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LA Council File # 14-0589 Performing Arts Center

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To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

Ref: **Council File #14-0589**

I am very passionate about Griffith Park. I am on the Board of Friends of Griffith Park.

I am familiar with the area of the Old Zoo, and have great respect for this protected Wilderness Area. On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the LA City Council's voted 15-0 to approve Griffith Park as a city Historic- Cultural Monument. It was a wise decision.

The Old Zoo area has suffered since then. This October will mark the fifth consecutive year of the Haunted Hay Ride, (a month-long event) which draws thousands of attendees into the Old Zoo area. The event has grown in numbers and has expanded its footprint each year. No EIR was done.

In June of 2013 the Great Horror Camp Out was introduced to the area. Hundreds of tents were set up for two nights, June 6 and June 7. Guests paid to have the bejesus scared out of them. What impacts did this nocturnal event have on the wildlife? Again, no E.I.R. was done.

I realize we can not turn back the hands of time. We must move forward.

That being so, it is imperative a full EIR be conducted before the Performing Art Center (at a cost of \$5 million) is allowed to move forward, which cumulates even further adverse impacts to this area. The Old Zoo Area is a rich wildlife area with rare flora and fauna, well documented by numerous scientific studies, conducted by highly renowned specialists. It deserves to be protected.

Sincerely,

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