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Dear Mr. Ranelletti:

I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with an update on the Oakland Zoo's review of an alternative proposal to the Zoo's Master Plan prepared by Knowland Park neighbors Ruth Malone and Jason Webster.

As you recall, the Oakland Zoo presented its modifications to the 1998 City Council approved Zoo master plan at an Informational Briefing Session of the City of Oakland Planning Commission on April 21, 2010. At this session, Commissioner Sandra Galvez asked the City Planning and Zoning staff to clarify and explain alternative plans being suggested by some neighbors. On July 30, 2010, Zoo representatives met with Jason Webster and Ruth Malone at your office to hear a presentation on an alternative plan. Thirty days later, on August 30, 2010, the Zoo received an alternative plan proposal by email from your office.

At present, the Oakland Zoo is carefully and thoroughly reviewing the alternative plan proposal with experts in the field of architecture, civil engineering, animal welfare, and more.

Please call (510.632.9525 x138) or email (nik@oaklandzoo.org) with any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

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