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Summary: The SLNC urges the City Council to oppose Alternative 2 of the Los Angeles Zoo's Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Garden's Vision Plan Project in favor of a less environmentally impactful plan. PRESENTED BY: Jiyoung Carolyn Park
SECONDED BY: Alexandra Aurisch
YES: 12, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, INELIGIBLE: 0, RECUSAL: 0
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**LOS ANGELES ZOO VISION PLAN / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT /
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ANIMAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
(Council File [21-0828](#))
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) opposes Alternative 2 of the Los Angeles Zoo's [Draft Environmental Impact Report](#) for the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Garden's Vision Plan Project as it is identified by said report as generating more environmentally adverse impacts than the other alternatives.

Due to climate change, California is experiencing an unprecedented drought and has also experienced unprecedented heat and wildfires this year throughout the state including Los Angeles. The City's Green New Deal Plan includes achieving 'no-net loss' of native biodiversity by 2050 and reducing urban/rural temperature differential by at least 1.7 degrees by 2025 and 3 degrees by 2035. Alternative 2 would set the City back with respect to all of these goals, in addition to being the most costly alternative.

The Los Angeles Zoo's Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Garden's Vision Plan Project concludes that Alternative 2, the Multi-Modal Transportation Alternative, is not the environmentally superior plan. Removing 23 acres of native woodlands/habitat, including 227 City-protected trees, in Griffith Park to effectuate Alternative 2 runs counter to City priorities, including the Biodiversity Report, the LA Sustainability Plan, and the 30x30 initiative, which requires the City to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and freshwater and 30 percent of U.S. ocean areas by 2030. Maintaining woodlands and biodiversity in Griffith Park is vital to the health of the whole city's and the planet's ecosystems.

As [Friends of Griffith Park](#) points out, zoos are falling in popularity with a younger generation of parents and polling that shows only a very low percentage visit zoos based on moral concerns.

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