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It has come to our attention that the Chief Legislative Analyst has recommended a parking charge at the Los Angeles Zoo in Griffith Park. While we understand that the City of Los Angeles must explore new revenue opportunities to alleviate the current budget shortfall, we believe that this proposal counters the intent of Colonel Griffith when he ceded Griffith Park to the City, that access to the Park shall be free.

While placing an unfair burden on those who can afford it least, a parking fee at the Zoo will also lead to many unintended consequences: casual Park users (runners, hikers, etc.) who previously used the Zoo lot will also be forced to pay; in order to avoid the parking fee, some Zoo patrons will park at the Autry which will further jam that lot and force the Autry to eventually charge for parking; others will park as far away as the Ferraro Soccer Field, adding to an already overcrowded situation; a precedent will be set and other City parks will begin charging for parking (in reality, charging for park use).

The Los Feliz Improvement Association respectfully urges you to reject any plan to charge for parking at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Sincerely yours,

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President

