EXEMPTION and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS; and ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT(APLCE) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Project Modifications to the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan and the Settlement Agreement for the case entitled <u>Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust</u>, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case (LASC) No. 23STCP03390.

## Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. DETERMINE that the proposed Project Modifications to the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan (Revised Project), as presented in the Zoo Department report dated October 21, 2025, attached to Council file No. (CF) 25-0783, do not involve new or substantially increased significant impacts; that changed circumstances with respect to the project do not involve new or substantially increased significant impacts; and that no new information shows new or substantially increased significant impacts, or new and/or previously rejected feasible mitigation measures or alternatives that substantially reduce significant impacts, and no major changes are needed to the Revised Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by City Council on August 2, 2023 (CF 21-0282); and, no subsequent or supplemental EIR is needed pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, as supported by said Zoo Department report and the Bureau of Engineering report attached thereto.
- APPROVE the proposed Project Modifications to the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan (Revised Project), as presented in the Zoo Department report dated October 21, 2025, attached to CF 25-0783.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The Zoo Department reports that there is no fiscal impact as a result of the approval and certification of this action as there is no obligation of funding.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

## <u>SUMMARY</u>

At its meeting held on October 28, 2025, your APLCE Committee considered a Zoo Department report, dated October 21, 2025, relative to proposed Project Modifications to the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan and related CEQA findings in connection with the Settlement Agreement for the case entitled (Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust, et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al., LASC Case No. 23STCP03390.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in said Zoo Department report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENTCOMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
JURADO: YES
HERNANDEZ: YES
NAZARIAN: ABSENT

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