



HUNTSVILLE

Tommy Battle
Mayor

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North Alabama Zoological Society
4100 Market St SW Suite 100
Huntsville, AL 35808

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write this message in my official capacity as Mayor of the City of Huntsville to express support for the North Alabama Zoological Society's (NALZS) plan to bring a zoo to our area. A zoo of the type described in the plans shown to me by the leadership of NALZS would enhance the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of Huntsville.

We recognize that the seventeen county region of which Huntsville serves as the economic hub is one of the largest metro areas in the country that lacks an easily accessible zoo. We are interested in seeing this currently missing piece of our cultural offerings added to the tapestry of top-tier museums and attractions in our area.

Furthermore, I am pleased to learn that the NALZS is undertaking the project of having their zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The City of Huntsville strives to provide the best possible services to its citizens, and we expect no less from our partner institutions. NALZS has more than adequately assured city leadership that their vision meets our exacting standards.

I look forward to seeing the progress made by NALZS in bringing this project to fruition.

Respectfully,

Tommy Battle

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