In 2017, we will proudly mark the Sacramento Zoo’s 90th birthday. This year, the Sacramento Zoological Society took a number of steps to ensure the celebration will be truly memorable. In conjunction with the Zoo’s Executive Director/CEO Kyle Burks, the Board of Trustees launched a change initiative designed to chart the course for the next 10 to 20 years at the Sacramento Zoo. It’s an initiative appropriate for one of Sacramento’s top visitor attractions. Yes, with more than a half million visitors annually, the Zoo is truly the region’s family destination.

We’re gearing up and exciting change is all around us at the Zoo. Certainly, everyone loves the newest members of our animal family, including four Red River Hoglets, a pair of Eastern Bongo, and Rocket, our young Masai Giraffe. Our lion cubs aren’t so little anymore, but they still draw crowds. You’ll see the Zoo’s lush setting has become more beautiful with increased attention to the grounds, new fencing around the lake and better screening of maintenance areas. And we are getting close to finalizing plans for a state-of-the-art project to replace our outdated Reptile House with a modern, much more animal-friendly and visitor-welcoming Biodiversity Center.

In 2016, Trustees made two other major investments in our future. We formally launched a master planning project that will guide growth and renewal of the Zoo over the next 20 years, and will bring our 90-year-old complex into the 21st century. In addition, the Board of Trustees authorized a review and refresh of the Zoo’s branding. As you can see, we have an exciting future ahead of us! Make sure to track our progress on our redesigned website at saczoo.org. As we welcome 2017, let’s celebrate the Zoo’s history while looking forward to our exciting future as a leader in animal welfare and one of the Sacramento Region’s premier cultural amenities.

Jeff Raimundo
President
Board of Trustees
I am inspired by the great things that happened in 2016 in pursuit of our mission, the plans and the progress we’ve made, and the beginnings of the transformation for the future as we reimagine the Sacramento Zoo.

As a nonprofit institution, the support from the community – through visits that generate admission revenue, memberships, corporate sponsorships and charitable contributions – provides the resources to fulfill our mission and continue to focus on our top priority of providing uncompromising welfare for the animals in our care.

Last year we welcomed more than 530,000 guests at the Zoo! That alone keeps us motivated every day to improve the guests’ experiences while providing excellent care for the more than 500 animals at the Zoo. In 2016, the guests loved the introduction of new events like Star Wars Day and a revitalized Boo at the Zoo, and the bravest visitors experienced the exciting rock climbing wall. Two new Eastern Bongo antelope, a beautiful species from deep in the forests of Africa, and our newest Masai Giraffe, Rocket, delighted guests. Thanks to the generosity of dedicated donors, we began to replace the fencing around the lake that our Caribbean Flamingos and other waterfowl call home, and we made some much-needed improvements to the home of the Red Pandas. Behind the scenes, we worked to improve the homes for the lion pride, lemurs, and more.

All of this great work took place while we continued to lay the groundwork for the future. The Sacramento Zoo turns 90 in 2017! It’s a local, iconic landmark for you, your children and your grandchildren. We look forward to sharing our plans so that 10 years from now, your 100 year-old Zoo is reimagined and transformed into a world-class, cutting-edge institution that continues to make Sacramento proud.

Kyle Burks, PhD
Executive Director/CEO
A treasured Sacramento amenity, over a half million people flock to the Zoo every year. In 2016, 532,322 visitors spent time with family and friends connecting with wildlife and nature on the Zoo’s tree-lined campus. An additional 24,828 individuals attended on-site special events, including Wine & Brew at the Zoo, Ice Cream Safari, Boo at the Zoo and Wild Affair. Star Wars Day brought in many fans, and adventurers tried their skill at the challenging rock climbing wall, Kilimanjaro Climb.

New animal faces this year include infants from numerous species born at the Zoo – Wolf’s Guenon, Mongoose Lemur, Red River Hogs, Burrowing Owl chicks, Crested Guinea Fowl, Thick-billed Parrots, Western Pond Turtles and a Masai Giraffe calf. Staff happily greeted each new arrival and visitors were overjoyed observing the youngsters with their parents. The Zoo was also pleased to welcome two beautiful Eastern Bongo antelope.

With an eye to increasing the Zoo’s sustainable practices, Green Team staff worked to reduce trash and divert food waste out of the landfill. Thanks to partner Atlas Disposal and their ReFuel program, stations were set up to sort trash, recycling and food waste, diverting thousands of pounds of food waste and compost from the landfill every month.

The Board of Trustees and senior staff focused on the future of the Sacramento Zoo, defining its course by beginning work on a new Master Plan, as well as completing the design of the new Biodiversity Center.

The Sacramento Zoo Veterinary Department provides lifelong compassionate care to our animals. Veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians partner with the keepers and animal care supervisors to ensure that every animal at the Zoo is provided
with excellent health care. We conduct routine checkups that include comprehensive physical, dental, and ophthalmologic (eye) exams, echocardiographic exam (heart ultrasounds), radiographs and routine lab work. As animals age, we manage any chronic health problems such as arthritis with a variety of methods such as modifying exhibits to promote mobility, nutritional supplements, and analgesic medications when needed. The Zoo’s partnership with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine brings world-renowned specialists with a wealth of knowledge to the Dr. Murray E. Fowler Veterinary Hospital. As veterinary students and residents rotate through the Zoo’s hospital, we are training the wildlife veterinarians of the future.

People are the heart of any nonprofit organization, and the Sacramento Zoological Society is no different. Staff and volunteers at the Zoo provide first-rate animal care while continually working to improve both the facility and the guest experience. In 2016, a group of 1,508 volunteers – including talented trustees, dedicated docents, terrific teens, capable keeper aides, gifted groundskeepers and enthusiastic event helpers – donated 50,661 hours of expertise and hard work to the Zoo. We extend a sincere and heartfelt note of thanks to each one for their commitment and dedication to the animals and the Sacramento Zoo.

HERE ARE A FEW FUN FACTS AND NOTABLE MILESTONES FROM 2016:

1. Fulvous Whistling Duck thought it was a Crested Screamer
7. 7 months of growing for Rocket, the Masai Giraffe calf – a weight gain of 465 pounds (he weighed 163 pounds at birth) and an increase in height of almost 3 feet!
12. 12 times Pantanal, the Rainbow Boa, shed her skin
42. 42 Star Wars characters visited the Zoo on Star Wars Day
116. 116 birthdays celebrated at the Zoo
200. 200 bananas consumed by April, the Kinkajou
445. 445 pounds of food collected for the River City Food Bank
528. 528 gallons of ice cream served at Ice Cream Safari
730. 730 walnuts and almonds cracked by Julio, the Blue & Gold Macaw
6,336. 6,336 bags of popcorn popped
9,060. 9,060 students, adults and seniors participated in 243 ZooMobile programs
9,613. 9,613 miles run/walked at ZooZoom
18,000. 18,000 apples consumed by Zoo animals
19,784. 19,784 pounds of trash transformed into sustainable methane gas to fuel local school buses and divert from landfills
369,740. 369,740 pieces of candy handed out at Boo at the Zoo
532,322. 532,322 guests visited the Sacramento Zoo!
In 2016, the Sacramento Zoo contributed almost $150,000 to over 40 wildlife conservation efforts locally and globally. A variety of programs received financial and in-kind support for activities that included monitoring species and their habitats, aiding in medical care for injured animals, and working with communities to protect native species.

1. African Association of Zoos and Aquaria (PAAZAB), Africa
2. Amphibian Ark, Minnesota
3. Asian Hornbill Nest Boxes, Thailand
4. Chimpanzee Conservation, Cameroon/Nigeria
5. Community Education Workshops, Cameroon
6. Conservation Biologist Support, California
7. Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, Minnesota
8. Conservation Education and Bird Survey, Cameroon
9. Ewaso Lion Conservation, Kenya
10. Giant Garter Snake Field Status, California
11. Golden Lion Tamarin Environmental Education, Brazil
12. Greater Sandhill Crane Conservation, California
13. Grevy’s Zebra Project, Kenya
14. Gyps Vulture Conservation, Pakistan
15. International Snow Leopard Trust, Mongolia
16. Lemur Conservation Network, Madagascar
17. Lion/Human Conflict Mitigation, Kenya
18. Mabula Ground Hornbill Project, South Africa
19. Madagascar Fauna Interest Group, Madagascar
20. Masai Giraffe Conservation, Tanzania
21. Niclo Adoptivo Blue Macaw Conservation, Bolivia
22. Orangutan Conservation Genetics Projects, China
23. Painted Dog Zsinda Nature School, Kenya
24. Pemba Flying Fox Conservation, Zanzibar
25. Post-release Amazon Basin Monitoring, Ecuador
26. Red Colobus Monkey Conservation, Nigeria
27. SAFE Western Pond Turtle Projects, California
28. Sahara Conservation Fund, Niger/Chad/ Tunisia
29. Seafood Watch Program, California
30. Seagrass and Climate Change, Tanzania
31. Small Cat Conservation, Borneo
32. Southern African Vulture Conservation, South Africa
33. Sustainable Community Practices, Uganda
Quarters for Conservation wishing wells give Zoo visitors the opportunity to vote for featured programs. This year highlighted Borneo Small Wild Cat, Greater Sandhill Crane, and Southern African Vulture conservation groups. Quarters for Conservation is a great example of the Sacramento community working hand in hand with the Zoo to make a global impact.
The Sacramento Zoo has an extensive selection of educational experiences for children and adults.

As an educational institution, the Sacramento Zoo follows the California State Board of Education science content standards through a variety of programs. Each year, children from a 24-county region visit the Zoo on organized school field trips. In many instances, a visit to the Zoo is the only opportunity a child may have to see a Snow Leopard or Sumatran Orangutan.

Children and adults alike participate in experiences that spark passion for wildlife and conservation. Zoo staff, docents and volunteers shared their talents with over 160,000 participants in 2016 at a number of venues – on Zoo grounds, in classrooms, at senior centers and other off-site locations.

**FACES AT THE ZOO**

The Sacramento Zoo is home to 580 animals representing 128 species. Of that number, 76 species are in danger of going extinct (listed as Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable). Of all species housed at the Zoo, 56 are managed cooperatively as part of the Zoo’s participation in programs of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.
This statement presents a brief overview of the Sacramento Zoological Society’s financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2016. To review a complete copy of the audited Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants with all accompanying notes, please refer to the Society’s website saczoo.org.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Assets

**Current Assets:**
- Cash and equivalents: $2,559,600
- Accounts receivable: 67,197
- Prepaid expenses and other current assets: 81,587

**Total Current Assets:** $2,708,384

**Investments:** 5,382,723

**Property and Equipment - Net:** 6,222,958

**Charitable Remainder Trust Assets:** 685,537

**Total Assets:** $14,999,602

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

**Current Liabilities:**
- Accounts payable: $295,360
- Accrued and other liabilities: 252,310
- Deferred revenue: 437,004

**Total Liabilities:** $984,674

**Net Assets:**
- Unrestricted: 8,572,754
- Temporarily restricted: 2,239,282
- Permanently restricted: 3,202,892

**Total Net Assets:** 14,014,928

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets:** $14,999,602
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