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The Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
Room 395 City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
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Dear Honorable Members:

**COMMENT ON GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES CONCESSIONS CFI [21-1457](#)**

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) is an advocate for the reinstatement of pony rides in Griffith Park based on several compelling reasons that underscore their importance to our community. The LAEAC urges adoption of the management model used at the Greek Theater and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center to facilitate its expanded vision.

Pony rides are not only a recreational activity but also a significant contributor to Griffith Park's historic resources. They play a crucial role in preserving the park's cultural significance, serving as a living reminder of its rich heritage. Preserving these rides ensures that future generations can continue to experience and appreciate the historical essence of our beloved park.

Underserved community members have been deprived of horseback riding opportunities during the transition period. Ensuring the humane treatment of animals coupled with a community partnership gives “children from low-income families the opportunity to interact, care and learn about horses at an affordable cost”. This is in alignment with the council’s motion and vision for a world-class pony ride experience.

Pony rides maintain the commitment that meets the diverse interests and preferences of our community members. They support the diversity of recreational offerings in Griffith Park and enhance the overall experience for families and individuals alike.

Therefore, we urge the Council to consider these points carefully and support pony rides at Griffith Park and the opportunity to add pony rides throughout the entire park system for the expanded benefit of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact T. Hagans 818.937.3551 [thagansequinela@gmail.com](mailto:thagansequinela@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

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