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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO ANNOUNCES BIRTH OF SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN

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FRESNO, CA — Fresno Chaffee Zoo is excited to announce the birth of a Sumatran orangutan baby. On October 5th, 2026, Sumatran orangutan, Negara, gave birth to a female baby. Mom and her baby are spending some time behind the scenes as they continue to bond and be monitored by the Zoo's Animal Care and Veterinary teams.

"We're excited to expand our orangutan troop with another baby," said Nicole Presley, the Zoo's General Curator. "This is Negara's first baby here at Fresno Chaffee Zoo and she is doing a fantastic job."

This is the first baby born to Negara and male Sumatran orangutan, Busar, at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. In the wild, the Sumatran orangutan population is considered "critically endangered" according to the IUCN Red List. As members of AZA's Species Survival Plan and Orangutan SAFE, Fresno Chaffee Zoo is proud to participate in the conservation efforts for this species.

The community has an opportunity to support the Zoo's newest arrival by voting to name her!

Guests can visit the orangutan habitat in Kingdoms of Asia to participate in a specialty naming vote. The community can decide between Marigold, Ru, and Lyra to be the name of the Zoo's newest resident. The name with the most votes will be announced via the Zoo's social media channels. If the public would like to show their support for the babies at the Zoo, virtual adopts are now available on the Zoo's website fcz.org or at this link: https://fcz.org/zooborns/

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