

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the retention of a consultant to conduct a feasibility study that evaluates zoo governance models for the City of Los Angeles (City) and Los Angeles Zoo, with a roadmap for implementation of a governance change.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Jurado, Yaroslavsky - Blumenfield):

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to identify funding for the Zoo Department to retain a consultant to conduct a feasibility study that evaluates existing zoo governance models and identifies which of these models might work best for the City and the Los Angeles Zoo, along with a roadmap for implementing such a governance change, should the City determine that it is in the Zoo's best interest to do so.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on August 25, 2026, your Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee considered Motion (Jurado, Yaroslavsky – Blumenfield) relative to instructing the CAO, with the assistance of the CAO, to identify funding for the retention of a consultant by the Zoo Department to conduct a feasibility study that evaluates existing zoo governance models and identifies the best working models for the City and the Los Angeles Zoo, and a roadmap for any potential governance change. A restructured governance model, such as a public-private partnership, may offer alternative pathways to foster enhanced donorship, support a nimble and flexible operating environment, and increase capital investment while the City retains ownership. A public-private partnership model may also offer an opportunity to enhance the Los Angeles Zoo’s finances, modernize facilities, and expand its standing as a top destination in the City. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
JURADO:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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