

Dear Honorable Council Members,

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council strongly urges the City Council to oppose the current Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan as described in the Final EIR in favor of project Alternative 1, the Environmentally Superior Alternative as described in the LA Zoo Vision Plan Project Final.

We believe the preservation of 21 acres of California habitat is precisely in line with the Project Description 2.0, Project Objectives, 2.2, sections 2, 4, and 13.

Section 2. Conservation, will be advanced by supporting habitat preservation efforts “to ... protect and grow animal population and habitats.”

We maintain that section 4. Learning and Education, would advance public engagement efforts by practically promoting lasting relationships with nature, life-long learning, and civic culture of conservation.

Section 13.Environmental Sustainability, is a compelling objective calling to protect resource conservation by maintaining old growth, which, once removed, cannot be replicated.

In summary, the ASNC urges the support of Alternative 1, the Environmentally Superior Alternative, in order to maintain old growth of California natives for habitat and biodiversity protection.