

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

January 20, 2022

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager



SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904m	Referred to General Manager
2) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904n	Referred to General Manager
3) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904o	Referred to General Manager
4) Vora Pong Nimual comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades	#9003e	Referred to General Manager
5) Steve Cline comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades	#9003f	Referred to General Manager
6) Farnaz Tamjidi comments regarding Balboa Park	#9053a	Referred to General Manager
7) Griffith Park Pony Ride Comments	#9054az-9054ll	Referred to General Manager
8) Jen Ritchkoff comments regarding Westwood park	#9056a	Referred to General Manager
9) Levi Zollinger comments regarding Spring Park	#9059	Referred to General Manager
10) Christine Mills O'Brien comments regarding Hollywoodland Homeowners Association	#9060	Referred to General Manager

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11) Cindy Pease comments regarding Proposal for Park transition	#9061	Referred to General Manager
12) Collette Ramirez comments regarding Kennedy Kimball	#9062	Referred to General Manager
13) Kristine Smith comments regarding Goats for Brush clearance	#9063	Referred to General Manager
14) Gary Pokoik comments regarding Via de las Olas intersection near Via De La Paz	#9064	Referred to General Manager
15) Perry Klein comments regarding Via de las Olas intersection near Via de la Paz	#9064a	Referred to General Manager
16) Blake Mirkin comments regarding Via de las Olas intersection near Via de la Paz	#9064b	Referred to General Manager
17) Jeff Ayeroff comments regarding Via de las Olas intersection near Via de la Paz	#9064c	Referred to General Manager
18) Rick Bruner comments regarding Park Bench at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park	#9065	Referred to General Manager
19) Debra Huston comments regarding permits Westchester Park Ball Field	#9066	Referred to General Manager
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21) Beth Davis comments regarding Chatsworth Bridle Paths	#9067	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Enforcement of curfew in parking lots of parks

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 11:41 AM

To: Debra Huston <>

Cc: Abby Austin <abby.austin@lacity.org>, Paula Gerez

, Theresa Torrance

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, 30093@lapd.online, Sophia Castaneda

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>, Chris Spitz

, Chad Molnar <chad.molnar@lacity.org>, Garrett Smith

, Julie Zaller

, Julie Ross

Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Lucy Han <lucy@fotj.org>

Beth O'Rourke <

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 6:29 AM Debra Huston

> wrote:

Abby,

We are still wondering when the vehicles that are in the park past park curfew time will be cited and towed?

You spoke at a Neighborhood Council meeting on November 3, and said the vehicles in the park would not be towed because of a "moratorium." That was the first time we heard that vehicles in the park would not be part of the Encampments to Home program, and that they would remain in the park after the cleanup that was planned for later in November.

We spoke with Hannah about this on November 12 at the park, on the day of one of the park cleanups, and asked her if the vehicles were being moved as part of the cleanup, and if Mr. Bonin's office is working on lifting the moratorium on enforcement of park ordinances vehicles from remaining overnight in the parking lots of parks, if there is such a moratorium. Hannah said there is a motion in the Transportation Committee, filed about a month ago, that would lift the moratorium as to enforcement in parks.

I followed up with Hannah by email on November 12 after our conversation and asked for the Council File number of that motion. I received no response.

Receiving no response, we did some research and found the motion to which we believe Hannah referred that is pending in the Transportation Committee. That motion does not apply to parking lots of parks. It applies to streets.

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0956\\_misc\\_8-25-21.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0956_misc_8-25-21.pdf)

LAMC 63.44 is the ordinance that applies to the parking lots in parks. Under that ordinance, people are required to leave the park at closing time, whether they are in a car or not. We ask that the curfew established in LAMC 63.44 be enforced, whether or not you can tow vehicles.

We have learned that the park curfew is being enforced by LAPD in parks in the city, and we request that it be enforced in Westchester Park.

We also ask for the status of the motion pending in the Transportation Committee that Hannah claims would lift the moratorium regarding enforcement of citing and towing vehicles in the parking lots of parks. We would also like to know what Mr. Bonin is doing to ensure the passage of that motion.

This is a matter of urgency for members of the public, and we would like a quick response. Our youth athletic leagues are preparing to play sports in the park once again, and our seniors would like to go to the senior center once again. They need a clean and safe park, and they need an adequate number of parking spots.

Thank you.



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Park opening event at Westchester park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 2:13 PM

To: Debra Huston

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 6:39 PM Debra Huston &lt;

wrote:

Mr. Shull, Mr. Kim, Ms. Aguirre, Ms. Young-Jimenez, and Honorable Paula Gerez, and Honorable RAP Commissioners,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We thank you for all you have done to make the park safe again for the general public, and for leagues and teams and athletes. Many thought it could not be done given resistance by the Council Office. We still have Council Office resistance with regard to making the parking lots of the park safe, and we continue to work on that. We also continue to work to have "Safe Parking" relocated to a more appropriate location, as the Safe Parking is fenced and takes 25 of the 50 parking spaces adjacent to the four ball fields. Mike Bonin's office has not responded to us about the RVs, vans, and cars used as dwellings in the parking lots of the park, and they have not responded to inquiries about Safe Parking.

We have been informed that Mike Bonin's office and Grassroots Neighbors are planning a park opening event/celebration at Westchester Park in conjunction with Rec and Parks, and that the event is to be held on January 21 and or January 22.

While we are happy the park is opening to the public, we are receiving numerous complaints from community members that this should NOT be a Mike Bonin and GRN event. There is a very strong feeling in the community that this community event should be an event sponsored by Rec and Parks, and that it should not be politicized by the person who let our park become a homeless encampment and encouraged the homeless occupation of the park long after other parks in the City were back in business.

Community members remember that Mike Bonin, just this year, wanted a homeless shelter built in the park with part of the park sectioned off through rezoning for that purpose, and he filed a motion with City Council to work toward that. This motion by Mike Bonin resulted in thousands of hours of dedicated community members' time to fight this motion. The Sheriff had his HOST Team to the park two separate times. Mike Bonin would not listen to the community during that entire time. We have many community members who are ready to speak to this. In addition, our community members have devoted countless hours to working to restore this park to community use, all with resistance by Mike Bonin.

**The community wants a reopening event sponsored by Rec and Parks. If Mike Bonin or his staff or GRN give speeches, the event is a political event and not a community event. People in our community are saying they will not participate if it is a political event, or that they will protest and issue a press release in advance of the protest.**

It is not acceptable to us that this be anything other than a community event.

Please let us know how we can help Rec and Parks have a re-opening celebration with the community that is solely a community event.

Also, please let us know if the Council Office insists on having involvement in this event.

Please get back to me as soon as possible about this.

Debra Huston



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## Re: Please help us get our Westchester ballfields renovated

1 message

**Sonya Young-Jimenez** <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 12:14 PM

To: Debra Huston &lt;

Cc: Michael Shull &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;, Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, Jimmy Kim

&lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;, Brenda Aguirre &lt;brenda.aguirre@lacity.org&gt;, Beth O'Rourke

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, Julie Ross

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Theresa Torrance

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&lt;Jimmy.Newsom@lacity.org&gt;, Robert Buenrostro &lt;robert.buenrostro@lacity.org&gt;

Hello Debra, maintenance met with the contractor yesterday and the project is behind due to many COVID cases amongst their staff and the recent rains. They are going to reassess the fields and determine when the sod is going to be placed and when the lighting upgrades will be done. I should have more specific dates next week after these assessments are completed. Thank you

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 12:20 PM Debra Huston

&gt; wrote:

Mike and Sonya,

The community and youth athletes appreciate all you can do to expedite this process.

Please give us an update on Wednesdays, beginning today. Sonya mentioned yesterday that she was doing some checking on something so we do want to hear the result of that.

If you have news that we would want to hear, please update us even if it is not a Wednesday. That would be most appreciated by our league leaders who are making plans for the spring season.

Thank you.

Debra

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 10:48 AM Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org> wrote:

I will be sending an update every Wednesday.

Thank you

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 11:21 AM Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org> wrote:

We are already performing work through a contractor. Sonya will provide regular updates.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2022, at 9:59 AM, Debra Huston

&gt; wrote:

Mike,

Thank you for responding. Sonya Young-Jimenez mentioned this month the surge of the virus in mid to late December. Naturally, we thought that if the fields had been completed by the originally projected date of October, or in November or December, we would not be in this situation now. However, we are here now. Can RAP hire contractors to complete the fields given the situation if RAP employees are not available to do the work? Our youth need those fields.

Thank you.

Debra

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 9:17 AM Michael Shull <[michael.a.shull@lacity.org](mailto:michael.a.shull@lacity.org)> wrote:

Debra,

The Department is doing the best we can. We fully understand the importance of these fields and I am personally watching this project. Our staff and contractors are deeply impacted by Omicron. I am ensuring we are doing everything we can with this project along with a high multitude of other projects across the park system.

Thank you.

Mike Shull

General Manager

City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Recreation and Parks

[michael.a.shull@lacity.org](mailto:michael.a.shull@lacity.org)

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 8:59 AM Debra Huston

wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

Our youth athletes in Westchester Park are still without ballfields. The renovation of the fields began in August, and we were told the fields would be ready for permitting in October. October came and went, and little work had been done on the fields.

Then we were told the fields would be ready for permitting in January. That didn't happen. The renovation wasn't completed and fields weren't ready for permitting in January. The fields had not yet been seeded.

Then we were told the fields would be ready in March. We asked for a date of completion in March so our leagues could make plans for their seasons. We still have not received a completion date.

RAP has postponed the reseeding of Penmar ballfields, which helps the Santa Monica Youth Rugby Club. However, our other leagues who have looked into getting permits at Penmar can't get permits because Penmar is fully booked. As we have said before, there is a severe shortage of lighted multiplex fields in the City of Los Angeles. LA Rugby is playing on fields throughout LA because Westchester isn't available. LaCrosse is playing in the private Carl Neilsen fields because Westchester is not available. Pop Warner football league folded because Westchester fields are not available. Del Rey Little League took fewer kids because Westchester fields are not available. LAX youth baseball disappeared and apparently disbanded because Westchester fields are not available. And there are more stories.

Journalist Sue Pascoe of Circling the News is doing a series on the Safe Parking situation at Westchester Park, and that involves the ballfields. As Sue Pascoe points out, other parks have had their fields available for use since last spring.

Westside Current picks up Sue Pascoe news piece about equity in youth athletics

[https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/westchester-versus-pacific-palisades-field-permits-and-the-safe-parking-program/article\\_a489d7da-72d7-11ec-a63f-4bf990dbf4c2.html](https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/westchester-versus-pacific-palisades-field-permits-and-the-safe-parking-program/article_a489d7da-72d7-11ec-a63f-4bf990dbf4c2.html)

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Circling the News piece about Safe Parking and equity in youth athletics

<https://www.circlingthenews.com/westchester-versus-pacific-palisades-field-permits-and-the-safe-parking-program/>

Circling the News piece about Safe Parking and permits

<https://www.circlingthenews.com/westchester-residents-not-consulted-about-safe-parking/>

The renovation is a two-month project, and it has been going on since August. We have been given no reason for the delays, and we do not learn of the delays unless we approach RAP and follow up as many times as are necessary. We have been given no explanation as to why this renovation didn't happen when the fields were closed during the covid shutdown in late 2020 through spring 2021.

Our league leaders have been given little information as to the reasons permits weren't issued for Westchester ballfield use last spring, when other parks in the district were issuing permits for their fields. One reason given was that permits would not be issued because of Safe Parking in the parking lot closest to the ballfields.

We note that our Council Member, Mike Bonin, personally wrote emails basically demanding that the Safe Parking Right of Entry (ROE permit) be extended on a very short timetable, a matter of a couple weeks. RAP complied and put the pedal to the metal and got the permit issued on the timetable Mr. Bonin, and built a fence surrounding the Safe Parking on the same short timetable. Neither the community nor the neighborhood council were given notice of Mr. Bonin's request that the ROE be extended. We learned of this only through documents obtained in Public Records Act requests.

We need a date by which the fields at Westchester Park will be open and issuing permits. This is important to our community. Westchester Park has been the center of the Westchester community for decades. Many of our Westchester youth, and many people who are now adults, grew up playing sports on those fields. Our children will be without their fields for a year in March.

Will you please intervene on behalf of the children and youth of Westchester and ensure the fields are completed in March? If the fields are not completed by then, the spring season will be interrupted--the fifth season to be interrupted (or lost) since other parks opened their fields last spring.

Thank you very much for whatever you can do to expedite the renovation of the fields.

Debra Huston

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**Sonya Young Jimenez**

*Superintendent of Venice Beach and West Region*



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## Re: Fw: Pickleball at Palisades Rec Center

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 10:27 AM

To: pong ucla <

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Cc: RAP Palisades RC <palisades.rc@lacity.org>, "noah.fleishman@lacity.org" <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 9:11 AM pong ucla

> wrote:

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**From:** pong ucla <

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:58 AM

**To:** Ejiah Cooper <[ejiah.cooper@lacity.org](mailto:ejiah.cooper@lacity.org)>; Paige Barnes <[paige.barnes@lacity.org](mailto:paige.barnes@lacity.org)>

**Cc:** Donna Burkons

**Subject:** Re: Pickleball!

Hi again Ejjah,

I wanted to touch base with you on the progress of our Pickleball courts. Can you please give us an update by replying ALL so that everyone of our group is aware.

Also, I wanted to ask for you to please consider the following 2 options for our Pickleball group while we wait for the permanent Pickleball courts.

Option #1, can we please have your permission to chalk temporary Pickleball court lines on either tennis court #7 or #8 below? We've done it in the past at Rustic Canyon and Paige, the director there, was kind enough to allow us to do so. The chalk lines will be in different color from the existing tennis court lines which are white. This way, we will at least have 4 courts to play with instead of the current 2 courts.

Option #2, can we please paint some kind of permanent lines on our current 2 Pickleball courts in this open area between the 2 gyms. This open area is not currently being use for any activities and the temporary chalk lines eventually fade in time or whenever it rains like today.

As you can see here, we have over 50 members in our Palisades Pickleball group. The only reason why you only see a portion of us playing at Palisades Rec is because we only have 2 courts available. With the looming holidays coming up, I expect to see more players and their families showing up to play so we could really use more courts that Option #1 would provide rather than Option #2. However, we will gladly except either one at this point.

Thank you very much for your consideration and, again, please reply ALL to this email. Wishing you and your family a Happy Holidays.



Vora **PONG** Nimnual

<https://usapickleball.org/>

USAPA Ambassador - Pacific Palisades

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**Re: Palisades paid tennis**

1 message

pong nim <

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 1:48 PM

To: Steve Cline <steve.cline@lacity.org>

Cc: Francisca Castillo <francisca.castillo@lacity.org>, Kane Phelps

Anthony Gallo

<anthony.gallo@lacity.org>, Noah Fleishman <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>, Lisette Kremer

, Ejjah

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<rusticcanyon.rc@lacity.org>, Palisades Recreation Center <palisades.rc@lacity.org>

I totally agreed with you, Supervisor Steve.

However, just to put things in perspective, currently there are 14 dedicated/permanent public tennis courts (8 at Palisades + 6 at Rustic) while there are 0 dedicated/permanent public pickleball courts in the community of Pacific Palisades.

Enough said, at this point I'd like to thank both Director Ejjah at Palisades Rec for providing us with a place to play currently and Director Paige at Rustic Cyn Rec for providing us with a place to play in the past. They've both been wonderful and receptive to our plight.

Thank you all very much for all your support and we look forward to playing harmoniously along with our neighbor tennis players, all of whom are always welcome to come play with us with an open arm. I will have pickleball gears for them to play with so that they can just come as they are.

Thanks again and have a wonderful holidays everyone.

p.s. Link to our petition

[Sign the Petition](#)

**Sign the Petition**

Dedicated Pickleball Courts in Pacific Palisades

Vora **PONG** Nimnual

<https://usapickleball.org/>

USAPA Ambassador - Pacific Palisades

On Monday, December 20, 2021, 01:05:04 PM PST, Steve Cline <[steve.cline@lacity.org](mailto:steve.cline@lacity.org)> wrote:

Yes, I understand the process very well, however we have had issues with tennis players complaining about extra lines. I am sure you have experienced the confusion for some of the tennis players. I have attended the Simi Valley meetings with this being an issue. All I am saying is the committee understands that this can be an issue and we would just like to have input from the tennis community to make it a seamless transition for all involved. Do you think they deserve a voice in order to best get along?. It can be a good process to alert them instead of saying sorry later and receiving backlash as we have experienced at Granada Hills, Chatsworth, and Encino over these past few years. It's called being considerate to all patrons who may share space.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 12:47 PM pong nim

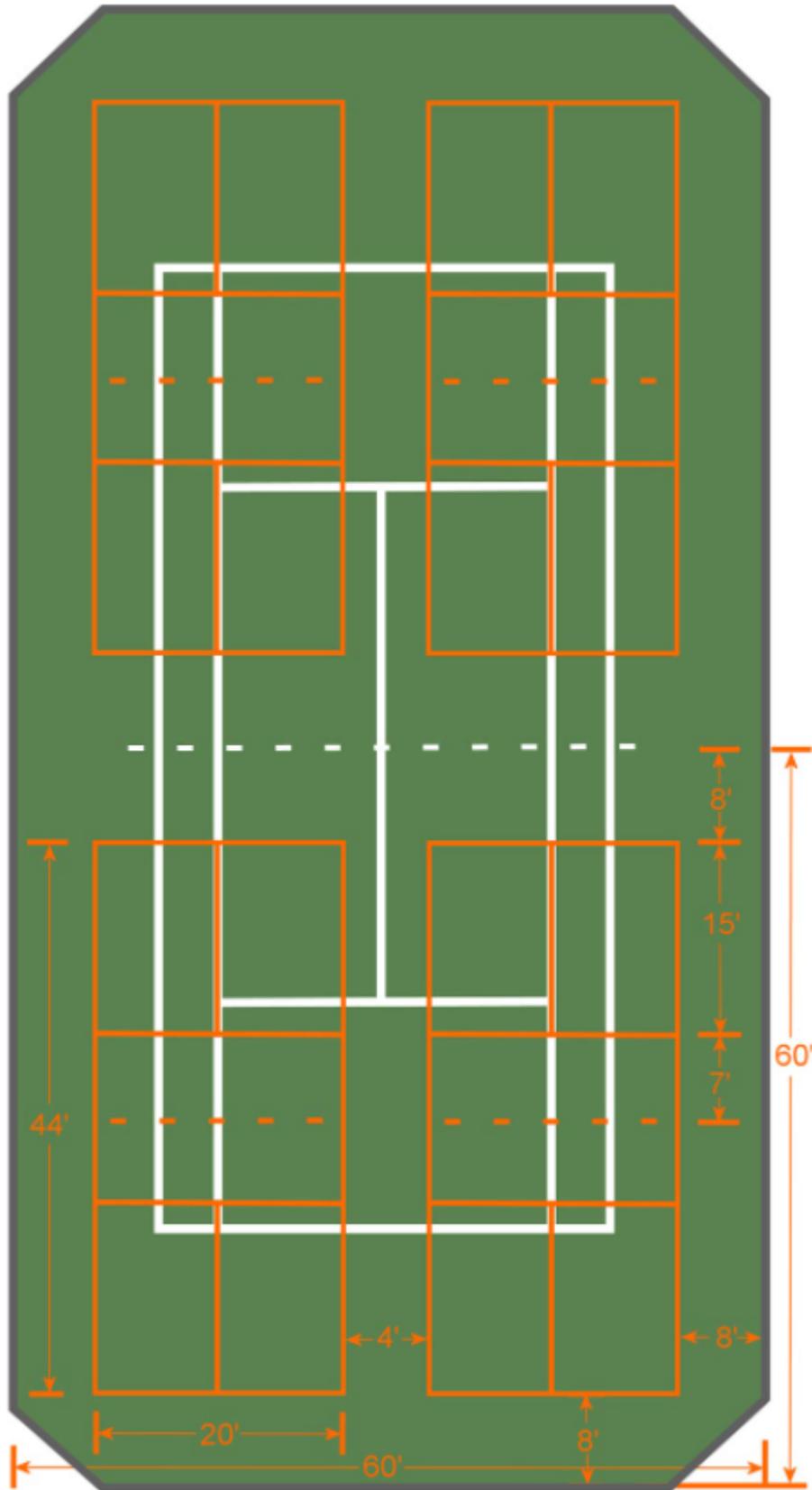
> wrote:

Hi all,

I just wanted to clarify to everyone here that we're not seeking to replace or convert an existing tennis court to 4 pickleball courts. For now, we are merely asking that permanent lines be drawn out for 4 pickleball courts (2 on each side of the tennis court) so that both tennis & pickleball can be played on this so-called hybrid court. It is happening through out the Los Angeles county in order to accommodate this fastest growing sport in American right now.

Here's an image of what it will look like from the official USA Pickleball website:

<https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/court-diagram/temporary-court-setup/>



And also at another website here:

<https://pickleballfix.com/pickleball-court-dimensions/>

It is totally doable and the lines can be drawn with different color, usually yellow, to distinguish from the existing white tennis court line. From past experience, I have to admit that it will be a little confusing at first but eventually both tennis & pickleball players do get used to them.

Please feel free to get in touch with more with any question or additional information. My contact info is below. Thank you very much for helping us with this.

Vora **PONG** Nimnual

<https://usapickleball.org/>

USAPA Ambassador - Pacific Palisades

On Monday, December 20, 2021, 08:10:19 AM PST, Steve Cline <[steve.cline@lacity.org](mailto:steve.cline@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thanks Francisca for your response as we are willing to convert to pickleball and will require a public meeting to ensure the conversion is accepted by the patrons at tennis courts. The challenge is usually to get tennis players to accept the game of pickleball, but it can happen with cooperation from all.

On Sat, Dec 18, 2021 at 9:30 AM Francisca Castillo <[francisca.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:francisca.castillo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Kane,

Just so that we are all on the same page, I want to reiterate that the objective of the City wide pickleball committee is to conduct internal and external assessments for pickleball play. Please know that the recreation and parks department is fully aware of the desire to offer pickleball at Palisades Recreation Center. I am happy to hear the park director has been able to accommodate your group. As I mentioned over the phone, there has been only one committee meeting thus far. We appreciate your patience as the department work towards addressing the demand for pickleball play.

Thank you,

Francisca

On Sat, Dec 18, 2021, 8:46 AM Kane Phelps < > wrote:

Good morning Anthony,

I am an advocate for Pickleball in Pacific Palisades and have been talking to both Mike Bonin's office and to the city wide appointed District Pickleball committee representative, Francisca Castilla. Both are highly supportive of the Palisades Pickleball community.

Kindly inform me as to the concession status of courts 7 & 8 at the Palisades Park and Recreation center. I know the vendor for 1 through 6, but understand that courts 7 & 8 are under a separate contract. I would appreciate your sharing with me, who that vendor is and the status (length) of that contract.

Thanks in advance.

Kane Phelps, MA, LMFT

"I will build an altar from the broken fragments of my heart."

~ Yehuda Hechasiid

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## Re: Balboa Park Emergency situation

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 10:41 AM

To: "F. T"

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 2:19 PM F. T

> wrote:

Hello today while I was picking up hooks I saw a injured coot that didn't have visible cause of injuries. If it's hook we try to take it off and release them but this coot had unknown cause I took her home while twisting for your reply. I saw body part of another city it was so fresh possibly few hours ago so I don't want sand this for this one. If I don't hear from you guys I try to contact California life center. I know they have limits in accepting birds. Also will contact la animal service.

On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 5:32 PM F. T

> wrote:

Please find in attach copies of recent injuries

----- Forwarded message -----

From: F. T

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Subject: Balboa Park Emergency situation

To: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hello,

I am very concerned about the situation of wildlife at Balboa Lake in San Fernando area.

Ducks , geese , birds , fishes and many other creatures are living at balboa lake where fishing is allowed. Unfortunately every week we witness these innocent animals get injured by hooks or elastic wires that wraps around their leg and body do either they chew their tangled wires if they can't the body part that in trapped get infected , amputated or the suffering is deep that they die..

We mentioned these issues to park facility unfortunately we did not get any help or response.

The hooks often get to ducks mouth that they can't eat no more and they die..Also hooks get sticks to children's shoes and harm them ...

It is hard to see the injured animals because they hide to die Weser them while we pick the hooks up and help the injured ones...

We are about 3 volunteer that care for these birds out of pocket. We are reaching to many organization no help in any means..

We desperately need your help.

We do have many cases recorded for references .  
We have picture video bill references and many more.

Please please please help us trough this huge issue...  
Farnaz Tamjidi

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Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 12:51 PM

To: Falling James

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 11:24 AM Falling James

wrote:

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To: J Kim

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&gt; wrote:

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To: Leslie Randall

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM Leslie Randall <  
Dear Michael and Commissioners,

wrote:

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To: Mechelle Bollon

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To: David Tang >

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To: Jessica Dacher

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wrote:

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&gt; wrote:

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To: Gabriel Marin

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 12:40 PM Gabriel Marin wrote:  
Dear Michael and Commissioners,

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To: KE R &lt;

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Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 7:45 AM

To: Stella bridge

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM Stella bridge < > wrote:

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To: Mary Bradstreet >

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:24 PM Mary Bradstreet

wrote:

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To: Bridget Piazza

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:26 PM Bridget Piazza &lt;

wrote:

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To: Tarun Bishop &lt;

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:37 PM Tarun Bishop > wrote:

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To: christina kaylor

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:43 PM christina kaylor

wrote:

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Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 9:11 AM

To: emek echo &lt;

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Cc: Michael Shull &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;, Mayor Helpdesk &lt;mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org&gt;

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To: Rhonda Pendleton

Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 9:15 AM

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:55 PM Rhonda Pendleton <rhondapendleton@lacity.org> wrote:

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To: Elizabeth Porcheddu

Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 9:21 AM

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 3:27 PM Elizabeth Porcheddu

&gt; wrote:

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Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 10:58 AM

To: D's &gt;

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 3:32 PM D's &gt; wrote:

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 3:34 PM Stephanie Curson < > wrote:  
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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 3:46 PM Linda Middlesworth

&gt; wrote:

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 4:05 PM Mars Green

wrote:

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 4:12 PM Patty Shenker

&gt; wrote:

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 4:30 PM leslie davies

&gt; wrote:

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wrote:

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 5:06 PM Liz Smith

wrote:

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To: Daniela Castillo >

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 9:38 AM

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 5:55 PM Daniela Castillo

wrote:

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To: Alexandra McCardell

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 7:39 PM Alexandra McCardell

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On Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 8:24 PM Vishal Patel

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To: Sophia Alsadek

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To: Holly Freeling

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**Re: Please enforce the contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Matthew Duncan >

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM

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On Sat, Dec 11, 2021 at 12:53 AM Matthew Duncan

&gt; wrote:

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To: Wendy Hollis

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Dec 11, 2021 at 1:16 AM Wendy Hollis

wrote:

Dear Michael and Commissioners,

I have grave concerns for the animals and child safety issue at Griffith Park and Pony Rides. Why does Griffith Park and Pony Rides remain open? They have been in violation of their contract to uphold the safety of children and animals in their care; this is irresponsible business practice.

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Wendy Hollis

Sent from my iPhone

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: PAMELA SLATER-PRICE >

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

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~ Dr. Seuss

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**Re: Please enforce the contract! BAN PONY RIDES**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Maria Rios

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Dec 11, 2021 at 3:38 PM Maria Rios

wrote:

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Alison Levy

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:12 AM

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On Sat, Dec 11, 2021 at 8:38 PM Alison Levy  
Dear Michael and Commissioners,

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Respectfully,  
Alison Beth Levy

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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To: Sandra Bell <

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On Sat, Dec 11, 2021 at 8:55 PM Sandra Bell

wrote:

Dear Michael Shull and Commissioners,

As an LA constituent I'd like to express my concern for the animals and child safety at the Griffith Park pony rides. I'd like to inquire why these pony rides remain open, even after the proprietor has been in violation of the contract to uphold the safety of our children and animals in their care?

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I am calling upon you to enforce the contract that has been signed by your office. Please be a hero to these miserable, helpless horses and advocate for all of them to be sent to a sanctuary where they will be recognized for the sentient beings they are and not a mere commodity.

Thank you!

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To: "

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On Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 8:25 AM Elvia Sedano

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Please enforce the contract!**

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To: J SPADY >

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On Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 8:47 AM J SPADY &lt;j &gt; wrote:

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Jill Spafy

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note8.

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To: Nicole Bovigny

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Jessica Dacher >

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 12:03 PM

Good morning,

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On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM Jessica Dacher wrote:

Dear Michael and Commissioners,

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Best Wishes,  
Jessica Dacher

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "Benson, Dionne" <

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 12:04 PM

Good morning,

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On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:32 AM Benson, Dionne &lt;D

&gt; wrote:

Good morning. My name is Dr. Dionne Benson. I am the Chief Veterinary Officer for The Stronach Group which owns racetracks in California, Maryland, and Florida. Including myself, we have 5 veterinarians on staff. These individuals are experts at evaluating the health and welfare of horses. One of our veterinarians has completed a surgery residency and another is a Certified Journeyman Farrier and has an equine dentistry practice. Additionally, I am working towards a Master's degree in Animal Welfare.

After reading about the concerns regarding the ponies at Griffith Park, I wanted to offer the services of our veterinarians to evaluate the health and welfare of the ponies. We would be happy to arrange a time to bring our team in one afternoon to evaluate the ponies and provide a report to the City of Los Angeles and the Park Board. This would be done on a pro bono basis to benefit the ponies.

Please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ you have any questions. Thank you.

Dionne Benson

Dionne Benson D.V.M., J.D.

Chief Veterinary Officer

The Stronach Group

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To: Elie <

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> wrote:

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Elie

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides welfare check 12/11 at 3:00 pm**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Zohra Fahim

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 10:36 AM

Good morning,

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On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 11:13 AM Zohra Fahim &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hi Lieutenant Peregrina,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication towards the protection of our animals. I understand your plate is full, so I thank you in advance for attention on this issue.

I would like to kindly submit a welfare check to the below items:

- On Saturday 12/11, the horses and ponies at Griffith Park and Pony Ride were being overworked.
- On Saturday 12/11 a pony at Griffith Park and Pony Ride, a pony was elevating both of its back hooves simultaneous. A patron walking by and I expressed our concern, and one of the workers tried checking the hooves but was unsuccessful. We requested that their "direct equine veterinarian" examine this pony. The manager did not respond to this request or our concerns, and we were met with her laughing. I know that you're the expert thus I wanted to submit this issue to you, and ask you if this is normal (picture attached), and to please have an equine veterinarian ensure that this pony does not have any issues? I apologize as I do not have a video for you to capture full scope, however will provide to you moving forward.

I am **respectfully urging you** to please enforce the following law:

**Penal Code 597**

((b) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (a) or (c), every person who overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, drink, or shelter, cruelly beats, mutilates, or cruelly kills any animal, or causes or procures any animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, drink, shelter, or to be cruelly beaten, mutilated, or cruelly killed; and whoever, having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any manner abuses any animal, or fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, or shelter or protection from the weather, or who drives, rides, or otherwise uses the animal when unfit for labor, is, for each offense, guilty of a crime punishable pursuant to subdivision (d).

I **respectfully am urging you** to advocate for the retirement of the Appaloosa pony that has lameness, and should not be working. I am **respectfully urging you** to have animal cruelty charges filed against this concessionaire for allowing a Appaloosa pony to work for almost seven hours (on multiple days while having workers chase after this animal), when this horse has gait issues.

- Appaloosa pony spotted with lameness, appeared to be fatigued, chased by workers for almost seven hours on this day. I understand that you're still investigating, however I have observed this horse to be working, and this horse should not be working, rather be resting. This issue is garnering national attention, (please refer to letter below from horse expert who trains law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse).

Dear Michael Shull,

I **respectfully am urging you** to exercise default provisions towards the operator Griffith Park and Pony Rides, Stephen Weeks for not upholding the contract. Placing a child on a unstable pony to provide rides poses a huge safety risk to children, and this can cause an injury to a child. This can also poses a huge lawsuit against the city if a child is injured. In addition, allowing for a horse to be overworked with no water for almost seven hours in 90 F is endangering livestock.

Please refer to below of the contract:

**R. Care of Livestock**

**CONCESSIONAIRE shall strictly observe all requirements and directives of the Department of Animal Services of the City of Los Angeles. If CONCESSIONAIRE or his employees appear to have mistreated or endangered any livestock, after a review by a licensed equine veterinarian, the DEPARTMENT may immediately exercise default provisions.**

A child was injured on July, 2021 of this year (please refer to video below), as I have deep concern for the children that visit this park as we have observed the saddle to continue to slip.

[Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo: Girl trampled and dragged when saddle slips. July 2021](#)

Thank you for all the hard work you do in our community. It is greatly appreciated.  
All my best to you,

Zohra

**Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract**

Nov 24 at 5:34 PM

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**Scott Beckstead**

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To: [michael.a.shull@lacity.org](mailto:michael.a.shull@lacity.org), [mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org), [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Dear Michael,

I am a lifelong horse owner and an expert in equine care and welfare. As part of my work I provide training to law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse and neglect. I am also an adjunct professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where I teach classes in animal law.

I have observed video of the conditions under which the ponies are expected to work at the Griffith Park pony ride attraction. Based on those observations it is clear to me that the owner of that facility is not attending to the basic welfare needs of the animals in his or her care. I am particularly concerned about a small spotted white pony with an irregular gait that could indicate either pronounced musculoskeletal injuries or neurological disease, such as stringhalt. This animal must be immediately removed from work and put under the care of an equine veterinarian. I am also concerned that the animals appeared to be working on hot summer days where they were clearly fatigued and sluggish in their movements.

Because these appear to be chronic and ongoing problems, I would expect immediate action by the city, including revoking the facility's permit and shutting it down so the animals can be placed in more humane living conditions.

Thank you for considering my views and please advise if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance.

Scott Beckstead

Sutherlin, Oregon

**Zohra Fahim**

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 2:49 PM

To: Falling James

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 12:37 PM Falling James &lt;n

wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park and Pony Rides, since there has been documented video footage of animal abuse and neglect.

Children riding animals that are unstable, and old is a huge liability for the city. Not to mention, the recent event on July 2021 below when a child was trampled and dragged when her saddle slipped.

<https://youtu.be/OXydAbh0GI4>

I am urging you to please not renew the contract, replace the park with a non-animal model that is safe for our children, and have all the animals sent to a sanctuary.

Thank you for all the hard work you do in the community.

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Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 2:50 PM

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Kelli Farmer

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 3:16 PM

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 12:50 PM Kelli Farmer <  
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Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 3:17 PM

To: Leslie Randall &lt;&gt;

Cc: Mayor Helpdesk &lt;mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org&gt;, Michael Shull &lt;michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 1:40 PM Kristi DeMaria

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 2:19 PM Savannah Ray

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To: Stella bridge

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**Re: Letter from Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Re: Goats for Brush Clearance**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 7:37 AM

To: Kristina Smith &lt;

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Cc: Diana Nave &lt;

, Christian Guzman &lt;c

m&gt;, Victor Christensen-NWSPNC

Good morning,

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 5:22 PM Kristina Smith

&gt; wrote:

To: Michael Shull, General Manager; and RAP Commissioners,

Attached is a letter from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council regarding goats for brush clearance at Peck Park.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and the attachment.

Thank you.

Kristina Smith  
Neighborhood Council Services

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

To: ginny &gt;

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 4:51 PM ginny

wrote:

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Sincerely,  
Ginny Rankin

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: alexandra mcardell >

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:09 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 5:11 PM alexandra mcardell

&gt; wrote:

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Alexandra McCardell

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Maria Amaral

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:11 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 6:38 PM Maria Amaral

wrote:

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Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:19 AM

To: Jordyn Rose &gt;

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 3:37 PM Jordyn Rose < > wrote:

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Jordyn Rose  
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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Stephanie Curson >

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:24 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 6:39 PM Stephanie Curson <  
Dear Commissioners,

wrote:

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To: mr fortune &gt;

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:04 AM mr fortune < > wrote:

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To: Matthew Duncan

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:07 AM Matthew Duncan

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Terri Cartwright

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 6:39 AM Terri Cartwright  
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To: Christina Newsome

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 7:25 AM Christina Newsome <  
Dear Commissioners,

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Contract Renewal for Griffith Park Pony Rides**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Atwater Rental

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 8:59 AM Atwater Rental &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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**Thank you,  
Rick and Rachel Fishbein**

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**Re: Please end animal cruelty**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Pat Walton >

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:26 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM Pat Walton

&gt; wrote:

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Pat Walton | Graphics Designer  
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**Re: Request a Response**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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To: Lucy Peixoto

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**Re: Contract for Griffith Park pony rides and petting zoo**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: PAMELA SLATER-PRICE

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:10 AM PAMELA SLATER-PRICE &lt;

wrote:

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~ Dr. Seuss

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**Re: pony rides**

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To: eddi lynn

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:11 AM eddi lynn

wrote:

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**Re: DO NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Claudia Crystal

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:27 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:17 AM Claudia Crystal &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: URGENT!!! Please read! I implore you not renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo!**

1 message

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To: merrill flam

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## Re: contract for pony rides in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Galen Hazelhofer

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:27 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:18 AM Galen Hazelhofer <

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

Witnesses have observed horses displaying high stress behaviors when being handled, ponies tethered to metal bars plodding in endless circles in hot temperatures while being denied access to water, ponies being overworked without rest.

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Please don't teach our children that animal abuse is OK.

Thank you.

Ms. Galen Hazelhofer

 <http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/galen-hazelhofer.html>

 <https://galen1artist.wixsite.com/galen/animal-pet-portraits>

"The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look on the murder of men." Leonardo da Vinci

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**Re: Pony rides and petting zoo**

1 message

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**Re: please do not renew contract**

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To:

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:31 AM &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Thank you,

Christine Hsia

Los Angeles, CA

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**Re: Please do not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

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To: veronica ferrantelli

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:36 AM veronica ferrantelli

&gt; wrote:

**Dear City Honorable Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**I am appalled to learn and witness the horrific condition these animals are tragically forced to live in in my home town. This is Los Angeles a progressive and wealthy town and yet the disregard for these innocent animals is heartbreaking. The amount of money these animals make, should allow them to live a happier life. SHAME ON YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS AND FOR LOOKING THE OTHER WAY FOR YEARS. The disregard is palpable.**

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**Thank you,  
Veronica Ferrantelli**

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Paige Parsons Roache

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:37 AM Paige Parsons Roache wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park and Pony Rides, since there has been documented video footage of animal abuse and neglect.

Children riding animals that are unstable and old is a huge liability for the city. Not to mention, the recent event on July 2021 below when a child was trampled and dragged when her saddle slipped.

<https://youtu.be/OXydAbh0GI4>

I am urging you to please not renew the contract, replace the park with a non-animal model that is safe for our children, and have all the animals sent to a sanctuary.

Thank you for all the hard work you do in the community.

Gratefully,  
Paige Parsons Roache  
Mother of two children  
Concerned citizen of Los Angeles

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**Re: Please do not renew the contract**

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To: skeasom51

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&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Horse Rides in Griffith Park Must End!**

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To: J RenWorth

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:51 AM J RenWorth &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Jerily Rushworth**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Gina Tomaselli >

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:52 AM Gina Tomaselli

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride Contract**

1 message

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Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:29 AM

To: Karie DeLalla &lt;

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:53 AM Karie DeLalla

wrote:

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Pasadena CA**

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**Re: Urgent Request**

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To: Yael Trock

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:04 AM Yael Trock &lt;

wrote:

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**Re: Do not renew for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

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To: O lewis

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:06 AM O lewis < > wrote:

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**Tank you,  
O Lewis**

Sent from my Galaxy

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**Re: DO NOT RENEW GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDE CONTRACT!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:32 AM

To: Judy Tyler

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:10 AM Judy Tyler

wrote:

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**Thank you.  
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**Re: Please do NOT renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "Christopher St. John" <cstj >

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:14 AM Christopher St. John &gt; wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

I'm a California business person, and I'm writing to respectfully ask you NOT to renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo.

Why?

1. Numerous documented instances of animal abuse.
2. Safety violations that have harmed children.
3. Potential as communicable disease vector.

As an advertising creative director, I can tell you that in today's California, entertainments that exploit living creatures are out of step with what the majority of Californians value.

Instead of this anachronistic facility, I would urge you to consider more modern attractions that are cleaner, safer, and non-exploitative.

Thank you very much for your time.

Regards,

**Christopher St. John**  
Creative Director & Writer  
St. John Creative



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**Re: Please stop animal cruelty at the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Zena Alam

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:18 AM Zena Alam &lt;

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**Re: animal abuse at Griffith Park that needs to be stopped**

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To: Carolyn Seeman &lt;

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:24 AM Carolyn Seeman &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Please DO NOT renew pony rides and petting zoo**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:34 AM

To: Pam Harris &lt;

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:25 AM Pam Harris &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear Councilmembers and Commissioners:

Please do not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo. They are an abusive outfit that exploits animals. As Los Angeles becomes a leader in animal welfare concerns by banning many cruel practices in other areas, we need to take a stand against this abuse as well. Please replace the animals with humane options that can be fun for kids without exploiting animals.

The LA Alliance for Animals investigation revealed that animals at the Pony Ride and Petting Zoo were abuses. Horses and ponies hooked onto a turnstile were worked in 90 degree weather for nearly seven hours without water. When a pony stopped in the middle of the ride she was pushed with no regard whether she needed a break or water. On the adjacent section of the park, workers were seen scaring, hitting, and chasing the ponies to go faster in hot temperatures, at times exceeding 90 F. The welfare of these animals are not being considered.

Please do the right thing and put an end to this.

Sincerely,

Pam Harris

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**Re: Ponies Griffith Park**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Jane Hunziker <

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:44 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM Jane Hunziker <

wrote:

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**Thank you.**

Jane Hunziker

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**Re: Do not renew contract**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:44 AM

To: Vicky Tuorto

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:37 AM Vicky Tuorto

> wrote:

for the Griffith Park Pony

Ride and Petting Zoo!!!! Please leave these animals alone. God gave them a life just like you.

Vicky Tuorto

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**Re: Horse Rides in Griffith Park Must End!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Valarie Ianniello

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:50 AM Valarie Ianniello &gt; wrote:

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Thank you.

Valarie Ianniello  
President and CoFounder  
Women United For Animal Welfare

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**Re: Please do not renew Griffith park pony ride**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Lara Plutte

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:08 AM Lara Plutte

> wrote:

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**Thank you.**

~ lara

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**Re: Help Children and Animals**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Louise Gray >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:44 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:16 AM Louise Gray

> wrote:

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Sincerely,  
The Gray Family  
Southern California**

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**Re: Do NOT renew Pony Ride & Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Mari Mennel-Bell >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM Mari Mennel-Bell < > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

**Very sincerely,**

**Mari Mennel-Bell mLauderdale by the Sea Florida 33062**

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Please have compassion for defenseless animals**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Deysi Sierra >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:25 AM Deysi Sierra > wrote:

**Hello my name is Deysi Sierra and I am a constituent . My address is . I implore you to Please do NOT renew the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract because it's cruel to ponies and a safety hazard for children.**

**The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. PLEASE I IMPLORE YOU to send the defenseless animals to an accredited sanctuary and that the rides be replaced with a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another non-animal activity.**

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**Re: NO MORE PONY RIDES IN GRIFFITH PARK**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

To: I

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM

t> wrote:

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW PONY RIDES TO CONTINUE. PONIES DO NOT NEED TO BE BURDONED DURING THE HEAT OF SUMMER.

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## Re: Do not renew Griffith Park Pony Rides Contract

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

To: Erin Lynch

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:38 AM Erin Lynch <

> wrote:

Hi. Please do not renew the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract. It is cruel to the animals and unsafe for the children. It's an outdated concept and should go the way of the circus... just an old-fashioned notion.

Thank you for your consideration!

Erin Lynch (mom of Ethan, 7 year old)

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**Re: PLEASE DO NOT RENEW CONCESSIONAIRE CONTRACT FOR GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES AND PETTING ZOO**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Morgan Stewart < >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:40 AM Morgan Stewart &gt; wrote:

Dear Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

I am writing to request that the city of Los Angeles **not renew the concessionaire contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.**

I am a constituent of Council Member Mike Bonin and live at 709 6th Avenue #B, Venice, CA, 90291.

I politely urge you **not to renew** the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract because it's cruel to ponies and a safety hazard for children.

The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. There are **16 ponies** who are routinely overworked, even being forced to continue in **90-degree heat for nearly seven hours** without water. **One pony** suffers from an apparent gait issue but is still forced to give rides to children. Last July, a child was trampled by another pony after her saddle slipped.

Please send the animals to an accredited sanctuary and replace the pony rides with a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another non-animal activity.

Thank you.

Best,

Morgan

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**Re: No Animal Abuse!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Nic D

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM Nic D <

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

**Dr. Kellen Dunn**

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Please DO NOT renew the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Chris Leverich

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:48 AM Chris Leverich

> wrote:

**To the Board of Rec and Parks commissioners,**

**I'm asking you to NOT renew the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract because it's cruel to ponies and a safety hazard for children.**

**The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water.**

**Please send the ponies to an accredited sanctuary and replace them with a merry-go-round, go-karts or another non-animal activity.**

**Thank you,**

**Chris Leverich**

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**Re: Please don't renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Donna Alexander

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:49 AM Donna Alexander

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:****As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.****Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.****Thank you,  
Donna Alexander****P.S. It is time for us to evolve past the times where we use animals for entertainment. In every single situation where an animal is used for any type of entertainment, or any type of product, there is always abuse involved. Please use other forms of entertainment that are cruelty free.**

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**Re: Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Oliver Gruber

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:52 AM Oliver Gruber  
Please don't renew pony rides contract!!!

wrote:

**The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. Ask that the animals be sent to an accredited sanctuary and that the rides be replaced with a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another non-animal activity.**

No federal law regulates the care or treatment of horses or ponies used for exhibition. In fact, when used for this purpose, they are specifically excluded from protection under the federal Animal Welfare Act. Overworked ponies can suffer from hoof ailments, saddle sores, and problems with their mouth and teeth. They may be forced to work for hours in the scorching heat and even denied water. It's often cheaper to replace worn-out or sick animals than it is to provide proper veterinary care, so operators may work ponies until they drop.

Thank you for helping to create a kinder world!

Best,  
Oliver Gruber

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Carolyn Gray

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:53 AM Carolyn Gray

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.** Please DO NOT RENEW the contract for pony rides and petting zoon.

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**Re: Pony Rides in Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: marisa landsberg

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:02 PM marisa landsberg <

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,  
Marisa Landsberg**

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**Re: Please do NOT renew the license for Griffith Park Pony rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Anna Boyadjian >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:12 PM Anna Boyadjian

> wrote:

| It is cruel and inhumane to have those ponies subjected to heat, poor conditions, and long hours.

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**Re: Please stop pony rides at Griffith Park!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To:

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:20 PM Jordan Diaz-Gold

wrote:

**The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. Ask that the animals be sent to an accredited sanctuary and that the rides be replaced with a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another non-animal activity.**

**This is inhumane and it is in your power to stop it.**

**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jordan Gold  
Pacific Palisades**

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**Re: Griffith Park Ponies**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Ellen McCann >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:27 PM Ellen McCann wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you,**

**Ellen McCann**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rid**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Diana K

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:42 PM Diana K

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

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Thanks!

Diana

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**Re: Pony rides at Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To:

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:50 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 12:49 PM pj

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**I am writing to you today to ask you not to renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions and help children embrace the modern humane philosophy of not using animals for their own amusement.**

**Thank you very much for your consideration.**

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**Re: Re Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:50 AM

To: Bruce England

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 1:01 PM Bruce England

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned California citizen, I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your valuable influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models, which, in addition to being humane, also help to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.  
Bruce England

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride & Petting Zoo**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Deniz Bolbol >

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Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 1:10 PM Deniz Bolbol

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recreation and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo. There is no way to use animals in this manner that does not involve severe deprivation and animal abuse. Additionally, it is counter-educational to exploit animals in this unnatural way teaching children and adults to view animals as "things" to play with and use for entertainment.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

I urge the City of Los Angeles to do the right thing. You have this opportunity to promote and teach that kindness and compassion should not have any limits.

I urge you to take this simple action that will make a difference.

Best wishes for the holidays,  
Deniz Bolbol

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**Re: Please do not renew pony contact in Griffith park.**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Judi Hochman

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 1:11 PM Judi Hochman

wrote:

Please do not renew the Griffith Park Pony rides contract because its cruel to ponies and a safety hazard for children.

The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. I would like you to send the animals to an accredited sanctuary and the rides be replaced with a merry go round, go karts, or another non animal activity.

Judi Hochman

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**Re: YOUR RE-ELECTION DEPENDS ON THIS\*\*\*\*\*Griffith Park Pony Rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Tressa Arasheben

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 1:16 PM Tressa Arasheben

wrote:

My address:

Teresa Arasheben

I urge you to please STOP and PERMANENTLY BAN pony rides.  
Animals should not be slaves to children/human entertainment.  
Would want your human loved one to give people rides on his/her back all day long??

WHAT makes it "okay" for animals to be enslaved like this??!!

REMEMBER RE-ELECTION TIME--I CERTAINLY WILL.  
AND I HAPPEN TO HAVE A LARGER THAN LARGE INTERNET FOLLOWING.  
I WILL MAKE SURE THAT MY STANCE IS KNOWN AND WILL INFLUENCE FAR MORE OTHERS THAN YOU CAN  
IMAGINE.  
I AM VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

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## Re: not renewing Griffith Park Pony Ride & Petting Zoo contract

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Hera Der-Gevorgian >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 1:56 PM Hera Der-Gevorgian wrote:

Dear City Council Members and Parks and Recs commissioners,

I strongly urge you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
Hera Der-Gevorgian

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**Re: Animal abuse**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

To: Roy Zia

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM Roy Zia

wrote:

Dear sis/madame, pls look into the pony rides in the Griffith park. The ponies were overworked, underfed, made to work long hours , even under extreme heat. I think u should stop the operation. Thank u

Roy Zia. 3109952435 concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re:**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Theresa Elizabeth >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 2:46 PM Theresa Elizabeth

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned Los Angeles county resident, citizen I am respectfully urging you to NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse and child safety.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, or education enrichment which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases and other health elements that they should be treated for.**

**Thank you.**

- Theresa P

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

To: Sid Shapiro

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:24 PM Sid Shapiro < > wrote:

Please do NOT renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo. Both of these activities are very susceptible to abuse of these animals. There are plenty of other activities that don't involve animal abuse that can be substituted for these.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sid Shapiro, CPA

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Contract Renewal**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

To: c

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:24 PM Chris Leclerc <

> wrote:

Dear City Council members and Parks/Rec Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.

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Chris Leclerc

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**Re: Do not renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Timespirt

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:37 PM Timespirt < > wrote:

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**Re: Legal animal cruelty**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

To: jennifer Crum

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:39 PM jennifer Crum

> wrote:

Do not renew the Griffith Park Pony Ride and petting zoo. The animal abuse and cruelty involved in this makes me sick. Please use your power and influence to speak up for animals who can not. I cannot believe in this day and age and time we are still having to bring up care for animals. Please replace live animals with non animals models such as go karts. Please ensure the safety of children and animals. I beg of you. Jennifer Crum

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**Re: Please DO NOT renew the contract for pony rides at Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Jeremiah Benjamin

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 4:03 PM Jeremiah Benjamin <

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.  
Jeremy Benjamin**

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**Re: Fw: Griffith park pony ride**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Sandra Mcleod

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 5:41 PM Sandra Mcleod

wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

On Thursday, December 16, 2021, 5:37 PM, Sandra Mcleod <

wrote:

Please don't renew the contract for this animal abuse ride. These animals are forced to give rides even in extreme heat for hours, most times with minimal relief. This cause's stress to the animals and it is not uncommon for children to be abusive also. We must protect these voiceless animals.  
Please DO NOT renew!!!

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**Re: HELP STOP THE ANIMAL CRUELTY**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To:

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 6:38 PM Annette Coomber

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

**AR Coomber**

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**Re: Griffith Park.**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Elysabeth Alfano

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 6:58 PM Elysabeth Alfano

> wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Further, I welcome you to join the rest of the world in the year 2022, not the year 1952. Forcing animals to entertain and perform is widely viewed and rightly understood as animal abuse. Circuses are closing everywhere, not to mention the largest of them all, Barnum and Bailey, shut down years ago. Why? No one thinks it is fun or cute to abuse animals.

Honestly, do better. It's embarrassing for our city. Do Not Renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

Thank you,

Elysabeth Alfano

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**Re: Griffith Park horse abuse**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Stephen Colley

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM Stephen Colley &lt; &gt; wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**Please, people, do NOT renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo. Why? Because of the recent discovery of the abuse of the horses there. And if you can't get the contract stopped, maybe you could add to the contract, to make such abuse illegal and subject to significant penalties, with regular (quarerly?) visits to monitor the situation. Hope so!**

**Also, maybe you could use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Whatever you can do would be a potential lifesaver...literally. Thanks for reading...**

**Stephen Colley**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: laura brill

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 7:03 PM laura brill

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you,**

**Laura Mani**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Maria Amaral

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 7:54 PM Maria Amaral

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Victoria Fisher >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 8:12 PM Victoria Fisher < > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen of Burbank, right near the park, I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models, less stress on the animals and more safety of the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

Victoria Fisher-Briggs  
Kjar and Associates

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## Re: Griffith Park Petting Zoo

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

To: Hailee

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 8:13 PM Hailee < > wrote:

As a concerned citizen, I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-carts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases. Thank you.

Hailee Jones

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**Re: Contract renewal for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Joyce Smith

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 9:23 PM Joyce Smith

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.  
J. Smith**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

To:

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:08 PM

wrote:

**I urge you to not renew the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract because it's cruel to ponies and a safety hazard for children.**

**The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. Ask that the animals be sent to an accredited sanctuary and that the rides be replaced with a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another non-animal activity.**

Thank you,  
Shelley Butler

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**Re: Pony rides contract Griffith.**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Pilar Zorrilla >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:23 PM Pilar Zorrilla

> wrote:

**To whom it may concern:**

**Please do not to renew** the Griffith Park Pony Rides contract because it's cruel to ponies and a safety hazard for children.

**The rides force animals to plod in hundreds of circles in hot temperatures with no access to water. Ask that the animals be sent to an accredited sanctuary and that the rides be replaced with a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another non-animal activity.**

Sincerely,

Pilar Zorrilla

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**Re: Please do not renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Sepi Yagoobian >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 11:38 PM Sepi Yagoobian

> wrote:

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**Thank you,  
Sepi Yagoobian, Esq.**

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**Re: Please do not renew Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo contract**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Sandra Zaninovich

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 12:53 AM Sandra Zaninovich < > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

**Sandra Zaninovich**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "M. V."

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 7:44 AM M. V. <

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

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Thank you.

M. Vazquez

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## Re: Horse Rides in Griffith Park Must End!

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Pam Jones >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 8:41 AM Pam Jones < > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you for caring about animals.**

Sincerely  
Pam Jones

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**Re: Re griffith park pony ride and petting zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Bjorn Weber

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 9:24 AM Bjorn Weber

wrote:

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Bjorn Weber

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**Re: contract renewal**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

To: S

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 10:31 AM <

> wrote:

Please don't renew the contract for the Griffith Pony and Petting zoo. Their past behavior including neglect of the animals needs and willful disregard for their welfare is proof enough of why the contract should not be renewed . A renewal signals animal abuse is o.k. in this county. Thank you for your time. Susan Pittman and Family

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**Re: Horse Rides in Griffith Park Must End!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Danyel Potts

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 11:58 AM Danyel Potts

> wrote:

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**Thank you.** Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: animal abuse at Griffith Park that needs to be stopped**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Carolyn Seeman

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 12:04 PM Carolyn Seeman > wrote:  
Dear commissioners and staff:

What is the status of the complaints of animal abuse at the Griffith Park pony ride and petting zoo?

Will anything be done?

Thank you.

Carolyn Seeman and Neil Anapol

-----Original Message-----

From: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

To: Carolyn Seeman >

Sent: Fri, Dec 17, 2021 10:33 am

Subject: Re: animal abuse at Griffith Park that needs to be stopped

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 10:24 AM Carolyn Seeman < > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Thank you**

**Carolyn Seeman and Neil Anapol**

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**Re: Please DO NOT RENEW CONTRACT**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Tiffani Lobue

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 1:07 PM Tiffani Lobue wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Tiffani LoBue**

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**Re: Stop pony rides and petting zoos as they abuse the animals**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM

To: nora coyle >

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 1:29 PM nora coyle > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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Thank you,

Nora Coyle

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**Re: NO RENEWAL FOR THE GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: JASON NAKAGAWA

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 1:42 PM JASON NAKAGAWA <

> wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **JASON NAKAGAWA** >  
Date: Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 1:41 PM  
Subject: NO RENEWAL FOR THE GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES  
To: <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>

GREETINGS COUNCIL BONIN,

IT BRINGS ME GREAT DISPLEASURE TO LEARN THAT THE PONIES OF THE GRIFFITH PARK ARE MALNOURISHED AND DEHYDRATED TO A POINT OF EXHAUSTION AND DEATH. PLEASE URGE THEM TO PLACE THE PONIES UNDER THE CARE OF AN ACCREDITED SANCTUARY AND THAT THE RIDES BE REPLACED TO MERRY-GO-ROUND, GO-KARTS, AND OTHER NON-ANIMAL ACTIVITY.  
I THANK YOU KINDLY!

SINCERELY,

JASON H. NAKAGAWA, A COMPASSIONATE CONSTITUENT

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## Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: kijklaws

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 3:29 PM kijklaws < > wrote:  
Dear Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park and Pony Rides, since there has been documented video footage of animal abuse and neglect.

Children riding animals that are unstable, and old is a huge liability for the city. Not to mention, the recent event on July 2021 below when a child was trampled and dragged when her saddle slipped.

<https://youtu.be/OXydAbh0GI4>

I am urging you to please not renew the contract, replace the park with a non-animal model that is safe for our children, and have all the animals sent to a sanctuary.

Thank you for all the hard work you do in the community.

Thank you

Kristian Laws

Sent on my Boost Mobile Samsung Galaxy S8.

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Dobi Dobroslawa

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 3:41 PM Dobi Dobroslawa <d> > wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully **urging you to NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.

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## Re: Stop Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: GLORIA RESA

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 4:36 PM GLORIA RESA

wrote:

**Please do not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides.**

**Dear Councilmembers and Recs Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concern citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

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**Thank you.**

**Gloria F Resa**

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Re: Do NOT Renew the contract for the Griffith Park Pony Rides & Petting Zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Jeanne Crabb

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 5:12 PM Jeanne Crabb > wrote:  
Dear City Council members and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

I am writing to you as a very concerned citizen for these animals being used for Pony rides & Petting Zoo. These poor animals are stressed out and suffering for it. It is amounting to animal abuse. I am respectfully asking that you NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony rides and Petting Zoo.

Instead, PLEASE use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with NON-Animal models such as Go-Karts, and other fun attractions, which in addition to being far more humane, it also help to ensure the safety of the children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding with unpredictable & abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Nodra Jean Crabb

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**Re: Don't renew contract for Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "Rachel ."

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 5:24 PM Rachel .

t> wrote:

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**Thank you.**

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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Griffith Park Ponies**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

To: Jane Hunziker

Good morning,

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On Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 6:12 PM Jane Hunziker <j > wrote:

Please do not reissue permits for pony rides in Griffith Park. The ponies have been mistreated in the past. They were pushed to walk on a circle for long periods of time in the hot Sun with very little water and no rest periods. Ask for the ponies to be placed in an accredited sanctuary and replaced with non animal rides like go carts.

Thank you

Regards

Jane Hunziker

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: No renewal / contract for Griffith Park Pony/Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

To: JNewman @

Good morning,

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On Sat, Dec 18, 2021 at 9:22 AM JNewman > wrote:

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**Thank you.**

**J Newman**

**"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." – Anais Nin**

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides - Do Not Renew**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Shereen Hawkins

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Dec 18, 2021 at 10:16 AM Shereen Hawkins <s > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Thank you.**

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Shereen Hawkins

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**Re: Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: r11155

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

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On Sat, Dec 18, 2021 at 5:39 PM r11155

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Thank you.**

**Robin Stein**

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**Re: Horses**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Diana Lewis <

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 9:13 AM Diana Lewis <

wrote:

Please! No more horse and pony rides! There's no fun in watching how these animals are treated!  
Thank you!  
Diana Lewis  
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Please excuse the auto-correct.

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**Re: Please do not renew the permit for Griffith Park Pony Ride & Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Mara Parker

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 9:34 AM Mara Parker

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

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**Thank you,  
Mara Parker**

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**Re: Please Don't Promote Animal Cruelty**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: calesse carter >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 10:19 AM calesse carter

wrote:

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**Thank you.**

Calesse A. Carter

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**Re: Do Not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride & Petting Zoo!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: K

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 10:38 AM K

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers, and Recs & Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to **not renew** the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

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**Re: pony rides and petting zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Elaine Silver

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 10:53 AM Elaine Silver

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:****As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.****Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.****Thank you,  
Elaine Silver**

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*"Where your attention goes, energy flows"*

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**Re: PLEASE DO NOT RENEW THE CONTRACT for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Sidney Wagner

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 11:18 AM Sidney Wagner wrote:

**Dear Commissioners and Councilmembers,**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you,**

**Sidney Wagner**

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**Re: Stop Animal Abuse at Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: shelly elam

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 11:27 AM shelly elam &lt;

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse. The animals are treated unfairly and abused on a daily basis. They need to be released to a sanctuary where they can live a decent life.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.  
Shelley Elam**

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**Re: Serious problem at Griffith Park, safety and animal abuse issue**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

To: linda frame

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 12:59 PM linda frame

&gt; wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse. The proof that the people running this are abusing these animals is unquestionable. The city has a responsibility to contract with companies that provide humane treatment of animals and that ensure the safety of the people using this city sponsored activity.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with a reputable company who takes care of their animals. The ability to ride through Griffith Park is a wonderful experience but the city needs to monitor and ensure the well being and humane care of the animals provided for this activity. The city must also ensure the safety of children and adults. Putting them at risk by interacting and riding on abused and potentially unpredictable animals is not acceptable.**

**If the city cannot ensure protect these animals then non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions should be considered.**

**I truly hope the city will immediately investigate this issue, stop the abuse and make sound decisions going forward that will protect both the people and the animals.**

**Thank you,  
Linda Frame**

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**Re: Please do not renew the pony rides/petting zoo at Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Caroline Dillon <

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 2:47 PM Caroline Dillon

> wrote:

Dear Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts on a track or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Caroline Dillon  
Los Angeles

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**Re: Do not renew contract for the cruel Pony rides!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Empress10 >

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 2:49 PM Empress10

wrote:

Santa Monica did the right and compassionate thing by not renewing the Griffith Park Pony rides and petting Zoo contract...you should do the same.

Mrs.Kresko

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo: Please DO NOT renew their contract**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Kathleen Helmer

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 7:20 PM Kathleen Helmer

&gt; wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

Please use your influence to **replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models** such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.

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**Re: End animal cruelty in L.A.**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Lori Mendez

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 8:02 PM Lori Mendez

> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles City Council members:

Now that the Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo are under the microscope, it is time to act to help protect these horses and ponies from further abuse by making sure their contract is not renewed.

Witnesses have observed horses displaying high stress behaviors when being handled, ponies tethered to metal bars plodding in endless circles in hot temperatures while being denied access to water, ponies being overworked without rest, and endangering the lives of children, including a young female child who was “trampled and dragged” after she slipped from the saddle.

The LA Alliance for Animals’ investigation revealed that horses and ponies hooked onto a turnstile were worked in 90 degree weather for nearly seven hours without water. When a pony stopped in the middle of the ride she was pushed with no regard whether she needed a break or water. On the adjacent section of the park, workers were seen scaring, hitting, and chasing the ponies to go faster in hot temperatures, at times exceeding 90 F. The welfare of these animals are not being considered.

After media attention and overwhelming pressure from constituents, Santa Monica City Council did the right thing by not renewing their contract for pony rides. It is time that the Los Angeles City Council follow suit and come into the 21st-century with the recognition that these animals are sentient beings and deserve to be treated as such!

Thank you for your consideration and expected prompt action.

Sincerely,

Lori Mendez, Esq.

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides & Petting Zoo Venues**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Judi Baerresen <

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 19, 2021 at 11:00 PM Judi Baerresen <

> wrote:

**Attn: Rec and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to extreme and inhumane treatment of these animals.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attraction, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases. Please spare these dedicated animals from further neglect and terrible abuse.**

**Thank you.  
Judi Baerresen**

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**Re: Please do NOT renew Pony Rid and Petting Zoo contract**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Shana Kaplan

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:01 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 6:47 AM Shana Kaplan < > wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

Shana Kaplan

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**Re: Please do NOT renew Pony Rid and Petting Zoo contract**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:01 AM

To: Tina Raya

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 8:01 AM Tina Raya

> wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to **animal abuse**.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank you.**

Tina Raya

Executive Assistant to Lewis N.

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**Re: Do not Renew Griffith Park Pony Ride + Petting Zoo Contract**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Matt Braun <

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:02 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 8:34 AM Matt Braun &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Commissioners of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks,

As a concerned citizen, I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or carnival rides. In addition to being humane, activities that do not involve animals will help Los Angeles take a stand against oppression in all of its forms. The animals at Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo are being exploited and no amount of welfare reforms or higher standards of care is going to change the fact that these animals have no autonomy over their own lives. They eat, drink, work, and sleep on their masters' schedules. They do not get to take breaks or sick days and they are often denied access to medical professionals. If this were happening to animals of our own species it would be illegal. How can our government continue to sanction this injustice?

Please do not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Braun  
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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Claire Flewitt

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:02 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 9:19 AM Claire Flewitt &lt;

&gt; wrote:

I understand that the LA City contract is currently up for renewal. As a horse owner, trainer & competitor for several decades, I was not happy seeing the way these ponies were being abused. I happened to be visiting a sibling a few months ago & ended up in the Park so I was able to observe the ponies. It was very hot & the ponies were sweating heavily. They were all chained to a carousel which forced them to walk faster than some of them were able to comfortably. They didn't appear to be swapped out at least every hour & allowed to drink water, cool off & have their saddle removed or at least have their girth loosened. While I think it is important for children to have contact with real horses/ponies, this offered no education about the ponies at all. If the contract were to be changed to ensure the ponies were hand lead individually by an educator, I might be persuaded to give them another chance as long as they were being monitored closely. Several of the personnel need to be sacked as I saw them handling the ponies roughly & unsafely. They need to be replaced with empathetic equestrians as lead line educators. This would be safer for both the ponies & the children.

If these changes are not agreed to, the company running this concession should not have their contract renewed & a new, better operator contracted.

Claire E. Flewitt

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**Re: Please do NOT renew Pony Ride and Petting Zoo contract**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:02 AM

To: Tina M

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 9:29 AM Tina M

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride & Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Deniz Bolbol

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 12:20 PM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 12:07 PM Deniz Bolbol < > wrote:  
Thank you. Best wishes for the holidays.

On Monday, December 20, 2021, 10:51:09 AM PST, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 1:10 PM Deniz Bolbol < > wrote:  
Dear City Councilmembers and Recreation and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo. There is no way to use animals in this manner that does not involve severe deprivation and animal abuse. Additionally, it is counter-educational to exploit animals in this unnatural way teaching children and adults to view animals as "things" to play with and use for entertainment.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

I urge the City of Los Angeles to do the right thing. You have this opportunity to promote and teach that kindness and compassion should not have any limits.

I urge you to take this simple action that will make a difference.  
Best wishes for the holidays,  
Deniz Bolbol

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## Re: Mistreatment of horses at Griffith Park

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 12:20 PM

To: Emily Ingram-Patel >

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 12:08 PM Emily Ingram-Patel

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.

Horses have no means of consenting to being used for our entertainment and work. Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.

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**Emily Ingram**

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**Re: Stop Griffith Park Pony Rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

To: GLORIA RESA

Cc: Councilmember Lee &lt;councilmember.lee@lacity.org&gt;, councilmember.bonin@lacity.oreg, Councilmember Buscaino &lt;councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 3:44 PM GLORIA RESA

wrote:

From:

Date: Fri Dec 17 16:37:03 PST 2021

Subject: Stop Griffith Park Pony Rides

To: [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org); [councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org); [councilmember.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.bonin@lacity.org);**Please do not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides.****Dear Councilmembers and Recs Parks Commissioners:****As a concern citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.****Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to insure the safety of the children rather than putting them, at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.****Thank you.****Gloria F Resa  
Chula Vista, California**

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**Re: Griffith Park pony rides and petting zoo -- DO NOT RENEW**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

To: Lee Heller

&gt;

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 4:30 PM Lee Heller

&gt; wrote:

Dear Councilmembers,

I am emailing to urge the City NOT to renew its contract with Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo. The documented instances of animal abuse indicate that this company cannot and should not be allowed to provide animal interactions with Angelenos.

The City has an opportunity to show the community that it cares about animal welfare, and that it won't spend city resources on animal abuse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee Heller

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**Re: Stop Cruelty to equines**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: "Dr. Lorin Lindner"

Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 9:42 PM Dr. Lorin Lindner

wrote:

**Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse.**

**Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.**

**Thank You,**

Lorin Lindner, PhD, MPH  
President / CEO  
Lockwood Animal Rescue Center

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

To: Edward Oporto &lt;

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:03 PM Edward Oporto

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Christina Tooley <c

Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:23 PM Christina Tooley

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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To: James Duff

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To: Dolores

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 1:49 AM Dolores &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

To: karen elger

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 2:43 AM karen elger > wrote:

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To: karen elger

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 2:45 AM karen elger &gt; wrote:

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Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:11 AM

To: Sioux Sarlis &gt;

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 4:18 AM Sioux Sarlis

&gt; wrote:

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To:

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 7:27 AM

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Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:11 AM

To: Susan lewington

Good morning,

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 12:04 PM Susan lewington wrote:

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Susan Lewington

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## Re: End Pony Rides At Griffith Park

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:11 AM

To: J A

Good morning,

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On Tue, Dec 21, 2021 at 5:53 PM J A

wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen, I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to concerns over animal abuse.

Please use your influence to replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which, in addition to being humane, also will help to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk as they otherwise interact and ride on unpredictable and abused animals that can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you.

Ginn Andrews

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Anne-Marie Marable

Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 11:55 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 8:15 PM Anne-Marie Marable

wrote:

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 11:55 AM

To: Brian Carroll

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On Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 10:01 PM Brian Carroll

wrote:

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**Re: Do NOT Renew Griffith Park Pony Ride & Petting Zoo -- for Sake of the Animals**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Holland VanDieren

Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Dec 23, 2021 at 6:20 PM Holland VanDieren

wrote:

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**Re: Griffith Park**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM

To: Lisa Lockwood Crime Analyst &gt;

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Dec 24, 2021 at 8:42 AM Lisa Lockwood Crime Analyst

&gt; wrote:

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Lisa Lockwood****Author:***Undercover Angel From Beauty Queen to SWAT Team...a true story***National Media Contributor:**

Millions of people have seen Lisa Lockwood on NBC, Fox Business News, Law & Crime Network, CNBC, HLN & CBC Canada. Profiled in Forbes.com, Success Magazine, More.com. Interviewed on 100's of radio shows across North America.

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Jacqueline Cucuiat

Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sun, Dec 26, 2021 at 4:15 PM Jacqueline Cucuiat < > wrote:  
Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

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**Re: Do not renew**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 2:42 PM

To: Shana Garcia

Cc: "Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org" &lt;Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org&gt;, "Councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" &lt;Councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;, "Councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" &lt;Councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org&gt;

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On Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 12:56 AM Shana Garcia

wrote:

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**Re: End the abuse of ponies in Los Feliz!!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 2:49 PM

To: Annie Psaltiras

Cc: Councilmember Lee &lt;Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org&gt;, Councilmember Bonin &lt;Councilmember.bonin@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 9:57 AM Annie Psaltiras &gt; wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse. I am an LA native and have been going to Griffith Park my whole life!

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**Re: Be compassionate, and do not renew the cruel pony rides in Griffith Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: George Grace

Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 9:06 AM

Good morning,

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On Sun, Dec 26, 2021 at 10:33 AM

&gt; wrote:

**Dear Commissionaries and Councilmembers,**

**As a concerned citizen I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse. Witnesses have observed horses displaying high stress behaviors when being handled, ponies tethered to metal bars plodding in endless circles in hot temperatures while being denied access to water, ponies being overworked without rest, and endangering the lives of children as you can see in [this spectator video uploaded to YouTube](#) which shows a young female child being “trampled and dragged” after she slips from the saddle.**

**The LA Alliance for Animals investigation revealed that horses and ponies hooked onto a turnstile were worked in 90 degree weather for nearly seven hours without water. When a pony stopped in the middle of the ride she was pushed with no regard whether she needed a break or water. On the adjacent section of the park, workers were seen scaring, hitting, and chasing the ponies to go faster in hot temperatures, at times exceeding 90 F. The welfare of these animals are not being considered.**

**After media attention and overwhelming pressure from constituents, Santa Monica City Council did the right thing by not renewing their contract for pony rides. It is time that the Los Angeles City Council follow suit!**

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**Thank you.**

**George Grace**

**CD4 Resident**

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:23 PM

To: CJ Valdez &lt;

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:17 PM CJ Valdez &lt;c

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Recreation and Parks to not renew contract!**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:23 PM

To: emek echo &gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:18 PM emek echo > wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

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Best,

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Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:23 PM

To: Javier Marrufo

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:18 PM Javier Marrufo wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to NOT renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse and neglect that has been clearly documented and Griffith Park has shown no instances of caring for these animals.

Please use your influence to send the animals to a sanctuary, and replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions, which in addition to being humane also helps to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Very best regards,

Javier Marrufo

All beings wish for happiness, so extend your compassion to all" Buddha ॐ

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To:

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:19 PM

&gt; wrote:

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Thank you

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To: Susan Hirsch

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:21 PM Susan Hirsch

&gt; wrote:

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Thank you  
Susan and Sam Hirsch

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To: Kathleen Cullen &gt;

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:27 PM Kathleen Cullen

wrote:

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To: Zarghona Santos

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:48 PM Zarghona Santos &gt; wrote:

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To: Lee Spitzer

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To: Kristie Middleton

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:57 PM Kristie Middleton

wrote:

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To: ginny

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:10 PM ginny

wrote:

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Ginny Rankin

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To: Annie

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:23 PM Annie

wrote:

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Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:26 PM

To: Fia Perera

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 12:02 PM Fia Perera wrote:

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Fia Perera

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Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 2:06 PM

To: Donna Zanella

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:43 PM Donna Zanella &lt;

wrote:

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Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 2:06 PM

To: Jodi Rowe

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:51 PM Jodi Rowe < > wrote:

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Thank you  
Dr. Jodi Rowe

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Craig Swanson

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:53 PM Craig Swanson < > wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Allie Feldman Taylor

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ALLIE FELDMAN TAYLOR
President

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Mike Fujimori

Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:29 PM

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 2:26 PM Mike Fujimori wrote:

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To: Sandra Bell

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 2:35 PM Sandra Bell &lt; &gt; wrote:

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To: Elham

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To: Kiersten Cluster

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Bubbalicious Amyah

Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:30 PM

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:02 PM Bubbalicious Amyah

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

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Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:30 PM

To: Elvia Sedano

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:04 PM Elvia Sedano

&gt; wrote:

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To: David Tang

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:09 PM David Tang wrote:

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Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:31 PM

To: Arlene Siordia &lt;

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:20 PM Arlene Siordia &lt; wrote:

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Arlene Siordia

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To: Horse Racing Mishaps and Fatalities &lt;

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:26 PM Horse Racing Mishaps and Fatalities &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Just last month, the ponies were seen outside in the pouring rain, with no shelter. The owner does NOT care about these animals. They must be retired to a sanctuary where they will be loved, cherished, and properly cared for.

<https://vimeo.com/661095147>

Thank you  
Heather

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Anthony Shale >

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:40 PM Anthony Shale &lt; &gt; wrote:

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Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM

To: Wendy Minovitz

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Sincerely,  
Wendy Marcus-Minovitz

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 3:48 PM KURT &amp; ELLEN KRONINGER

&gt; wrote:

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Thank you

Ellen Kroninger

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Leslie Randall >

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 4:07 PM Leslie Randall

&gt; wrote:

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To: Jean Clelland-Morin

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 4:08 PM Jean Clelland-Morin wrote:

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To: Nicole Bovigny

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 4:10 PM Nicole Bovigny &gt; wrote:

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To: Theresa Elizabeth

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 4:32 PM Theresa Elizabeth wrote:

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To: Tiffany Johnson >

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 4:53 PM Tiffany Johnson &lt; &gt; wrote:

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Thank you,

Tiffany Stair

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Courtney Atienza

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 2:43 PM

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 5:02 PM Courtney Atienza

wrote:

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To: Cathy Bolger

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 5:41 PM Cathy Bolger wrote:

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: alexandra mcardell

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 5:55 PM alexandra mcardell

&gt; wrote:

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Thank you

Alexandra McCardell

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To: Wendy Hollis

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 6:13 PM Wendy Hollis

&gt; wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

I urge you to please not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse and neglect. These defenseless, innocent animals have suffered for 5 years. They deserve sanctuary.

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Wendy Hollis

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Elizabeth Porcheddu

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 6:40 PM Elizabeth Porcheddu

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 2:45 PM

To: Mary Pierce &lt;

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 6:47 PM Mary Pierce &lt; &gt; wrote:

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These poor ponies look miserable and not well cared for and you can help. Please do.

Thank you

Mary Pierce

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Holly Graczyk

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 7:47 PM Holly Graczyk &lt; &gt; wrote:

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**Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract!**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 2:48 PM

To: Liz Smith &lt;

&gt;

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 8:01 PM Liz Smith

&gt; wrote:

Dear City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

I am respectfully urging you to not renew the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo due to animal abuse and neglect.

Please develop an action plan to send the animals to a sanctuary, and replace the horses and ponies with non-animal models such as go-karts or other fun attractions. In addition to being humane, these alternatives also help to ensure the safety of children rather than putting them at risk by interacting and riding on unpredictable and abused animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

Thank you,

Liz Smith

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To: nazilahi

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 8:15 PM nazilahi &lt; &gt; wrote:

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Frank Eaton

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 3:38 PM

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Simone Reyes

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 3:38 PM

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 9:29 PM Simone Reyes &lt;

wrote:

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To: Dave Santucci <

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## Re: Westwood Park

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 2:07 PM

To: Jen Ritchkoff

Cc: Kortley <kortley.norris@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org>

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On Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 12:31 PM Jen Ritchkoff > wrote:

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1 message

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Tue, Dec 28, 2021 at 2:47 PM

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Cc: Kortley &lt;kortley.norris@lacity.org&gt;, Brenda Aguirre &lt;brenda.aguirre@lacity.org&gt;, Jasmine Shamolian &lt;jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org&gt;, Shull &lt;Michael.a.shull@lacity.org&gt;

I also noticed you took Michael Shull off this email chain, so I'm putting him back in. He needs to see all the emails below. Bc he is ultimately responsible.

----- Original message -----

From: Jen Ritchkoff &lt;

Date: 12/28/21 2:43 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Kortley &lt;kortley.norris@lacity.org&gt;, Brenda Aguirre &lt;brenda.aguirre@lacity.org&gt;, Jasmine Shamolian &lt;jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org&gt;

Subject: Re: Westwood Park

And frankly, I think it is unbelievable that you're putting in on us. We have our own pressures to deal with, our own jobs of trying to rent apartments with the problems in the park across the street, and now I also need to be the one contacting the city every day??

All the people that work for the park and the city have a salary and a cushy job and holidays off, etc. I mean seriously, it's not my job to do this. And yet I still do, so many pictures and emails, and reaching out to outreach teams. It's enough. If other parks can stay clean, then so can Westwood Park.

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And we already have that information because for the past few years, we have been making our own requests with sanitation. But it is not up to us. Even sanitation has said that RAP is responsible. And you have your own clean-up protocol. But it's not happening. But at least not as often as it should.

I and other neighbors have spent countless hours doing our own cleanups, reporting to the city, and it simply not our responsibility.

If you can push through a 2 million dollar soccer field, surely you can figure out the trash situation.

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Thank you for the information but the neighbors should not be responsible for the park. It should not be up to us to make service requests for the park, isn't that why you have a director?

Thank you,  
Jen

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**Re: Private person denying access at Spring St Park**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 2:06 PM

To: Levi Zollinger &lt;

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 11:55 AM Levi Zollinger

> wrote:

Hello,

There seems to be an individual in the El Dorado building next door who thinks he can make his own rules and deny access to people by saying part of the park is actually his private property and roping it off. This is the seating crescent on north side of park outside of the park fencing. I hope you remove the chain, please.

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A circular concrete area, possibly a well or a small pool, is cordoned off. A heavy metal chain runs across the center of the area. A yellow caution tape with the word 'CAUTION' printed repeatedly is stretched across the foreground. A black sign with red text is attached to the chain. The background features a concrete wall and a metal fence with vertical bars.

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## Re: Private person denying access at Spring St Park

1 message

**Raul Leon** <raul.leon@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 9:57 AM

To: Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Cc: Jose Monge <jose.monge@lacity.org>, Ramona Solorzano <ramona.solorzano@lacity.org>

Good morning,

This was not authorized by anyone in maintenance. Maintenance staff will remove the caution tape, and chain from the RAP park property today.

Thank you,

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 9:44 AM Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org> wrote:

Jose

Check with Ramona about this individual.

Anthony Bagnerise  
Recreation & Parks Dept. City of Los Angeles  
Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor  
Metro Region - Central Area  
(213 ) 485 - 4833  
Fax (213) 847 - 7129

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 9:41 AM

Subject: Fwd: Private person denying access at Spring St Park

To: Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Juan Benitez <juan.benitez@lacity.org>, Melissa Rivas <melissa.rivas@lacity.org>

Good morning all,

Please the email received in Board office regarding Spring Street Park and advise. Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

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Date: Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 2:06 PM

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**Raul Leon**  
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**Re: HOLLYWOOD SIGN Alert**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
 To: Hollywoodland Homeowners Association <HHA@hollywoodland.org>  
 Cc: Christine OBrien

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 10:21 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 3:52 PM Hollywoodland Homeowners Association <HHA@hollywoodland.org> wrote:

**HOLLYWOODLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

ESTABLISHED 1942

December 13, 2021

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Please recognize the inaccuracies shared in a November 18, 2021 press release from the Hollywood Sign Trust. Their release falsely claimed the Hollywood(**land**) sign will be 100 years old in 2023.

The Hollywoodland Homeowners Association requested a retraction. To date there has been no comment or outreach from the Hollywood Chamber or Trust.

Hollywoodland residential (Tract 6450) is the historic neighborhood whose namesake is identified with the original Hollywoodland sign. It will celebrate its centennial in 2023. The original sign existed from 1923-1948. The current Hollywood sign was rebuilt in 1978 with completely different materials, size and footprint and is 43 years old.

When this type of false information is spread throughout the world, our ecologically sensitive, fire prone neighborhood is put at risk with an increased awareness, translating into more user visits to the fragile hillside community. Hollywoodland is surrounded by an amphitheater of mountains creating a barrier with limited infrastructure to support emergency exit.

The sign and the land is owned by the Recreation and Parks Department. The Sign Trust and the Chamber do not have a concessionaires agreement. The Sign generates funds for the Chamber through the sign's trademark. The last use contract between RAP and the Chamber expired in 1951.

Contact: Christine Mills O'Brien 323-463-8200 or [hha@hollywoodland.org](mailto:hha@hollywoodland.org)



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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## Request to submit proposal for park transition

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 12:04 PM

To:

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

From: **cindy.pease** <

Date: Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Request to submit proposal for park transition

To: &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;, &lt;desiree.ramirez@lacity.org&gt;

Greetings Assistant General Manager Kim,

I write to you today on behalf of the Villas Cabrini Homeowners board located at 9600 Cabrini Drive on the border of Sunland and Burbank. As you are probably aware, there is a 6 acre LA CITY park open to public at the North end of our 863 unit association. The homeowners, in majority numbers have requested that we propose to you the creation of a dog park at this location.

As this location is remote, and underutilized with the one exception being the HOA homeowners, we consider this proposal to be of mutual benefit. As a member of the board and a retired executive with operational and finance experience, I would be more than happy to create a formal proposal based on your direction in regards to what would be required.

I would appreciate you feedback and direction on how to correctly initiate this process.

Wishing you the best of holidays,

Cynthia Pease  
Villas Cabrini Board Member

cc: Ms. Desiree Ramirez

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**Desiree N. Ramirez, M.P.A.**

Executive Administrative Assistant II to

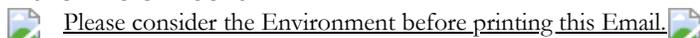
Jimmy Kim, Acting Assistant General Manager

Recreation Services Branch

*City of Los Angeles: Department of Recreation & Parks*

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12/15/21, 3:02 PM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Please respond, I need Help... Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hill...



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Please respond, I need Help... Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center**

1 message

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Wed, Dec 15, 2021

To: collette ramirez

Cc: Miles Basurto

&gt;, Steve Cline LA Parks And Recs &lt;steve.cline@lacity.org&gt;, BB, RAP Woodland Hills RC

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On Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 10:26 PM collette ramirez

&gt; wrote:

Hi all I sent the email below to Kennedy, to date no response. Coach Miles has valid points and I hope they are addressed. Please see below:

Hi Kennedy,

Thanks for your reply. When did you realize it was your day off? After your initial reply to my email?

At any rate, to say we were given the option not play is flippant and an insult. You took away that choice when you failed to disclose the rules. Why these rules weren't reviewed at the parent mtg 11/12 or the initial email you sent on 11/9 is curious. We did not learn said rules until the day of the game. It wasn't reviewed in the parent meeting on 11/12 or in your initial email you sent daughter had/has committed a great deal of time and energy to her team so not playing wasn't really an option. Additionally this rule is discriminatory towards girls and should be reviewed.

In the future if the city is going to hold one's feet to the fire please make sure everyone is aware of said rules. We were not the only parents not aware.

Also please identify the individuals you deemed important enough include on this email. Thank you.

Best,

Collette Ramirez

On Dec 13, 2021, at 7:34 AM, Miles Basurto

wrote:

To whom it may concern:

Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center (WHRC).

On December 10, 2021, I reached out to Steve Cline, Recreation Supervisor, West Valley District, Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, In regards to a formal complaint I want to file about Kennedy Kimbell, Woodland Hills Recreation Center (WHRC), Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

Unfortunately, I never heard back from anyone. How do I get help with issues at my local Recreation center? I'm a taxpayer and volunteer parent with an issue in my community and I seem unable to get help.

On Thursday, December 9, 2021, Woodland Hills Rec Center unceremoniously kicked their Majors All-star team (Pugs) and Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Rec Center Majors All-star (VNSO) teams made up of 16 little girls out into the cold for no reason after 10 minutes into their 2 hour designated practice times with no explanation.

After I spent hours of billable time writing out my complaint there was no response expect a generic statement by Woodland Hills Rec Center (See EXHIBIT A: C Friday, December 10, 2021, 03:37:39 PM PST, RAP Woodland Hills RC wrote: To all of those who were affected by last night's practice mix up) email) sent only to parents of Pug players, nothing was said to the VNSO All-stars coach Phillip or his players.

When the Pugs returned to Woodland Hills Rec Center the next day Friday, December 10, 2021, there was no one in charge, no one to apologize to the girls for kicking them out of their own gym into the cold, no one to say anything to us in regards to the tournament the Pugs were playing in the next day. Just Matt who the lowest man on the totum pole at WHRC, who is in charge of nothing, was there to let the Pugs in the gym at WHRC however Matt should be promoted to run the place because he is the nicest to work with and has common sense.

Who runs WHRC? Why has this person never introduced themselves to the paying customers of the park? Is it Keysey Soze a feared but elusive leader? I have been a paying customer and volunteer parent at WHRC since 2018, why do I not know who runs the WHRC? Why did this person not say anything to the Pugs or Pug parents during All-star orientation or congratulate 2 Legit 2 Hit on winning the Woodland Hills Championship or congratulate the Pugs on their big achievement? Why did WHRC treat their own All-star team as if they were the Bad News Bears?

This is all unacceptable, and to top it off Los Angeles Department of Rec and Parks employees were harassing the referees during the Pugs first round eliminatory volleyball match on Saturday December 11, 2021 at Branford Park while coaches were tending to an injured Pug player.

When does it stop? When does change come? Why do kids have to run from their local Rec Center to be treated decently? This has to end today! I live two bloc from Woodland Hills Rec Center and I don't want to have to leave a place my daughter loves to play volleyball and has grown up at.

Who can help me? I have CC'd most of the Los Angeles political structure, why did no one come to the rescue of these little girl volleyball players the Pugs? Or future players that want to play volleyball at WHRC?

How do I get the Rec Center to change and be a better place for my daughter and myself as a volunteer parent, paying customer, and tax payer? WHRC does n work properly, the services they are providing are not performed correctly, how is it that the people do not have a voice in their local Rec Center?.

The players from my daughter's championship volleyball team 2 Legit 2 Hit still have not been given an update when they will receive their championship trophies and the season ended way back on November 20, 2021. I have volunteered as coach for nine of my daughters Rec teams and this is the first time the players di not receive their medals or trophies on the last day of the season.

These late championship trophies are a fundamental sign something is wrong at Woodland Hills Rec Center showing the center is being run poorly and the treatment of the kids is inhumane as they kid little girls out into the cold and refuse to give them their hard earned championship trophies.

What can I do to resolve this problem and get Kennedy Kimbell removed from WHRC? And whomever else is in charge? I would appreciate your help in any kind way. Who do I contact or reach out too? At the bottom of this email is the original complaint. {EXHIBIT B}

I look forward to anyone's reply and a resolution to my problem and will wait very little time before seeking help from a consumer protection agency or Better Business Bureau or I can try to go speak before the city council. Please contact me, I thank you in advance.

Sincerely,  
Miles Basurto  
Volunteer Parent  
Woodland Hills Rec Center

**\*\*PLEASE Woodland Hills All-star Pug and 2 Legit 2 Hit player parents PLEASE REPLY ALL with your comments and concerns with the way Woodland Hill Rec Center & Kennedy Kimbell are running the Volleyball program or anything on your mind.\*\***

{EXHIBIT A}

On Friday, December 10, 2021, 03:37:39 PM PST, RAP Woodland Hills RC <[woodlandhills.recreationcenter@lacity.org](mailto:woodlandhills.recreationcenter@lacity.org)> wrote:

To all of those who were affected by last night's practice mix up,

With the pandemic, LA City has imposed regulations and ordinances towards Rec Centers and the programs that we can offer. This is why Rec and Parks have elected to hold ou All-Stars Tournament outside so that the young athletes can enjoy this amazing experience. We asked everyone to leave the gym last night as this was an unauthorized scrimmage. WHRC staff had no idea that this was happening and therefore were unprepared and understaffed to be able to accommodate the influx of people. Our main goal i make sure that nobody is put at a health risk due to the gathering and limit people's exposure. For tonight's practice, there are two options: The options are indoor practice wit only athletes and coaches or outdoors with everybody. With everything said and done we want to acknowledge how well the girls performed last weekend and commend then on making it to the elimination bracket. We wish them the best this upcoming weekend. GO PUGS!

-WHRC Staff

{EXHIBIT B}

**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021, 01:11:39 AM PST

**Subject:** Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center

Happy Holiday's Mr. Cline! And to whom ever else this may concern regarding the LA Parks and Rec little girls volleyball leagues in the San Fernando Valley.

I hope you're having a great holiday season, unfortunately I am not. I have received coal in my stocking and the Grinch is trying to ruin my daughter and her all-star volleyball team's Christmas. They are the Woodland Hills Pugs in the Majors division. You may not remember me as a volunteer parent before but we have dealt with each other in 2018. ({See EXHIBIT A} **Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 08:01:42 PM PST,**Subject:** Fwd: Formal complaint re: Rolando minors VB)

Like now, then I was coaching my daughter's volleyball team at Northridge Rec. when I had an issue and you took care of it. I thought I left a bad situation when I left Northridge Rec. coming to Woodland Hills Rec however it was good for a few years then you changed the staff during the pandemic and now the park is a hell hole trying to stop my daughter and her teammates Woodlar Hills All Stars (WHAS) Pugs from getting better.

This is a formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center. I am now the Woodland Hills All-Stars "WHAS Pugs" Majors coach. First I want to start by saying I had nc issues with Kennedy until Woodland Hills All-Stars started winning at the All Valley tournament. ({See EXHIBIT B} **Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 08:20:22 PM PST **Subject:** Fwd: WH Spring Volleyball Interested in Coaching!)

The issues with Kennedy started towards the end of the regular season when he was dangling the opportunity to be All-Star coach in my face every chance he got. Then before the tournament Kennedy dropped the ball on my assistant coach Jeff's eligibility to coach in the all-star tournament.

My assistant coach had been at my side all season his daughter was named to the all star team as well. Kennedy asked if he would coach All-stars as well and we said YES. Then weeks later Kenn informs us Jeff can't coach because we did not give him notice? Kennedy ended up getting it worked out so I let it slide. ({EXHIBIT C:} **Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 09:10:00 PM PST, **Subje**

Fwd: Practice next week)

Subsequently, Kennedy did not inform the parents properly of the jewelry rules at our All-Star orientation. Keep in mind Mr. Cline I'm a volunteer parent, I didn't even know the jewelry rules had changed from the regular season.

This led to WHAS Pugs players being threatened by Kennedy minutes before our first match if they did not take out their new piercings. Kennedy impolitely told Pug parents their kids would not be able to compete in an event their kids worked all season to earn the right to play in.

The situation got so ugly with Kennedy's behavior I had to move the kids away and tell them to let the parents handle it and we will warm up. I have many witnesses if you would like to hear from them. They are on this email in the CC (Pug Parents). With parents in a panic, one of our players lost a \$75 earring in the grass.

I know we are Woodland Hills and Kennedy keeps referencing that we are a rich rec center but we are not. I know he came from Branford and they are doing ok for themselves. This was a big loss to the parents of the player. Thankfully it did not have sentimental value. These are young girls so multiple players have new ear piercings and no one took that into consideration.

The players were allowed to wear stud earrings all season long... So why the change now??? Moments before the start of a huge tournament the Pugs are already nervous for?? This made an unnecessary stress on the players as well as the parents.

Jeff and I were required to attend an online virtual All-Star meeting. I was admonished for asking questions because I was not able to type at the moment. The woman who ran the meeting and Volleyball break out session was rude and unfriendly.

This is supposed to be a great experience for the parents and the players, not a stressful one. Then when one of my parents asked for the rules, Kennedy sniped back "Why do you want the rule Are you going to ref the match?" as told to me by the Pug parent so I emailed the parent the rules as soon as I was informed of the situation. ({EXHIBIT D:} Email From: Kennedy Kimbell, Date: December 7, 2021 at 12:44:18 PM PST, Subject: Re: All Star rules)

I was already going to email you about Kennedy's actions during the regular season but he was seemingly coming around, I mean he chose me to be all-star coach and I'm grateful for the opportunity.

However, I think he wanted a yes man and someone who was not going to make a competitive team. He took me for a joke, but I'm not. I'm a serious individual who values respect and honor. Maybe he thought he could help Branford move further in the tournament by making the Pugs weaker and stressing them out.

I built the Pugs with the resources I had. Kennedy always laughed when I said the WHAS Pugs are going to make some noise. He never believed in us WHAS Pugs. I think what is lost in all this is I a volunteer parent using my own money, time, and resources that I pour into my daughter's teams at the Rec centers.

It's not appreciated by LA Parks & Recs, I lose income everytime I coach, not to mention the money I spend on the team all season since 2018 and this season getting them, Mask, tshirts, bracelets, headbands, sunglasses, pizza party, and special patches for their jerseys.

My investment ended up being about \$900 in cash not my manpower and I make \$40 an hour on average now when I do work.

I set up the team to get tickets FREE from Cal State Northridge and the team attended a CSUN women's volleyball game as a team. I'm giving the girls a better experience than they would get at expensive club program and all I ask is for \$20 to start the season. I also run a team website with my own time on shutterfly.

All season long I have made videos for the teams after their matches and edited videos together for them like a professional team's tape room.

This is all time and effort, I would think your employees don't even do this for any of their little girls volleyball teams that what the Pugs are lets not forget that. We are treated like the Bad New Bears.

I complained to Kennedy about him not standing up for me at the All Valley Tournament instead he was threatening to me (See {EXHIBIT E} Email Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021, 08:40:08 PM PST, Subject: Fwd: I'm tired of being lied about, CHECK THE TAPES... (Re: 12-04-21 Pool play WHAS MAJORS (2-1))

But the parent should ref, I asked to file a formal complaint against the ref in our matches 12/4/21 at Branford Park. ({See EXHIBIT E}). I have a video for you where the ref called a Pug for touching the net and she was not. {EXHIBIT E youtube link} Then he called a ball out that should have been a redo because it was the end line and he doesn't have a good advantage of the end line from position standing on the field next to the pole. {EXHIBIT E youtube link}

This led Kennedy to defaming my character regarding how I was acting at the tournament. I asked the ref if he could show me how my player touched the net so I can teach the Pug, she is a you player not a professional. Instead he kicked me out of the game and I had to coach from a chair the next 5 sets.

And when I was standing ( I have video). We have parents recording their players and you can clearly see I'm not a distraction or I'm not doing anything to impede the spirit of the game. (See th YouTube link in EXHIBIT E)

Then Kennedy got combative with me and threaten I would not be able to coach the Pugs if I continued acting as I was acting sitting in a chair coaching??? (See the YouTube link in EXHIBIT E)

Then this week I informed Kennedy I would be having practice all week as I did last week. I also told him I was trying to schedule scrimmages and he said to contact the coaches. ({See EXHIBIT F:} Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021, 10:03:43 PM PST, Subject: Fwd: Scrimmage v Majors)

I have told Kennedy about all my practices and all season long I have had practice players come in to face off against my teams so the girls can get a game simulation, just usually it has been sibil and friends and we have had full gyms at many of my practices. Everyone is already under covid protocols. ({See EXHIBIT G:} **Date:** November 30, 2021 at 10:54:34 AM PST, **Subject: Re: Practice next week**)

I have informed Kennedy of my plans for the gym during this whole regular season and all star season. So why would it matter if it's Woodland Hills Juniors or Van Nuys Sherman Oaks (VNSO)? They are all players under all the same protocols and covid testing from this week at the tournament 12/4/21. All Kennedy did tonight is to ruin the practice for two tournament teams or little girls night and gave me the energy to finally write this email.

And why did Kennedy kick the PUGS out of their own gym into the cold after he kicked out VNSO? Kennedy would give them a volleyball to practice in the cold but not allow them to be in the gym after they rudely kicked out the VNSO players and parents.

Kennedy has repeatedly not set up the outdoor volleyball court when I have asked him with excuse after excuse, so the team just practiced on the grass with no net in spite of Kennedy on Mon and Tuesday night of this week.

I want an official apology to Coach Phillip of VNSO Major all-stars and I want you to talk to their park director and get them team back to the Woodland Hills Gym at 530 tomorrow Friday at Woodland Hills Rec when the Pugs are scheduled to hold practice again so we can finish our scrimmage and you should be there with pizza for the parents and players to explain what the Parks Rec are doing and why they are going out of their way to ruin these little girls volleyball (from 2 parks) experience?

Kennedy could have been rid of me Saturday if the Pugs lost. I was going to move parks but I want to get Kennedy removed from Woodland Hills and sent back to Brandford or any park but our park. Can Libby come run Woodland Hills? I haven't talked to him in years since he left Northridge.

Mr.Cline, I trust you will make this right by everyone, especially the 16 little girls night Kennedy ruined because they simply wanted to play volleyball and all of them paid money to the LA Rec to play and signed liability waivers so what was the issue?

Can't be covid protocol there is none at the All Valley tournament. We check everyone's temperature as they entered the gym as we have done before when the Rec staff is busy or on their pho not paying attention in the office.

SIDE NOTE: Kennedy still has not given my daughter and her teammates on 2 Legit 2 Hit their championship trophies and I don't know if its a personal thing against me but its just hurting the pl not me. I asked Kennedy for the trophies a few times to no avail ( See {Exhibit H} EMAIL Sent: **Date:** November 30, 2021 at 4:07:58 PM PST, **Subject: Championship Trophy's**) I have players' pare asking where their trophies are from the regular season ({See EXHIBIT I} photo of text message)

Merry Christmas! Thank you for taking the time to read this long long email and exhibits. I eagerly await your reply Mr. Cline. I also hope this time we can meet in person at the All Valley Tournament this Saturday 12/11/2021 @ Branford Park.

Signed as concerned parent,

Miles Basurto of Leilani Basurto a player on the Pugs

Woodland Hills All-stars Pugs home page

<https://woodlandhillsallstars2021.shutterfly.com/>

If you're on instagram please like and share my daughters team pages with others. Thank you in advance.

Leilani's Team's Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/2legit2hitvolleyball/>

Leilani's Team's YouTube page

[https://youtube.com/channel/UCXBoVfVotaKr3\\_MTNEJMq](https://youtube.com/channel/UCXBoVfVotaKr3_MTNEJMq)

Leilani's Teams' Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/2Legit2Hit/>

\*\*\*I have attached a PDF and JPG printable copy of this email and exhibits if needed.

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**{EXHIBIT A:}**

From: Steve Cline <[steve.cline@lacity.org](mailto:steve.cline@lacity.org)>

Date: November 7, 2018 at 3:32:21 PM PST

To: Miles Basurto < >

Subject: Re: Fw: Formal complaint re: Rolando minors VB

I will look further into this situation as I only have a small amount of information regarding this situation. I am able to meet with you in person at Northridge Park prior to or after your game. I will be observing the game to get a better perspective of the calls and rulings made by the umpire. Observing is the best way for me to determine what is valid and questionable decisions.

What time is the game on Thursday?

On Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 3:14 PM, Miles Basurto < > wrote:

Hi Steve!

I understand your the supervisor of this situation? Please reply with your thoughts, this seems like a reasonable response to you? My parents on my team are complaining to me, do you need them to complain directly to you?

I see Dwayne CC's you on the email? You discussed his reply with him? He is a liar and not watched but a few moments of our matches and Roland is not the only ref we use so why are my girls forced to be subjected to his harsh rulings when we have many other options that we have had no issues with?

This are 8 to 10 year old little girls and I'm a volunteer coach for Northridge Rec Center please review the email chain below and let me know if this seems like a responsible response to the situation?

Thank you for assisting in this Los Angeles City Parks and Recreation matter,  
Miles

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Dwayne Finley <[dwayne.finley@lacity.org](mailto:dwayne.finley@lacity.org)>

**To:** Miles Basurto

**Cc:** Dwayne Finley <[dwayne.finley@lacity.org](mailto:dwayne.finley@lacity.org)>; Libert Welch <[libert.c.welch@lacity.org](mailto:libert.c.welch@lacity.org)>; Steve Cline <[steve.cline@lacity.org](mailto:steve.cline@lacity.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 1:12:31 PM PST

**Subject:** Re: Formal complaint re: Rolando minors VB

Hello Coach Miles:

Thank You for your correspondence and commitment to coaching girls' volleyball here at Northridge Recreation Center. As a volunteer coach I am sure you are keenly aware of the impact you will have on your players. Just not in their activity of playing volleyball, but also in their emotional maturity and awareness to sportsmanship. I understand your issue with foot faults and certain boundary calls. However Libert, I, and other Granada Hills/Northridge staff have witnessed multiple matches of yours, and have observed the official making the correct judgment calls. If having more practice time can help your players improve their serving or other areas of concern, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. Please contact Libert Welch or I if you have any further concerns.

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On Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 11:56 PM, Miles Basurto < > wrote:

Hello Dwayne of Northridge Recreation Center,

I'm Coach Miles of 2 Legit 2 Hit a girls minor volleyball team playing out of the Northridge Rec Center and I was advised to email you by Libert Welch Park Director.

I wish to lodge a formal complaint against referee Rolando and ask he not officiate anymore 2 Legit 2 Hit minor volleyball games being conducted through the Los Angeles Parks and Recreations league the rest of this Fall 2018 season and any in the future.

After multiple complaints by my players parents, I'm coming to you. I hope you are able to see my players parents frustrations as well as mine with Roland's officiating and overall sub par performance for the situation an 8 to 10 year old girls volleyball match. Rolando continues to engage in refereeing performances that are extreme and harsh for (I can't say it enough...) little girls aged 8 to 10 years old some playing in their first volleyball games ever.

2 Legit 2 Hit has been the repeated victim of serving line violations on young players who are unable to get the ball over the net. In the rare instance they do, everyone in the gym is excited for them, Roland calls a foot fault sending the gym into mass confusion. This has happened during the Spring 2018 season and at that time I lodged an informal complaint with Northridge Rec Staff on multiple occasions including yourself. However, it seemed as these pleas where ignored and Rolando has continued to officiate 2 Legit 2 Hit games. Only now the calls have become harsher, more obscure and bizarre. 2 Legit 2 Hit have not had one game officiated by Roland without a foot fault called culminating in Rolando calling a penalty on the opening serve of a 3rd match this past Saturday because a new player was standing outside of the lines of play.

Instead of Roland calling it to my the Coach's attention or even telling the young player themselves. Roland called a foul on a service ace by 2 Legit 2 Hit awarding the ball to the other team and essentially effecting the outcome of the match based on his need to be the star of the match or deciding he knows his preferred outcome of the match to fit his whims instead of letting the players decide the game.

The icing on the cake was after the game, one of our parents told me the other team was serving out of rotation and Roland never cared to call it. For Roland to change the outcome of a game by calling a foul on a player standing barely outside the lines not effecting play yet not call an error in service rotation, it just leads me to believe Roland is officiating 2 Legit 2 Hit differently from other teams. We have had parents tell Roland the ball was in or out yet he will not take their word as they are sitting mere inches from the line as opposed to his view from across the court.

2 Legit 2 Hit has been officiated by many different referees in the parks and recs never encountering an umpire as Roland going out of his way to ruin the spirit of the game for the girls. I'm not sure if its because of my passion on the sideline or if he is this harsh on other minors volleyball teams as well.

Unfortunately, I do not have the complete list of all the over the top fouls Roland has called on 2 Legit 2 Hit but your more than welcome to check out our Facebook page with video of our matches and see for yourself some of the ridiculous calls being made on 8 and 10 year old girls playing volleyball not high school or college players.

None the less this is my official request Roland not umpire or officiate anymore 2 Legit 2 Hit games as of your receipt of this email since my daughter is only 8 years old and 2 Legit 2 Hit will continue on as her team and I coaching the team in the minors for the next two years with our next game this Thursday.

I look forward to your reply and resolution to 2 Legit 2 Hit's issue with referee Roland,

Coach Miles  
2 Legit 2 Hit  
Minor's Volleyball Team

P.S. Please REPLY ALL to this email, THANK YOU. I have carbon copied this email (CC) to parents of players effected, coaching staff, and other city officials whom might be able to help get a quicker resolution.

2 Legit 2 Hit team webpage page @ : <https://2legit2hitnorthridge.shutterfly.com/>

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**{EXHIBIT B:}**

**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 08:20:22 PM PST

**Subject:** Fwd: WH Spring Volleyball Interested in Coaching!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kennedy Kimbell <[kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org](mailto:kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org)>

Date: December 20, 2019 at 12:10:43 PM PST

To: Miles Basurto

Cc: RAP Woodland Hills RC <[woodlandhills.recreationcenter@lacity.org](mailto:woodlandhills.recreationcenter@lacity.org)>, Maria Hoz < >, Genesis Sanchez

Subject: Re: WH Spring Volleyball Interested in Coaching!

Hello Miles,

My name is Kennedy the coordinator at Woodland Hills. When were you fingerprinted last? If you give me your full name, DOB and last 4 of social I can check. Thank you for your interest in coaching.

On Thu, Dec 19, 2019 at 4:16 PM Miles Basurto < > wrote:

Hi. I will coach again in minors and we will be 2 Legit 2 Hit again.

Can you check to see if I have a live scan on file with the city or how do I check?

Thank you

On Dec 19, 2019, at 3:29 PM, RAP Woodland Hills RC <[woodlandhills.recreationcenter@lacity.org](mailto:woodlandhills.recreationcenter@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello,

It's that time of year again, Spring Volleyball is just around the corner.

We wanted to thank you so much for your interest in coaching. If you are still interested, please confirm receipt of this email by Friday, December 20 with your desired age group.

Minors: 8-10

Majors: 11-12

Juniors; 13-15

Co-ed: 9-15

We want to start the fingerprinting process as soon as possible as it can take upon to 10 weeks! If you have not already been fingerprinted by the City of LA, please see the attached information. Make sure to call for an appointment. If you already have, you are good to go!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the park or email Kennedy, Maria or myself. We are included on this email.

Thank you so much for time.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Genesis

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<Volunteer Form.pdf>

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**{EXHIBIT C:}**

**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 09:10:00 PM PST  
**Subject:** Fwd: Practice next week

From: Miles Basurto <[miles.basurto@lacity.org](mailto:miles.basurto@lacity.org)>  
Date: November 30, 2021 at 10:54:34 AM PST  
To: Kennedy Kimbell <[kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org](mailto:kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org)>  
Cc: Jeffrey Weaver  
Subject: Re: Practice next week

Thank you Jefe! Your the man!

On Nov 30, 2021, at 10:40 AM, Kennedy Kimbell <[kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org](mailto:kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org)> wrote:

No worries, I will see what I can do. I think when we spoke Miles that was after I had already had the All-Star Meeting and that was playoff week so I think a lot of the focus was on that. Again I will def ask but if you are accepted Jeff I'll need you to sign a few more papers. I'll let you know. Thanks guys.

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 4:28 PM Miles Basurto <[miles.basurto@lacity.org](mailto:miles.basurto@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Me as well Jefe. I thought I was pretty clear he was coaching and all he needed was to complete the program.

On Nov 29, 2021, at 3:49 PM, Jeffrey Weaver <[jeffrey.weaver@lacity.org](mailto:jeffrey.weaver@lacity.org)> wrote:

Sorry, Kennedy. I thought all that was left was for me to complete the training. I didn't realize it was in question or I would have made it 100% extra clear.

Jeffrey L. Weaver  
323-253-5773 M

On Nov 29, 2021, at 1:53 PM, Miles Basurto <[miles.basurto@lacity.org](mailto:miles.basurto@lacity.org)> wrote:

Jefe! No problem. I'm sorry I thought I made it clear he was coaching and we were standing there and you told him he had to do the class online and we talked about me doing while I drove with Leilani.

**{EXHIBIT D:}**

From: Kennedy Kimbell <[kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org](mailto:kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org)>  
Date: December 7, 2021 at 12:44:18 PM PST  
To: collette ramirez <[collette.ramirez@lacity.org](mailto:collette.ramirez@lacity.org)>, Luis Ramirez <[luis.ramirez@lacity.org](mailto:luis.ramirez@lacity.org)>, Lee Marks <[lee.marks@lacity.org](mailto:lee.marks@lacity.org)>, Steve Cline <[steve.cline@lacity.org](mailto:steve.cline@lacity.org)>, Michelle Gross De La Hoya <[michelle.gross@lacity.org](mailto:michelle.gross@lacity.org)>, Juan Aynat <[juan.aynat@lacity.org](mailto:juan.aynat@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Re: All Star rules

Hello Collette,

Apologies for the delay I was off yesterday but here are the rules attached below. You can see in the first paragraph 1. Equipment section 4. Jewelry prohibited. We do this because it is a safety measure.

I am sorry your daughter's ears were inflamed but we did give you the option to not play. Sorry for the misunderstanding and we do wish her a fast and safe recovery.

-Best Regards

On Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 4:27 PM collette ramirez < > wrote:  
Hi Kennedy,

Any status on those rules? Thanks.

Collette

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2021, at 10:39 AM, collette ramirez < > wrote:

No, we are parents whose daughter almost didn't play this weekend, because of a rule we were not aware of, that we were told we should have been aware of (the earring rule). Now our daughter's ears are inflamed because she had remove the earrings.

Please forward the requested information. Thank you.

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On Dec 6, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Did you guys ref for us this past weekend?

On Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 10:16 AM collette ramirez < > wrote: (SEE EMAIL YOU WHERE CC' d ON)

**{EXHIBIT E:}**

**From:** Miles Basurto < >

**To:**

**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021, 08:40:08 PM PST

**Subject:** Fwd: I'm tired of being lied about, CHECK THE TAPES... (Re: 12-04-21 Pool play WHAS MAJORS (2-1))

Begin forwarded message:

From: Miles Basurto < >  
Date: December 6, 2021 at 11:58:07 AM PST  
To: Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org>  
Cc: "  
Subject: I'm tired of being lied about, CHECK THE TAPES... (Re: 12-04-21 Pool play WHAS MAJORS (2-1))

Jefe! I had a chance to review the game tapes!!! And gather my thoughts, we have three recorders going at all times. I have created a video for you and you boss... I'm tired of being lied about and mischaracterized...

1. The ball is in question if its out or in... The ball is above my players shoulder and they are backed up. Simple geometry and angles can induce that the ball was going to be out. However why end the game on a questionable call when my girls are so emphatic that it was out? Their is no back judge so it should have been a redo, plan and simple.

2. "Also you did not have to storm across the court right after the game yelling that you have the call on video when the ball was clearly in and everyone saw it." please show me on the tape where I'm STORMING off the court? I get my chair and I leave... Jeff is arguing with the refs not me. Does your boss not know I'm the brown dude sitting down not the white guy standing up during the game "they watched right"?

3. PLAYER TOUCHING THE NET - "In terms of the ref he may not be returning next weekend to coach but a formal complaint I feel is not necessary or warranted because I feel strongly that both of you were in the wrong." CHECK the TAPE my player did not line up touching the net on an ACE... So back to that formal complaint??? What is the status of it???

4. "If you choose to stand up and coach you need to practice controlling your emotions like I've told you all year." This is insulting to me.. I have never been rude or disrespectful to anyone. However I cant say the same about others towards me... Yes I'm passionate and I hype my squad up. That's what won us a championship and got us to the second round of the tournament. And you want me to change? Why not stick up for me and tell your boss they are wrong. I get it your a yes man... I have worked for the city and I get the politics. I feel you brother no one wants to mess up their pay check or rise to the top. You need them to help you make more money not me. So I'm dispensable... I get it. Nothing personal just business right Jefe?

5. "I hope I see some kind of improvement this Saturday because you are representing Woodland Hills and myself when you are out there. I am and did give you an opportunity to prove me right but if there are any issues Saturday this will be the last time you are an All-Star coach for Woodland Hills" This is personal and i see it as a threat... WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO SATURDAY? HOW DO YOU WANT ME TO ACT??? SINCE IM SUCH A DISRUPTION sitting down for two games???? How do you want me to act Jefe? Who do you want m to be??? I'm an actor I can be anyone you want... No worries about this being the last time I coach woodland Hills all stars... Mason said Woodland Hills isn't known for volleyball. So I can build this at any rec center that wants to have a power house volleyball program like Mason or Winnetka.

Enjoy your day off Jefe! I eagerly await your reply. And I informed the parents of what's going on your admonishing me as well as essentially threatening me I wont be All-Star coach anymore after Saturday when the girl and I win then we next have City Championships

YOU TUBE LINK TO TAPE I MADE FOR YOU TO SHARE WITH YOUR BOSS... Enjoy its only 7 mins long.

<https://youtu.be/sVruZmTVxOc>

On Monday, December 6, 2021, 10:20:46 AM PST, Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Miles,

Unfortunately I won't be able to have the net up today outdoors because I accidentally left it at Branford and I don't work today but I will have it up for you every other day this week. It is also class registration today so our staff will be busy and booked with calls and emails so it kind of works out.

In terms of the ref he may not be returning next weekend to coach but a formal complaint I feel is not necessary or warranted because I feel strongly that both of you were in the wrong. He didn't have to act that way toward you but you shouldn't be asking a ref to point out where she touched the net. I spoke to other refs about that and they felt the same way. Also you did not have to storm across the court right after the game yelling that you have the call on video when the ball was clearly in and everyone saw it.

With that said the best thing you can do is just focus on next Saturday. If you choose to stand up and coach you need to practice controlling your emotions like I've told you all year. The sportsboard who the president watched that game felt like you may not be the best fit for an All-star coach because you get too wrapped up into the game and lose yourself, like I have been saying all year. I hope I see some kind of improvement this Saturday because you are representing Woodland Hills and myself when you are out there. I am and did give you an opportunity to prove me right but if there are any issues Saturday this will be the last time you are an All-Star coach for Woodland Hills. I like you Miles but I am always going to put Woodland Hills and the program first.

I hope you understand. The net will be up tomorrow and the rest of the week and please practice indoors tonight.

-Best Regards

On Sun, Dec 5, 2021 at 9:47 AM Miles Basurto <

> wrote:

Hey Jefe! The dust has settled and WHAS are still breathing.

We will have practice every day this week except for Wednesday. If we can please get the outdoor net set up from 5:30 to 6:30 or seven that would be super awesome.

Also next weekend I will not be sitting down I will be standing in my normal coaching position. And if that black old man Williams officiating our game I' m not going to be nice to him. So talk to the Sports board and make sure that he is not near anymore Woodland Hills all-star games he is an asshole and he had no reason to treat me like that.

I figured I would only ever have a problem with Taylor in Volleyball. So to have this old ass black man act that way and treat me that way when I wake up the morning after I' m not happy about it. And next time I see him I may have some words for him.

On a happier note! It worked out super perfect us losing to Mason. This way I don' t have to play my buddies team in the first round of the elimination portion of the tournament. This week when I have the gym will I have the gym all to myself? Or will I be having to share it like I was surprised by a couple times last week?

The Mason coach told me that the team has been together since they were eight years old and this is pretty much the team that won the championship in 2019. So we have a lot of ground to cover they have had years to put their program together and I have only had weeks.

The greatest compliment I got yesterday was from the Mason coach who said oh Woodland Hills is not known for volleyball. I said I know I saw the Winnetka program and I saw your program and I wanted to build my own. I want what you got.

I am super excited and people were really impressed with the product that we produced. I think that if we can get through Winnetka next weekend and we can face off against Mason I will have a Lotta answers for them.

OK jefe! This is my morning summary to you. I guess WHAS Majors should be your only focus since we are the only All-Star team to advance Jefe! You' re welcome!

Here are the videos from yesterday. Check out my interactions with Williams in the first game.

After I reviewed I' m not happy with Williams conduct and want to file an official complaint with the sports board, the city and the Mayor. They cut him a check to act like that???

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWsnIxeiRu68ci895902zj3rzZLXorMwy>

**{EXHIBIT F}**

From: Miles Basurto

Date: December 1, 2021 at 6:44:05 PM PST

To: Derek Davis

Subject: Re: Scrimmage v Majors

Hey Derek! Thank you again for scrimmaging with us. It was a lot of fun. When can we run back the scrimmage? We have the court Thursday and Friday from 6-8p. We are down for whatever.

On Nov 30, 2021, at 1:26 PM, Derek Davis > wrote:

What' s up Miles, we practice Wednesday from 4-6, so if you guys can come at like 5:30 we can end our practice and go in to your practice at 6. Let me know if that' ll work.

Thanks  
Derek

Sent from my iPhone

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On Nov 30, 2021, at 10:45 AM, Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org> wrote:

Hey Miles,

Ya that would probably work. Derek's email is < > . Email him I'm sure he will be open to it.

-best

Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021, 10:03:43 PM PST

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On Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 10:22 AM Miles Basurto < > wrote:

Jefe can you set up a scrimmage for us against the Junior squad? I don't know their coach or email. They can come Wednesday 6-8 or Thursday 6-8. Sorry for the last minute idea.

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Kennedy Kimbell

**{EXHIBIT F}**

**From:** Miles Basurto < >  
**Date:** November 30, 2021 at 10:54:34 AM PST  
**To:** Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org>  
**Cc:** Jeffrey Weaver  
**Subject:** Re: Practice next week

Thank you Jefe! Your the man!

On Nov 30, 2021, at 10:40 AM, Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org> wrote:

No worries, I will see what I can do. I think when we spoke Miles that was after I had already had the All-Star Meeting and that w  
playoff week so I think a lot of the focus was on that. Again I will def ask but if you are accepted Jeff I'll need you to sign a  
few more papers. I'll let you know. Thanks guys.

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 4:28 PM Miles Basurto < > wrote:  
Me as well Jefe. I thought I was pretty clear he was coaching and all he needed was to complete the program.

On Nov 29, 2021, at 3:49 PM, Jeffrey Weaver < > wrote:

Sorry, Kennedy. I thought all that was left was for me to complete the training. I didn't realize it was in question or I would  
have made it 100% extra clear.

Jeffrey L. Weaver  
323-253-5773 M

On Nov 29, 2021, at 1:53 PM, Miles Basurto < > wrote:

Jefe! No problem. I'm sorry I thought I made it clear he was coaching and we where standing there and you told him he had to do t  
class online and we talked about me doing while I drove with Leilani.

Sorry for the confusion. Your the man!

On Nov 29, 2021, at 1:35 PM, Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org> wrote:

Im glad you did Jeff but that's not how it works. I asked you guys in the beginning if Jeff was going to be coaching and you never  
gave me a direct answer. Therefore I didn't put Jeff on the initial tournament roster. So I can't promise you that he will be  
allowed to coach. I will do my best but at this point I am going out of my way and asking for favors and I did ask both of you pri  
if he was going to coach I needed to know.

Let me see what I can do but no promises.

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 1:32 PM Miles Basurto < > wrote:  
Awesome! So all good Jefe? He can be on sidelines?

On Nov 29, 2021, at 11:53 AM, Jeffrey Weaver < > wrote:

Done & done.

Jeffrey L. Weaver  
323-253-5773 M

On Nov 29, 2021, at 11:43 AM, Miles Basurto > wrote:

Sweet! Will be disappointing not to have you on the sideline.

On Nov 29, 2021, at 11:32 AM, Jeffrey Weaver > wrote:

I' ve been working on it all morning. Should be done in an hour or so.

Jeffrey L. Weaver  
323-253-5773 M

On Nov 29, 2021, at 11:14 AM, Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org> wrote:

The rules will be discussed in the coaches meeting tomorrow that Miles has to attend. Also Jeff just a reminder you will not be at to stand next to Miles or coach at the tournament because you didn't complete the PCA certification. I am pretty sure you are aware of this just giving you a reminder.

Thanks!

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 7:16 AM Jeffrey Weaver > wrote:

Hi, Kennedy. Did we ever find out exactly what official rules the all-stars will be observing? Can you share or let us know whom we should ask for them?

Please & thank you!

Jeffrey L. Weaver  
323-253-5773 M

> On Nov 24, 2021, at 8:55 AM, Miles Basurto > wrote:

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> Top of the morning to you Jefe!

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> Any chance I can practice every day next week that' s what this other park is doing so it must not be too out of the norm. I don' t want the team to be under prepared or have not gotten the same amount of training as the other All-Star squads could we practice Sunday and then every day of the week and then Saturday will be the tournament. Depending on the girls schedule we could do some of the practices indoors and some of the practices outdoors. Let me know your thoughts.

>

> <Screenshot 2021-11-24 at 8.53.30 AM.png>

**{EXHIBIT H}**

**From:** Miles Basurto

**Date:** November 30, 2021 at 4:07:58 PM PST

**To:** Kennedy Kimbell <kennedy.kimbell@lacity.org>

**Subject:** Championship Trophy's

Howdy Jefe! Any update on 2 Legit 2 Hit trophies?

**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021, 04:52:28 AM PST

**Subject:** VIDEO of Friendly Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center

**Howdy-ho!** Steve Cline, Top of the morning to you Sir!

This email is in regards to the email I sent to you a few hours ago **Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021, 01:11:39 AM PST, **Subject:** Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation.

I'm not sure if you will read this email first or the other. Never the less this link below is to the video of Woodland Hills Pugs practice when they are kicked out of their own gym WOODLAND HILLS REC CENTER from practice which is now last night 12/9/2021. Pictures as they say are worth a thousand words. I look forward to your reply.

Kennedy's intentional and reckless actions this evening, coupled with his conduct the last few weeks being extreme and outrageous, I was unable to sleep tonight. My daughter who barely turned 11 years old was crying on the car ride home asking why they kicked us out and what did her and what the team do wrong?

My daughter loves volleyball and skipped a Choir performance that was worth 100pts of her grade to be at practice. (See attached emailed below) Which is 75% of the total grade.

I honestly couldn't explain why the park kicked her out of the gym so its causing me severe emotional distress as I try to type this email out on my phone. I'm shaking as I type and the keys are so small for my fat fingers with tears in my eyes trying to complete this email regarding the treatment Kennedy has shown my daughter, myself, her teammates the Pugs, and other Pug Parents.

Since I could not sleep and I'm wide awake, I worked on the video of the friendly match between WHAS Pugs and VNSO for YOU with a cool scoring graphic for YOU. After I finish uploading to YouTube, I'm going to walk our Pug "Fraunk" the team mascot,

My mind is racing just thinking how Kennedy was so outrageous in his actions last night kicking 16 little girls out in to the cold for doing nothing wrong Dude is a heart breaker for sure, I guess.

However Kennedy's conduct started a cause of action that was utterly intolerable for little girls volleyball or a civilized community. I will contact my doctors when they open today to speak with them about how I'm feeling I will see if this is medically diagnosable and significant and requires me to se medical treatment.

I hope you have a great morning, I'm gonna watch the sunrise, I hope to hear from you asap. After you read my formal complaint email in regards to Kennedy Kimbell. I hope your reply makes me feel a lot better but who knows...

Signed a emotionally distressed parent, tax payer & volunteer Coach,  
Miles Basurto

[12-09-21 Friendly match: Pugs v VNSO 1/2 of 1st set then teams kicked out of gym no explanation](#)

12-09-

21

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---PROOF OF MY DAUGHTERS CHOIR PERFORMANCE---

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7:06 PM, Grace Perez <[graceperez@myfbs.org](mailto:graceperez@myfbs.org)> wrote:

Hello!

I did already send an email earlier today in response to the email that I received last night about the volleyball game, but just in case you didn't get to see it, I explained that I'm glad she gets to play on the team but that I am very sad she will be missing our concert.

Since our concert is a 100 point assignment, I unfortunately will have to give Leilani a 0 for not attending, since I stated in the letter I sent home at the beginning of the year that attendance at concerts was mandatory for being part of the group. I also said that I will allow her the opportunity to make up the points by writing an essay on a particular musical topic that I will give her at our choir practice on Friday. She will have till next Wednesday (our last day of choir for the semester) to turn it in. If she completes the assignment by next Wednesday, I will allow it to count for her makeup points!

Please let me know if you have any more questions! Hope you have a good night!

--Mrs. Perez

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**From:** Miles Basurto

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:35:50 PM

**To:** Grace Perez

**Cc:** BB 📧💌💖📧 ; 📧us📧📧 Sharese Pearsall <

**Subject:** Re: Final Christmas Concert Reminders!

Hi Miss Perez! Happy holidays!

Leilani discussed with us her parents that she felt it was more important to take advantage of a once in a lifetime opportunity by competing on the volleyball All-Stars squad for the city of Woodland Hills instead of perform in the choir event.

Leilani was conflicted because she loves choir so much and loves to sing. She took a few days to think about her decision and after she presented it to us we found her explanation acceptable.

We do understand if this may affect her grade. However if there is a way to get her credit since she is not just avoiding the event and wants to be there or for her to bring her grade back up please let us know?

Thank you for understanding that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for her that she has been working on since she was 7 years old.

Hopefully she will be choir for many years to come. Thank you again for all your hard work and effort and you do helping guide Leilani to becoming a good Christian woman one day. We appreciate you.

If your on instagram please like and her team with others. Thank you in advance.

Leilani's Team's Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/2legit2hitvolleyball/>

Leilani's Team's YouTube page

[https://youtube.com/channel/UCXBoVfVotaKr3\\_MTNEJMsQ](https://youtube.com/channel/UCXBoVfVotaKr3_MTNEJMsQ)

On Dec 8, 2021, at 4:48 PM, Grace Perez [graceperez@myfbs.org](mailto:graceperez@myfbs.org) <[graceperez@pcrsoft.com](mailto:graceperez@pcrsoft.com)> wrote:

Hello all!

Just a reminder that our Christmas concert is TOMORROW at 7:00 PM! The forecast is calling for rain, but we are still looking forward to a great night music, rain or shine! A few final reminders...

- Please have your child in the tent at 6:00 PM for some last minute staging and warm ups.
- Boys should wear red polos, black dress pants and black dress shoes.
- Girls should wear white polos, black skirts that come all the way below the knee when standing, and black dress shoes. Since it will be cold, girl may also wear solid black tights if they wish.
- Since it will be chilly tomorrow, students may bring a solid colored jacket or cardigan to wear (black, red, grey, green, or white). No hoodies or jackets with writing may be worn on stage; however, they may bring them to wear up until we sing and put them on again after.

Hot chocolate and concessions will also be available tomorrow! We are so excited to present the hard work your students have done this semester! Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Perez

If your on Instagram please like and share my daughter's volleyball team with others. Thank you in advance.

Leilani's Team's Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/2legit2hitvolleyball/>

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[https://youtube.com/channel/UCXBoVfVotaKr3\\_MTNEJMsQ](https://youtube.com/channel/UCXBoVfVotaKr3_MTNEJMsQ)

Leilani's Teams' Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/2Legit2Hit/>

Leilani's Teams' Shutterfly page

<https://2legit2hitwoodlandhills.shutterfly.com/>

Restatement (Second) of Torts section 46 cmt. d (1965)  
Bass v. Nooney Co., 646 S.W.2d 765, 772-773 (Mo. banc 1983)

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**Re: Please respond, I need Help... Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center**

1 message

**Rob De Hart** <rob.dehart@lacity.org>

Wed, Dec 15, 2021

To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>, Steve Cline <steve.cline@lacity.org>

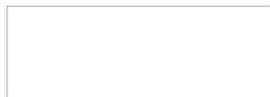
Thank you. Valley Region Recreation staff have responded and are continuing to work with this coach and his team in addressing their concerns.

Please contact Recreation Supervisor Steve Cline ([steve.cline@lacity.org](mailto:steve.cline@lacity.org)) should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Rob De Hart  
Valley Region Superintendent  
Recreation Services / Muni Sports / Camps  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
City of Los Angeles

Valley Region Headquarters  
6335 Woodley Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
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Fax: (818) 908-9786  
Mail Stop # 641  
[Rob.DeHart@lacity.org](mailto:Rob.DeHart@lacity.org)



On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 2:23 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please see the following 2 emails received in the Board office. Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Date: Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 2:19 PM

Subject: Re: Please respond, I need Help... Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center

To: collette ramirez

Cc: Miles Basurto <miles.basurto@lacity.org>, Steve Cline LA Parks And Recs <steve.cline@lacity.org>, BB <bb@lacity.org>, RAP Woodland Hills RC <woodlandhills@lacity.org>, RAP Woodland Hills RC <woodlandhills@lacity.org>, [recreationcenter@lacity.org](mailto:recreationcenter@lacity.org), [luis@castiron.la](mailto:luis@castiron.la) <luis@castiron.la>, [lee.marks@lacity.org](mailto:lee.marks@lacity.org) <lee.marks@lacity.org>, [michelle.gross@lacity.org](mailto:michelle.gross@lacity.org) <michelle.gross@lacity.org>, [juan.aynat@lacity.org](mailto:juan.aynat@lacity.org) <juan.aynat@lacity.org>, [valley.munisports@lacity.org](mailto:valley.munisports@lacity.org) <valley.munisports@lacity.org>, [tim.glick@lacity.org](mailto:tim.glick@lacity.org) <tim.glick@lacity.org>, [mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org) <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, [councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org) <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, [councilmember.martinez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.martinez@lacity.org) <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org) <ethics.commission@lacity.org>, [civilandhumanrights@lacity.org](mailto:civilandhumanrights@lacity.org) <civilandhumanrights@lacity.org>, [alexandria.naseef@lacity.org](mailto:alexandria.naseef@lacity.org) <alexandria.naseef@lacity.org>, <>

[a.farassati@whcouncil.org](mailto:a.farassati@whcouncil.org) <a.farassati@whcouncil.org>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and appropriate personnel. If you have further questions or comments respond to this email.

On Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 10:26 PM collette ramirez wrote:

Hi all I sent the email below to Kennedy, to date no response. Coach Miles has valid points and I hope they are addressed. Please see below:

Hi Kennedy,

Thanks for your reply. When did you realize it was your day off? After your initial reply to my email?

At any rate, to say were given the option not play is flippant and an insult. You took away that choice when you failed to disclose the rules. Why these rules weren't reviewed at the parent 11/12 or the initial email you sent on 11/9 is curious. We did not learn said rules until the day of the game. It wasn't reviewed in the parent meeting on 11/12 or in your initial email you send daughter had/has committed a great deal of time and energy to her team so not playing wasn't really an option. Additionally this rule is discriminatory towards girls and should be reviewed

In the future if the city is going to hold one's feet to the fire please make sure everyone is aware of said rules. We were not the only parents not aware.

Also please identify the individuals you deemed important enough include on this email. Thank you.

Best,

Collette Ramirez

On Dec 13, 2021, at 7:34 AM, Miles Basurto <miles.basurto@lacity.org> wrote:

To whom it may concern:

Re: Formal complaint against KENNEDY KIMBELL, Woodland Hills Recreation Center (WHRC).



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Letter from Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Re: Goats for Brush Clearance**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 7:37 AM

To: Kristina Smith

Cc: Diana Nave

&gt;, Christian Guzman &lt;c.louis.guzman@gmail.com&gt;, Victor Christensen-NWSPNC

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 5:22 PM Kristina Smith &lt;

&gt; wrote:

To: Michael Shull, General Manager; and RAP Commissioners,

Attached is a letter from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council regarding goats for brush clearance at Peck Park.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and the attachment.

Thank you.

Kristina Smith  
Neighborhood Council Services

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December 15, 2021

Michael Shull

Via Email: [michael.a.shull@lacity.org](mailto:michael.a.shull@lacity.org)

Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Via Email: [RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org)

#### RE: USE OF GOATS FOR BRUSH CLEARANCE IN PECK PARK

Virtually every summer in recent memory there have been multiple fires in Peck Park Canyon and the Hernandez Ranch area of the park. We would like for the Department of Recreation and Parks to give serious consideration to using goats and/or sheep to control the vegetation.

The County of Los Angeles, Rancho Palos Verdes, and the Palos Verdes Conservancy all use goats for brush clearance. Not only is this a cost effective, efficient, and ecologically sound method, but it has the added benefit that the community enjoys seeing the animals.

Peck Park Canyon requires vegetation reduction for fire safety and to control invasive species. While mechanical techniques such as disking are comparatively quick, they may not be as effective in steep or rocky terrain, and may contribute to soil loss on slopes, a current concern in the Peck Park Canyon. Labor-intensive tactics such as weed whackers may also be constrained by terrain, are slower, and contribute to noise and air pollution. Grazing livestock—most commonly goats and sheep—are more effective in steep or rocky terrain like that found in the Peck Park Canyon and can be managed to minimize impacts on desired/native plants in most terrain and the organic compost they leave behind is good for the soil.

We recommend that the Department adopt the use of grazing animals to address fire safety and reduce invasive species in Peck Park Canyon. Since grazing animals are less drawn to consume dry and woody vegetation, they are best when used in the spring before vegetation becomes desiccated. This has the added advantage of clearing the brush before the fire season begins.

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The grazing company used locally by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy and City of Rancho Palos Verdes for the past ten years is Fire Grazers:

Fire Grazers  
Michael Choi

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Attached is the LA County goat vendor list for fire control. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christian Guzman', written in a cursive style.

Christian Guzman, President  
On Behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Deanne Dedmon, Pacific Region  
Councilman Joe Buscaino  
Jacob Haik, CD 15

*This letter approved by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board on 12/13/21.*

ATTACHMENT

# GOAT VENDOR LIST

**Hire a Herd** Karen  
Simer P.O.Box 172  
Topanga, CA 90290  
(310) 455-0755

**Ranchito Tivo Boer Goats**  
George and Elizabeth Gonzales  
(951) 907-7378 Chino, CA  
[Geolizg@aol.com](mailto:Geolizg@aol.com)

**Goats for Brush**  
Rance Thrall  
P.O. Box 1731  
Corona, CA 92878  
(951) 277-8117 (951) 833-8174  
[Goats4brush@aol.com](mailto:Goats4brush@aol.com)

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Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 10:01 AM

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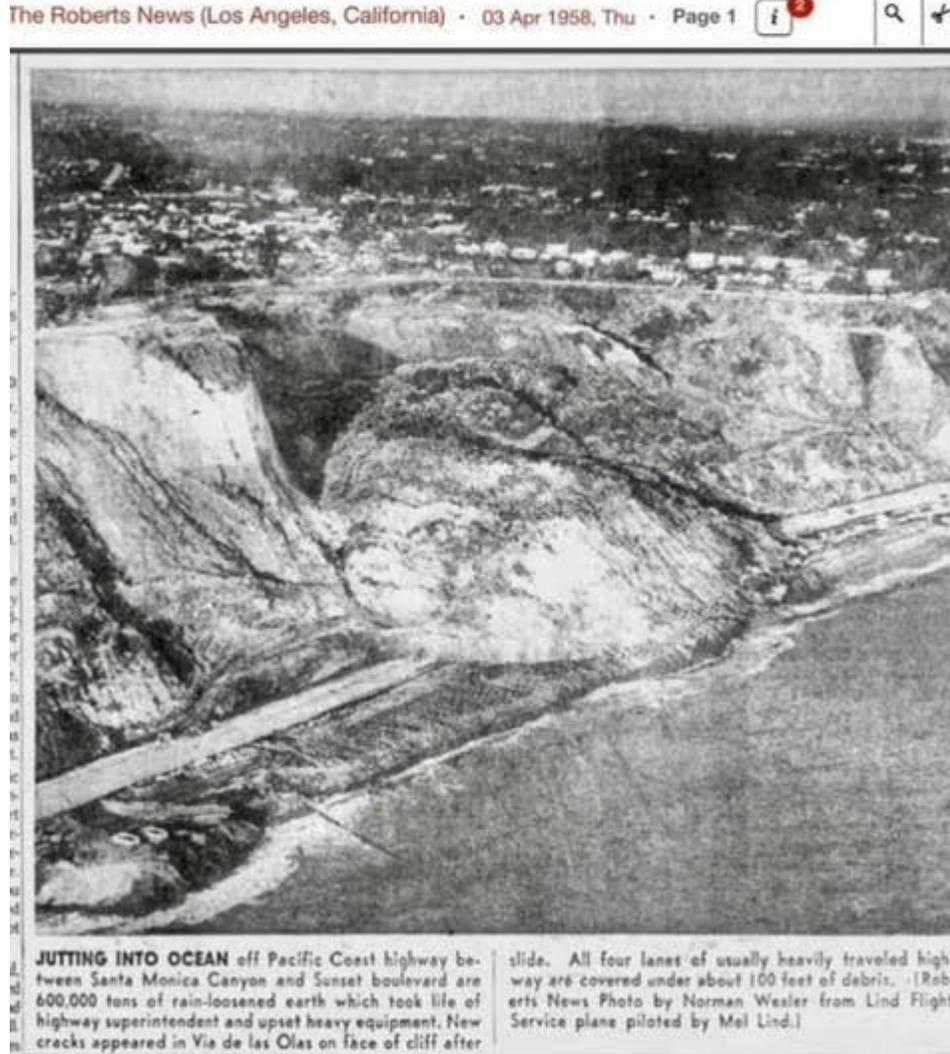
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The caution tape that was put up has been taken down by kids in the neighborhood now

Blake S. Mirkin | Executive Vice President | Lic.00845245  
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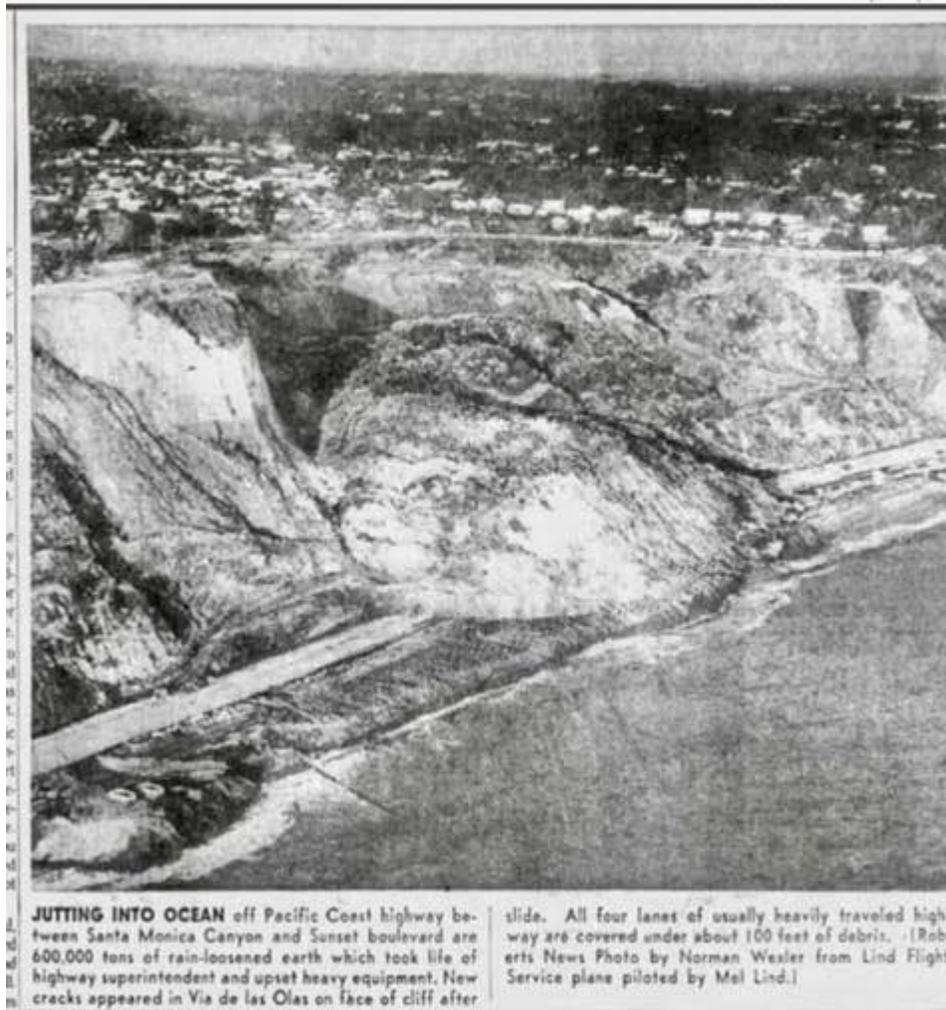
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From: **Gary Pokoik**

Date: Fri, Dec 31, 2021 at 3:01 PM

Subject: Via de Las Olas intersection near Via de Las Paz

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ANDREW-I was hoping you can refer this condition to someone in the city of LA. Today part of the hill collapsed. This is in the park or Cliff area open to the public in Pacific Palisades. People regularly walk by this new hole and the hole has exposed the roots for 3 large Eucalyptus

Trees which most likely will fall. A few years ago a large Eucalyptus tree fell 100 ft away and opened a large hole on Via de Las Olas, the curb was taken out when the tree fell. The Parks and Recreation Department did nothing. I asked the City street service to repair or replace the curb but they said it was not their problem and said its Parks and Recreation. Every time it rains, water flows from all the streets to Via de Las Olas and then the water flows down the street into the hole that the fallen tree created. The result is now apparent as its creating new holes in the hillside as the water flows down the cliff area toward the PCH. Prior to the fallen tree, the water used to flow down Via de Las Olas to storm drainage lines in the street. Now the water never makes it to the storm drainage lines and instead flows onto the cliff and hillside. Anyone walking in this area could easily get caught if the hill collapses. In 1958, there was a mudslide and people were killed in the slide. That is why part of Via de Las Olas is closed to cars and was made into a park.

Is there anyone that you can refer this hazard to? Thank you for any help.

Gary Pokoik

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**Re: Extraordinary Cost of a Park Bench**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Rick Bruner

Mon, Jan 3, 2022 at 9:16 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Wed, Dec 29, 2021 at 2:42 PM Rick Bruner &gt; wrote:

Dear *LA Department of Parks and Recreation* Commissioners:

My name is Rick Bruner. I am part of a small group of LA residents who are trying to fund a memorial park bench for Jason Perlman at *Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park*. Jason recently died at age 61 of a combination of brain cancer and heart failure. He was a regular tennis player at the park for decades. Some of his best memories were arranging large tennis events at the park where he'd rent 5 courts on a weekend for round robin play among 20 players.

A few years ago, a tennis friend of mine, Nels Van Patten, worked with the *L.A. Parks Foundation* to install 2 memorial benches at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park - one for his father Dick Van Patten and a second for Terry Benjamin - another tennis player who died young. Terry's bench sits under the beautiful old pine tree just outside the paddle tennis courts. The bench is used constantly, especially on hot summer days as the tree's long boughs provide full shade from the sun. Often, many people stand nearby while others sit on the bench. Thus, a second bench (in Jason's honor) next to Terry's bench would be a welcome addition.

My group is willing to fully fund Jason's bench and is happy to purchase the exact same bench as Terry's to insure aesthetic and structural consistency. However, we have a problem. A few weeks ago, Nels Van Patten referred me to the LA Parks Foundation to arrange installation. I spoke to the head of the Foundation, Carolyn Ramsay, about pricing and I couldn't believe what I was hearing. She says that because the City of LA is short-staffed due to COVID, pricing for such benches has increased 5 to 7 times over what it used to be (e.g. there are new costs for independent contractors, permitting, insurance, etc.). She quoted me \$10,000 - \$12,000 for simple, plastic reinforced park bench that likely doesn't retail for more that \$600 - \$800 based on what I've seen online!! She also told me there's a backlog of pending bench installations to July 2022.

When I told Nels Van Patten about this new pricing arrangement, his mouth dropped. He couldn't believe it either. There must be a practical way to get the price down close to what it used to be. \$1,000 to \$2,000 seems reasonable - especially since the bench has a clear functional purpose and we are funding/donating it ourselves. \$10,000 to \$12,000 is outrageous and unaffordable. To be forced to pay this much for a simple park bench seems to defeat the public/philanthropic purpose of both the *LA Parks Foundation* and the *LA Department of Parks and Recreation*.

One cost-saving idea is to use our own contractor to lay the cement with supervision from the city. I'm sure someone in our group could find a contractor at a reduced rate since the work is tied a charitable cause. If we could enlist a city staff member to come supervise the work, we'd both be meeting specs and saving thousands of dollars. If the city responds that there are no longer any relevant staff members to send, perhaps we could hire a former staff supervisor who knows the city's guidelines? This would insure all regulations are followed. There appear to be so many relatively easy, creative ways to get costs down and the bench installed in a timely manner.

We're hoping to have a memorial service affiliated with the bench by early February. It would be a shame if we'd have to look for another park for Jason's memorial. He truly loved his experiences at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park and we'd like his soul to rest there.

Please, can we all put our heads together and find a way to make this work? Whoever reads this first, please forward to every commissioner. Email or call me anytime.

Sincerely,

Rick Bruner

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## Re: When will RAP be issuing permits for Westchester Park Ball Fields?

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 2:22 PM

To: Debra Huston &lt;

Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez &lt;Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org&gt;, Brenda Aguirre &lt;brenda.aguirre@lacity.org&gt;, Paula Gerez

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On Tue, Jan 4, 2022 at 9:16 PM Debra Huston

wrote:

Dear Sonya,

I was very optimistic that we would be able to get permits for our youth leagues in early March of this year, given our discussion at our last meeting with you. Are permits being issued? For what date, at the earliest?

As you know, this affects hundreds to thousands of children who played youth athletics on the fields in Westchester Park before the park became a homeless encampment and the fields were destroyed by homeless people disabling irrigation systems. Between the homeless encampments, the dirt fields, the gopher holes, the fire ants, and the Safe Parking in the 25 of 50 parking spots in the parking lot of the ball fields, and the lack of security, it was unsafe for children to be on the fields, and it was unsafe to children to be in the park at all without risk of being victimized..

Our youth athletes have had to travel as far as San Diego to get field time. Many have been left without leagues or teams entirely. Some youth athletic leagues have folded completely.

I have emailed you about this and have received no response. Beth O'Rourke of Santa Monica Youth Rugby emailed you about the timeline, saying the fields would have to have been seeded before the holidays in order for RAP to meet a March deadline. We have leagues and teams waiting for a response from you.

We were told in August that the fields would be renovated and ready for use in October. Then we were told the fields would be renovated and ready for use in January. Then we were told by you that the fields would be renovated and ready for use in March, and maybe even in February. Our leagues counted on this, and we have not received information from you.

We also told you during our meeting that Penmar Park fields would be closed for renovation in January, and asked you to have this date delayed until Westchester Park fields were open once again because of the severe shortage of lighted multiplex fields in LA. You indicated that could be arranged. We have not heard back from you on this. Now we do not know when Penmar will be closed or when Westchester will be open for permits.

Our leagues have to make plans so they know how many youth athletes they can accommodate. They need to know what fields will be available to decide what costs will be involved in their seasons and passed on to athletes. They need to know how much travel time parents have to plan to do to access lighted multiplex fields.

We also note that half of the parking lot for the ball fields parking lot is fenced off for Safe Parking. Westchester is the only park in the LA City Park system with Safe Parking. We note that there are many homeless campers in vehicles in the parking lots of the park, which makes youth athletes and their families and coaches feel unsafe. It is impossible for families to park across the street, on the other side of Lincoln, because Lincoln is a seven-lane street with heavy and high-speed traffic.

This is a matter of utmost urgency. We need to know when permits will be issued. Children are waiting to find out if they will have a spot in leagues. This matters. Our children have had a losing season and they have not stepped foot on the fields.

1/5/22, 2:24 PM

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| Debra Huston

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## Re: When will RAP be issuing permits for Westchester Park Ball Fields? [External]

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 2:23 PM

To: "Parks, DeAndre"

Cc: Debra Huston , Sonya Young-Jimenez <Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Paula Gerez <paula.ncwpdr@gmail.com>, Julie Ross <ciqardenia@aol.com>, Julie Zaller Lucy Han , Garrett Smith Chip Mallek , Chris Spitz , Jamie Paige <jamie@venicecurrent.com>, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" , Sue Pascoe L Perez

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On Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 7:34 AM Parks, DeAndre <

wrote:

Good morning all:

Thank you Debra. I too have been told conflicting stories when submitting permit requests for Westchester Park for The Westside Vikings Pop Warner Youth Football program. RAP stated, "we are not issuing permits for Westchester and that came directly from the mayor's office and your city councilperson!"

I received no response from Bonin or the Mayor's office until the press got involved. Bonin and the mayor's office stated to the reporter, Jeff Nguyen that, "whoever told [me] that from RAP was misinformed, reapply.". I did and there was no response.

We eventually grew weary and encouraged our families, who had the resources, to travel outside the neighborhood in which they pay an insane amount of taxes and join Culver City's program.

I coached basketball, football, tee-ball, and baseball at Westchester Park over the past 15 years. The families and institutions that follow the rules and contribute to the development of children in this community have been disregarded, disrespected, and at times attacked by the public servants we pay our hard earned tax dollars to to maintain and improve the quality of life for those who live in Westchester.

Thank you for your efforts on this.

DeAndre Parks

Founder Westside Vikings Youth Football and Cheer

**From:** Debra Huston

January 4, 2022 9:16 PM



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**Re: Poor maintenance of the bridle paths in Chatsworth**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 9:27 AM

To: Beth Davis &lt;

Cc: Myrka Martinez &lt;Myrka.Martinez@lacity.org&gt;, Councilmember Lee &lt;Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org&gt;, president@chatsworthcouncil.org, Brian.Yamasaki@lacity.org

Good morning,

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On Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 4:55 PM Beth Davis

&gt; wrote:

**To: Myrka Martinez**

This email is being sent to you as a call to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commission identified you as the person to contact with these matters.

All of the bridle path trails are part of the Backbone horse trail system and are used heavily daily by our equestrian residents in Chatsworth. These residents are aware that all of our horse license fees were to be directed to Recreation and Parks maintenance for upkeep of these trails, so there should be funding.

The first issue is the length of time that there has been an exposed, damaged PVC pipe coming out from under a block wall from a private residence running through the width of the bridle path trail, and it regularly has water coming through it that floods the trail. It is located on the part of the trail on the north side of Chatsworth Street between Canoga Avenue and the Brown's Creek wash. Approximately two months ago after many requests for help from the equestrian community to have this fixed, we had an on-site visit from Mr. Brian Yamasaki, Park Maintenance Supervisor Valley Region, Northridge District. He advised that he would pass on his findings to the appropriate personnel to have repairs made. To date, this portion of the trail has been blocked with yellow caution tape tied to the rails on the trail and red and white caution saw horses placed over the broken pipe. Since all portions of the bridle paths are linked, this disrupts the use of the entire trail and the equestrians in the area have become frustrated. This has resulted in the caution tape being ripped off and the saw horses being placed outside of the trail. More time continues to pass and still nothing is being done in the way of repairs. You must understand that to not have use of this piece of trail forces riders to take their horses out on to a very busy Chatsworth Street where cars often drive too quickly putting horse and rider in peril as horses are not allowed on sidewalks. Further worry is that there are many more areas of these trails that over time have unearthed many more PVC pipes and it is only a matter of time before more are damaged by metal horse shoes. Regular proper maintenance of these trails could have easily prevented all of this.

The second issue we would like to raise for immediate attention is the bridle path extending from Devonshire to Rinaldi along the Brown's Creek wash. All of the trees have become so overgrown that it is impossible to have the clearance needed for horse and rider to pass under the low hanging limbs of these trees. Also there are many limbs that have fallen and now block

the trail. We have been informed that Recreation and Parks no longer has the contract for the maintenance of these trees, so who is responsible, and how do we get them to attend to this matter quickly?

Third and lastly, let us thank you for the “no bicycles on the bridle path” signs that have gone up on: 1. Rinaldi between Variel and Canoga, and 2. At the top of Canoga at the corner of Candice Place.

We are, however, missing these signs: 1. Along the Brown’s Creek wash between Devonshire and Rinaldi, 2. Canoga west to Andora, 3. Along Chatsworth Street from the Brown’s Creek wash to Canoga, 4. Along the Sierra Canyon School property on Rinaldi to Variel, 5. Along Variel from the corner of the Sierra Canyon School property to Celtic, and 6. The Backbone Trail west to Independence. As a result there are still multiple encounters between riders of horses and riders of bicycles on these trails per day and we believe it is only a matter of time until someone is injured. We love the signs but the number of them currently posted are woefully under-effective.

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**RE: Poor maintenance of the bridle paths in Chatsworth**

1 message

**Beth Davis** <

Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 3:01 PM

To: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Thank you so much for your speedy response. Any help with these matters that the RAP Commissioners can provide will be gratefully appreciated. Just as an FYI I have also heard from Myrka Martinez.

Beth Davis

**From:** [carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org) [mailto:[carolyn.shannon@lacity.org](mailto:carolyn.shannon@lacity.org)] **On Behalf Of** Rap Commissioners**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9:27 AM**To:** Beth Davis**Cc:** Myrka Martinez; Councilmember Lee; [president@chatsworthcouncil.org](mailto:president@chatsworthcouncil.org); [Brian.Yamasaki@lacity.org](mailto:Brian.Yamasaki@lacity.org)**Subject:** Re: Poor maintenance of the bridle paths in Chatsworth

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