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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/27/2023

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 10/19/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0828

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council urges members of City Council to reconsider their blanket support for the Zoo Vision Plan, and to bring a resolution to the lawsuit filed by the Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) and Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust (GJGT). A petition for a Writ of Mandate was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court challenging the City of Los Angeles' decision to approve the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan, known as Alternative 1.5. The lawsuit is opposing the Zoo Development's Plan to excavate an artificial 60-foot canyon in the zoo and destroying 16 acres of native habitat. It also alleges that the plan was approved without proper public review. The BABCNC represents homeowners who live within the Santa Monica Mountains. Preserving the native habitat as well as the flora and fauna which inhabit these hillsides, continues to be one of our major concerns. As the Wildlife Ordinance is currently in process,

and at a time when there is so much emphasis on biodiversity and preserving open space, we are surprised that the members of City Council would approve the current version of the Zoo plan. While we respect the good work of the Los Angeles Zoo, we hope it continues to carry out its work without destroying the sensitive habitat of the Santa Monica Mountains.

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Community Impact Statement on Zoo Expansion (Council File 21-0828)

On September 27, 2023, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council held a publicly-noticed full monthly Board meeting, and made a motion (agenda item #17) with regard to CF # 21-0828 as follows:

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The motion **passed** by 18 yeses and 3 abstentions.

Sincerely,

Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
President

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