

DRAFT HUNC PLUM Letter re ZOO EIR

The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) requests an extension in time to respond to the Los Angeles Zoo Draft Plan 2022- Alternative 1.5 as HUNC only recently became aware of the new plan as we were not included in the original distribution of notice(s) regarding the plan and due to the complexity of the overall plan.

HUNC filed a Community Impact Statement submitted November 10, 2021, supporting Alternative 1.0 of the original EIR. This position has not changed as of this date.

HUNC is appreciative of many of the changes in Alternative 1.5 as they are in concert with the purpose of Griffith Park as a wild-life sanctuary.

HUNC advises that they have been opposed to any commercialization of Griffith Park for at least the last decade and their position has not changed. Specifically, regarding Alternative 1.5, HUNC opposes the development of the California Area as a commercial and entertainment venue and opposes the excavation and development of the Condor Corridor as it will prevent animal migration and connectivity, will negatively affect biospecies and will move a substantial amount of soil which will have a negative effect on topography and habitat as well as issues routing the soil out of the area.

HUNC is concerned that the baseline information in the first EIR does not match the information in the EIR 1.5.

HUNC is opposed to the development of the very large new event area immediately inside the zoo entrance due to sonic and light disturbances that will negatively affect all wildlife. It should be noted that no other iteration of the event space was included in the EIR.

HUNC requests that the parking plan be reviewed as the parking plan, due to its elevated costs during prime time (weekends, holidays), could disenfranchise low income visitors who can only come to the Zoo on those days.