 06:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Re: LA Zoo Revised Vision Plan, Alt. 1.5 Please do not move forward with this destructive plan. I do support the LA Zoo, but not this particular plan, since it will cause enormous and irreparable natural habitat destruction. No to Condor Canyon. No to the destruction of native wildlife, trees and plants. No to the destruction of a pristine ridgeline. No to more event space, with loud noise and bright lights negatively impacting local wildlife. The LA Zoo needs to be more oriented towards local conservation in its mission and vision. Please do not destroy Griffith Park and its wildlife with an over-developed, profit-oriented plan. It is possible to create design solutions that are sensitive to both the survival of the complex ecosystem that already exists in Griffith Park and to needs of the LA Zoo. I urge you to vote against the Alt. 1.5 plan and to seek more sensible design solutions.

Communication from Public

Name: Adrianna Hernandez

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 06:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: We do not need any more space dedicated to the LA Zoo because our native wildlife should be prioritized and protected. This capitalistic and greedy pursuit will not provide any sort of positive outcome for anyone other than those who will financially profit through the zoo's expansion, but we need to consider how important true conservation is for all of us and the real costs behind such pursuits. We need nature to be protected in Los Angeles—we do not need more zoo space. This is ridiculous to even consider carving out more natural resources for this. I hope that you guys make the morally sound decision here.

Communication from Public

Name: Christian La Mont

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 06:43 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect Griffith Park! 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Philip Ap

Date Submitted: 06/28/2023 06:52 PM

Council File No: 21-0828

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not destroy natural animal wildland to put up more cages and concession stands for your amusement and financial gain. We do not want this for Griffith Park!