

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/04/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 01/07/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0828

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports the LA Zoo project alternative 1 (the Reduced Project Alternative) and opposes both the original proposed project and alternative 2 (the Multi-modal Transportation Alternative) as described in the environmental impact report (EIR)

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RE: Community Impact Statement - [Council File: 21-0828](#) - Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan / Environmental Impact Report / Infrastructure and Animal Facility Improvements

On January 4, 2022 a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held with a quorum of 15 board members present and that by a vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) adopted the following Community Impact Statement concerning [Council File: 21-0828](#).

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports the LA Zoo project alternative 1 (the Reduced Project Alternative) and opposes both the original proposed project and alternative 2 (the Multi-modal Transportation Alternative) as described in the environmental impact report (EIR)

Every city is now experiencing the effects of climate change. In Los Angeles, we are now experiencing frequent and regular droughts, heat waves, and wildfires. We must all work together to make the environmentally sustainable choice. This is why the Zoo's proposal for this massive project is so disheartening. We cannot afford to lose what little green space we have in Los Angeles. Rather than looking at the bottom line, it would be wise to look at the *triple bottom line*. It's clear the creators of this project are only looking at this financially and excluding the social and environmental aspects.

While the LA Zoo's general manager wrote that the vision for the zoo's "proposed infrastructure and animal facility improvements prioritize animal welfare, conservation, sustainability, operational excellence and being a community resource," we disagree. Removing native habitat at the scale proposed in the project (21 acres and 227 protected trees) is not consistent with the stated vision, and, if given the choice between the proposed project and alternatives 1 and 2, we

would much prefer alternative 1, which is identified in the EIR as the "environmentally superior alternative."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal stroke and a small upward flick.

Richard Loew
President
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council