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June 3, 2022

Via-email: citycouncil@burbankca.gov
Mayor Jess Talamantes
Vice Mayor Konstantine Anthony and
Members of the Burbank City Council

RE: Circle K Stables, 910 S. Mariposa Street, Burbank, CA

Dear Council Members:

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) was established to advise the Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles concerning equine issues of importance to the equestrian community. Although its focus is mostly upon issues within the City of Los Angeles, often times what occurs outside the city has an impact upon equestrians and equines within the city. This is especially so with our neighbor, the City of Burbank. A case in point is the historic Circle K Stables located 910 S. Mariposa Street, Burbank, CA. The stable serves residents of both Burbank and Los Angeles and they in turn rely on facilities in both cities to pursue their sport. Consequently, its closure would reduce the ability of residents of both cities to participate in equestrian activities. For this reason and other good reasons outlined below, the LAEAC strongly supports the proposal for the City of Burbank to purchase the 910 S. Mariposa Street site and to improve and operate it as a horse stable.

Circle K Stables is the last horse boarding stable in the historic Rancho District horse community and the last such stable within Burbank city limits. Much like the golf course that the city maintains, these stables provide a vital way for people to recreate and enjoy the outdoors. This property is connected to the Mariposa Bridge and is a gateway to the perimeter and Griffith Park trails. Putting it under public ownership ensures that equestrians can continue to safely access these areas and use the other amenities and equestrian infrastructure maintained by the Cities of Burbank and Los Angeles.

The demand for horse facilities in this area has increased since the beginning of the pandemic, in terms of both horse ownership and an interest in horse riding in general. Circle K Stables is not currently operating at full capacity simply because upon learning



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of its potential sale, many boarders began moving their horses to areas outside of Burbank. If the stable is closed, the remaining horses will be forced out of Burbank as there is not enough space at other barns in the Rancho District to house them.

The acquisition, improvement and operation of the property as a stable will not only benefit the Burbank equestrian community, it will benefit all residents of Burbank. The facility's clientele patronize other Burbank businesses, including tack shops, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Its acquisition will also generate a reasonable income stream for Burbank that will benefit all its residents.

The facility generates revenue from boarders, students and trainers. Currently, the property has the capacity for roughly seventy-five horses. By our estimates, at an average of \$600 monthly for boarding, this will gross \$45,000 monthly or \$540,000 annually. Our committee can help provide more information about operating costs if needed.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of our perspective.

Yours respectfully,



David D. Ramey, DVM
President

Cc Justin Hess, City Manager
Judie Wilkie, Assistant City Manager