

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm deeply opposed to this plan and deeply concerned at the lack of consideration the city council had for public concerns about this proposal. We do not need to destroy our native wildlife in our precious Griffith Park, and certainly not for a costly and unnecessary construction that will bring noise and light and carbon pollution to one of the last bastions of wilderness in Los Angeles. I am in complete shock that this passed. Given the corruption running wild through city hall, I can only imagine that some \$\$\$ was in play to grease the wheels...which is deeply disappointing, because I expected better of all of you. You were supposed to be better.

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Comments for Public Posting: In the week prior to the hearing for L.A. Zoo's Alt. 1.5 project, nearly 350 comments were submitted to the Council File opposing the current Alternative 1.5. A Sierra Club petition tallied another 300-plus comments in opposition to the current project. Comments in support of the expansion totaled a mere handful. But at the public meeting, there was no mention of this intense level of public opposition – especially the excavation of Condor Canyon which would divide a high ridgeline never before disturbed. 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. I am also concerned about the 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. I am frankly disgusted that the plan is moving forward as is. Concerned Griffith Park Hiker, Laura Napoli