

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 03, 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) Comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride	#9054sl-9054xi	Referred to General Manager
2) Harris Jang comments regarding tennis courts at Queen Anne Park	#9082	Referred to General Manager
3) Harris Jang comments regarding tennis courts at Queen Anne Park	#9082a	Referred to General Manager
4) Jeff Jacobberger comments on behalf of Councilmember Blumenfield regarding renaming of Nora Ross Bandshell at Warner Ranch Park	#9083	Referred to General Manager
5) Peggy Lee Kennedy comments on behalf of Venice Justice Committee comments regarding park next to the Venice Library	#9084	Referred to General Manager
6) City Council motion regarding renaming of Porter Ridge Park	#9085	Note and File
7) Robert Harter comments as Vice Chair on behalf of Park Advisory Board of Palisades Recreation Center	#9086	Referred to General Manager
8) Jason Greenwald comments as Chair of Griffith Park Advisory Board regarding Wings of Mexico	#9087	Referred to General manager
9) City Council motion regarding renaming Gladys Park	#9088	Note and File

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10) City Council motion regarding naming the Venice Pier	#9089	Note and File

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:15 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, Feb 11, 2022 at 11:53 AM Elizabeth Martin < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

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-Elizabeth Martin

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:23 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 11:53 AM LISA PRESLEY < > wrote:

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

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:23 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:01 PM Angela Fischetti < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

I am not a Los Angeles constituent, however I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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Angela Fischetti

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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, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:24 AM

To: Mike Fujimori <

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Good morning,

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:09 PM Mike Fujimori <

> wrote:

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To: Aylam Orian < >

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:20 PM Aylam Orian < > wrote:

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Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:25 AM

To: Laurie >

Good morning,

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:24 PM Laurie > wrote:

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Sincerely,
Laurie Paladino

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To: karen elger <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:27 PM karen elger < > wrote:

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To: Priscilla Mezrahi >

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:29 PM Priscilla Mezrahi < > wrote:

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Priscilla Mezrahi, M.A., CCC-SLP, TSSLD

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To: Vishal Patel <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM Vishal Patel > wrote:

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To: Skyler Odom <>

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:37 PM Skyler Odom <> wrote:

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To: Nicole Bovigny

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM Nicole Bovigny < > wrote:

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To: Susan Hirsch <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:39 PM Susan Hirsch <

> wrote:

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Susan and Sam Hirsch

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To: SantosNY <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:40 PM SantosNY <

> wrote:

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Santos Lopez

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:41 PM Lucienne Ryerson < > wrote:

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Sarah L. Ryerson, Los Angeles

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To: Zahira Yacoub < >

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:51 PM Zahira Yacoub > wrote:

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:55 PM Kelli Mckenzie > wrote:

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To: Leslie Randall <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM Leslie Randall <

> wrote:

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I've observed these ponies personally for over three hours. They are exhausted, overworked and deserve freedom to a sanctuary; not putting humans on their backs for hours and hours!
Please..... Be compassionate for THEM!

Leslie Randall

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Mars Green <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:57 PM Mars Green < > wrote:

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Respectfully,

M Green



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To: go to LolitaDarkMusic <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:04 PM go to LolitaDarkMusic

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Reiko AA Takahashi

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:28 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:05 PM Sandra Bell < > wrote:

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Thank you for everything that you do in our community and for your consideration in this issue!

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To: Jared Kemper

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:08 PM Jared Kemper > wrote:

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

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Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:42 AM

To: christina kaylor

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:09 PM christina kaylor

> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Christina Kaylor

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Morgan Dyer

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To: Zaile Emari

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:11 PM Zaile Emari < > wrote:

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:14 PM Barbara Inatsugu > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As someone who is committed to fair, humane treatment for all living creature, both human and non-human, I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:16 PM Ewa Maszkowska < > wrote:

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To: KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER < >

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Kind regards,
Ellen Kroninger

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To: Nickolaus Sackett <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:19 PM Nickolaus Sackett wrote:

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:21 PM Xavier Serrano <

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> wrote:

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:32 PM Bonnie Croker <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:40 PM Amy Fuller <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:43 PM David Glasgal <

> wrote:

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Coordinating Producer
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Kathy Cullen

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 7:58 AM

To: Wendy Hollis <

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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 Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:55 PM Wendy Hollis <

> wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

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These elderly ponies are forced to work in the scorching heat without access to water, and shade. Recent third party equine veterinarian report indicated that they have worked with saddle sores, and haven't received proper dental care.

Please use your influence to send the animals to a reputable sanctuary, and replace the horses and ponies with non-animal fun activities such as go-karts or other attractions, which are humane and safer for children. Riding ponies that have been abused and or neglected puts children at risk. The kids interact with and ride on unpredictable, unhealthy animals, who can also carry communicable diseases.

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Sincerely,
Wendy Hollis

Sent from my iPad

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To: michelle walsh <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 1:57 PM michelle walsh > wrote:

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To: Javier Ramirez

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:01 PM Javier Ramirez

> wrote:

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To: deborahclaassen <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:02 PM deborahclaassen < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

LA government has pioneered some of the most sweeping improvements for animals used in the entertainment industry and now have the opportunity to raise awareness for yet another exploited species whose senseless suffering for the entertainment of humans should finally come to an end. Please set the example once again for others to follow by canceling and not renewing the contract for the pony rides at griffith park and send those long suffering animals to a sanctuary where they can live out what remains of their broken lives in peace.

Thank you for your service, your kindness and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah Classen

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:03 PM Mina < > wrote:

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To: Karen Clayton <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:09 PM Karen Clayton < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,
STOP THIS ANIMAL ABUSE!!!!

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To: Vegan Ninja Pirate <

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To: Viviane Brunie <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:11 PM Viviane Brunie <

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To: Courtney Atienza <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:13 PM Courtney Atienza < > wrote:

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To: indika dissanayake <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:20 PM indika dissanayake > wrote:

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Re: Sincere request to Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract

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To: Lola DeVonne <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:21 PM Lola DeVonne < > wrote:

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Thank you kindly for everything that you do for the betterment of our community,

Lola DeVonne

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

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Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 8:00 AM

To: Theresa Elizabeth <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:29 PM Theresa Elizabeth <

> wrote:

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To: Cecelia Sonsini <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:30 PM Cecelia Sonsini <

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To: Nancy <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:31 PM Nancy <

> wrote:

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To: Helen Carlisle <

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 2:34 PM Helen Carlisle wrote:

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These 'rides' are banned in the UK because they are cruel and abusive and we do not have the lovely sunny weather that you do. The sun can dehydrate a pony very very quickly causing harm to the pony which can lead to collapse. This means that there is serious risk of a pony collapsing which carting a child.

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Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 3:39 PM

To: Kyle Luzynski >

Cc:

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On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 10:55 AM Kyle Luzynski < > wrote:

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To: Andrea Flowers <

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 3:40 PM

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On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 1:46 PM Andrea Flowers <

> wrote:

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On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 11:29 AM Andrew Beaupre < > wrote:

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Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 7:31 AM

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 7:32 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 11:01 PM Michelle Hellerud <

> wrote:

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To: Chris Nope <

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: "Marie A. Baker" >

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 7:06 AM Marie A. Baker < > wrote:

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1 message

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Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 10:59 AM

To: Lindsey Baker <

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 8:47 AM Lindsey Baker

> wrote:

Thank you!

On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 9:41 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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On Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 10:29 AM Lindsey Baker <

> wrote:

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Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Robert Gibson <

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February 10, 2022

Concessions Taskforce of the Park Commission;

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee would like to add its voice of support to the continued operation of the Griffith Park pony rides. Pony rides allow children of all ages to interact with large animals, an opportunity that is becoming increasingly rare in today's urban societies. Ponies benefit from the care and compassion that they receive. People benefit from the opportunity to interact with the gentle, patient animals.

Of course, any animal used in service of people must be kept humanely, and their welfare must be ensured. In that regard, we support recommendations made to the City about veterinary care, in the "Griffith Park Pony Rides Policies and Practices Report to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Los Angeles," December 8, 2021, submitted by Rachael Sachar, DVM, as well as the letter submitted to the concessionaire, Mr. Steven Weeks, on January 26, 2022, by Ms. Rachel Ramos, Concessions manager.

LAEAC member Gene Gilbert visited the pony rides on January 30, 2022, and found the ponies to be to be alert, sheltered, well nourished, well-groomed, and with their hooves trimmed (in accordance with previous visits that she has made). She also was in contact with the pony ride operator, Mr. Steven Weeks, on February 6, 2022, where she thanked him for the in-depth response to the veterinary report commissioned by the City.

We appreciate the opportunity to advise the City Council and are honored to be able to provide input on equestrian matters for the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

David W. Ramey, DVM
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee



Cc.

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Re: elderly ponies being forced to give rides in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:32 AM

To: Jim my < >

Good morning,

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 2:03 PM Jim my < > wrote:

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Re: DO NOT renew the concessionaire contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

1 message

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

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 2:10 PM Metropet <

> wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park Horses

1 message

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

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 2:35 PM Jeff Fromberg < > wrote:
PLEASE ENSURE THAT HORSES PROVIDING RIDES IN GRIFFITH PARK ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF AND NOT ABUSED - SADDLE SORES, ETC.

JEFF FROMBERG
LOS ANGELES

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Re: Griffith park only rides and petting zoo

1 message

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Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:33 AM

To: Iris Zito <

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 3:23 PM Iris Zito < > wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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To: Nicholas M <

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Re: Geriatric Griffith Park Ponies

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:33 AM

To: Dorothy Wilkinson <

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 3:49 PM Dorothy Wilkinson <

> wrote:

It's an insult to a conscientious public to openly neglect the wretched animals at the pony rides. Worse, you're teaching ignorant children that it's perfectly OK to abuse and torment defenseless animals with heat, thirst, exhaustion and a callous and complete disregard for their medical and dental needs.

Gandhi said you can judge a civilization by how it treats its animals. Well, thanks to repellently callous bureaucrats like you, we are publicly exhibiting a really low-class savagery! Thanks for seeing to it that we Los Angelenos are seen as knuckle-dragging, mouth-breathing, no-account thugs like, well, like YOU and ALL your ilk!

DO YOUR JOB, YOU HEARTLESS, USELESS PACK OF CRETINS!!! RETIRE THE PONIES TO PROPER SANCTUARIES FOR ABUSED ANIMALS!!!

With heart-felt repugnance, hostility and contempt,
Dorothy Wilkinson

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Re: Pony Rides Contract Renewal

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Dawn O'Connor <

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:34 AM

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 4:33 PM Dawn O'Connor <

> wrote:

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Re: Ponies abuse

1 message

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Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:35 AM

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 5:34 PM <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

Using ponies ride with out taking care of the ponies health and injuries is gross abuse of animals and must be stopped, please do not approve future ponies ride.

Thank you

Yoel Cohen

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Re: Torture of Ponies

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:35 AM

Good morning,

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 6:37 PM Patti Pimento <

> wrote:

PLEASE!!!

Stop TORTURING THE PONIES!!!!

PLEASE...!!!

Thank you...

Sent from my iPhone

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Re:

1 message

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Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:36 AM

To: lucila ramos <

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 12:20 AM lucila ramos <

> wrote:

We are appalled about the treatment of ponies in the Griffith Park Zoo! It is inexcusable and unacceptable to treat these animals in such a way, and that they should be neglected and mistreated. If dearly departed Betty White were to hear about these poor ponies predicament, she would be distraught and angry about your abuse. It is shameful that this institution should be involved in the ill treatment of these defenseless animals.

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To: Kim Lindsey <

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM Kim Lindsey <

wrote:

Apparently you are not taking care of the health or well being of your animals. Please stop overworking them, get them the physical care they need and treat them with dignity and respect.

Sincerely,

Kim Rusnak
Los Angeles

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Re: Pony's in Griffith Park

1 message

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Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:36 AM

To: Elizabeth Strozewski <

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:04 AM Elizabeth Strozewski <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern:

Please improve the living conditions of
The neglected ponies in Griffith Park. Better yet, please retire them to a good home or sanctuary.

This is heartbreaking and cruel and represents our city in a bad way.

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

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 1:17 PM

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Erin Riley-Carrasco <

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 1:17 PM

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 Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 11:40 AM Erin Riley-Carrasco < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

Thank you for everything that you do in our community!

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Geriatric Griffith Park Ponies

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 1:18 PM

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 Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 12:10 PM Dorothy Wilkinson < > wrote:

Thank you for your very civil response, Ms. Shannon, considering the ire in my communique. Whether your Commissioners are incompetent or merely negligent, swilling at the public trough on OUR money, is as shameful as it is contemptible. RESCUE THE SUFFERING LITTLE PONIES!!!

Good day to you.
Dorothy Wilkinson

On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:34 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 3:49 PM Dorothy Wilkinson < > wrote:

It's an insult to a conscientious public to openly neglect the wretched animals at the pony rides. Worse, you're teaching ignorant children that it's perfectly OK to abuse and torment defenseless animals with heat, thirst, exhaustion and a callous and complete disregard for their medical and dental needs.

Gandhi said you can judge a civilization by how it treats its animals. Well, thanks to repellently callous bureaucrats like you, we are publicly exhibiting a really low-class savagery! Thanks for seeing to it that we Los Angelenos are seen as knuckle-dragging, mouth-breathing, no-account thugs like, well, like YOU and ALL your ilk!

DO YOUR JOB, YOU HEARTLESS, USELESS PACK OF CRETINS!!! RETIRE THE PONIES TO PROPER SANCTUARIES FOR ABUSED ANIMALS!!!

With heart-felt repugnance, hostility and contempt,
Dorothy Wilkinson

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 1:19 PM

To: Debi Logan <

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 Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 12:11 PM Debi Logan < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

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Debi Logan

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ponies Suffer In Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:31 AM

To: Andrea Kaye <

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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 Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 2:21 PM Andrea Kaye <

> wrote:

Dear Decision Maker:

- According to an independent assessment study, Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo has not met the basic standards of care for working equines. The ponies suffer from mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness, but they were still forced to give rides until the public and legislators intervened. Many of the ponies are geriatric and should be retired.
- The ponies are **routinely overworked**, even forced to continue in **90-degree heat** for nearly seven hours without water, which can lead to painful colic. Forcing horses to be ridden in circles for hours teaches children to treat them like carnival equipment.
- The pony rides pose a safety risk for children. Last July, **a child was dragged by a pony** after her saddle slipped. Please do not renew the contract for the pony rides and petting zoo. All the animals should be retired to reputable sanctuaries, and the pony rides should be replaced by a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another form of non-animal entertainment.

Thank you very much.

Andrea Kaye
Los Angeles 90024

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Calling upon Commissioner of Rec and Park to not renew contract for pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:37 AM

To: BJ Hollifield <

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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 Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 4:14 PM BJ Hollifield < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent, I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

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Re: In support of pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:37 AM

To: Sabrina Silver

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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 Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 4:28 PM Sabrina Silver

> wrote:

Early childhood experiences with horses and ponies are beneficial and help develop a love of equines, animals, and nature. Having access to experiences such as the Griffith Park Pony Rides is fundamental to instilling a love of horses and animals. This kind of experience offers the ability for parents to introduce their children to equines in an affordable manner.

The philosophical approach that "any human use of equines is abusive" is detrimental to societal values which promote and care for animals. With out the formation of the human- animal people will not believe it is important to protect the animals. The result is a species extinction.

Humans need early childhood experiences to learn to appreciate animals.

Respectfully,
Sabrina Silver
Resident, Valley Village, CA 91607 (Los Angeles)
Boarder at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ponies at Griffith Park are suffering!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:38 AM

To: jennifer van zyl >

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, Feb 16, 2022 at 5:59 PM jennifer van zyl < > wrote:

The pony rides at Griffith Park are cruel and inhumane and sets a terrible example for our children. The poor things are overworked, in extreme head and tied up all day. They are treated like robots and not like the feeling and thinking animals that they are. We are LA residents and went there with some other families and we all left in disgust with the horrible last century treatment of these poor ponies. It must be stopped. Please end the contract with the cruel provider.

Thank you.

The van Zyl Family

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Do not renew the contract for Griffith Pony Rides

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:39 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, Feb 16, 2022 at 6:02 PM Elizabeth Martin < > wrote:
Please do not renew the contract!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

From: **Elizabeth Martin** < >
Date: Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 1:38 PM
Subject: Do not renew the contract for Griffith Pony Rides
To: <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hello,

I am urging you to not renew the contract for the Griffith Pony Rides. Please remove the animals and send them to an animal sanctuary. Additionally, replace the park with a non-animal model.

Horses do not deserve to be used for human entertainment. Please make the right decision and do what is best for the animals.

Best,
Elizabeth Martin

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Re: STOP THE MADNESS!

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:39 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 6:33 PM JASON NAKAGAWA <
GREETINGS,

> wrote:

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS FINDS YOU WELL!
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING ALL ANIMALS, INCLUDING THE OVERWORKED PONIES, FROM HUMAN BEING
MANIPULATIVE EXPLOITATIONS.
IT IS THE MORALLY RIGHT THING TO DO.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE SAFE AND SOUND!

SINCERELY,

JASON

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:39 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:27 PM Batsheva Kasdan <> wrote:

It has come to my attention that the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo is up for renewal.

- According to an independent assessment study, Pony Rides and Petting Zoo has not met the basic standards of care for working horses. The ponies suffer from mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness, but they were still forced to give rides. Many of the ponies are geriatric and should be retired.
- The ponies are [routinely overworked](#), even forced to continue in [90-degree heat](#) for nearly seven hours without water, which can lead to painful colic. Forcing horses to be ridden in circles for hours teaches children to treat them like carnival equipment.

Sincerely,

Batsheva Kasdan



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Los Angeles not to renew the concessionaire contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:40 AM

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:34 PM Kevin Wightman

> wrote:

- According to an independent assessment study, Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo has not met the basic standards of care for working equines. The ponies suffer from mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness, but they were still forced to give rides until the public and legislators intervened. Many of the ponies are geriatric and should be retired.
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Re: Pony Rides at Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:40 AM

To: Elaine Livesey-Fassel >

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, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:49 PM Elaine Livesey-Fassel <

> wrote:

This citizen, animal advocate and horse rider is deeply troubled by the on-going media news that the ponies on which children ride in endless circles at the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo are less than well cared for. There is absolutely no reason for these gentle creatures to have saddle sores, to not be given regular water breaks especially on hot Los Angeles days, have mouth and teeth problems and even lameness. In light of these grave concerns, the time has come to consider ending the contract with the owner, retire the animals to a reputable sanctuary and restore faith in our humane treatment of all animals of which Los Angeles should be proud. Such conditions are unworthy of our city.

With respect, Elaine Livesey-Fassel,

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:40 AM

To:

Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:56 PM < > wrote:

I urge you to not renew the pony ride and petting zoo concession at Griffith Park.

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Thank you,
D.S.
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Re: Griffith park pony rides & petting zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:40 AM

To: Iris Zito <

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Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 8:00 PM Iris Zito <

> wrote:

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Re: PLEASE DO NOT RENEW the concessionaire contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:40 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 8:04 PM maria gritsch < > wrote:

Dear City of Los Angeles,

We ask you NOT to renew the concessionaire contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

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Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Maria Gritsch TenHouten

Warren D. TenHouten



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please shut down the Griffith park pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:41 AM

To: Suzanne Ariola

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, Feb 16, 2022 at 8:34 PM Suzanne Ariola <

> wrote:

For years, I have been so sad to see the state of the ponies at the Griffith Park pony rides. I am a horse woman myself I own several horses and I can see that these ponies do not have the level of care that they require. I am begging you to not renew the permit that allows these ponies to be overworked and stabled in an overcrowded dirt pen .

Please listen to the concerned citizens and let's get these ponies into safe places for retirement.

Thank you,

Suzanne Ariola

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: rhodeswanda3 <>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:41 AM

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:05 PM rhodeswanda3 > wrote:

I have visited and I feel the ponies should be retired to a sanctuary. They would have better quality of life. It was painful not pleasant to watch. The ponies seemed miserable. Please give them a better life. Thank you, Wanda Rhodes

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Re: Note

1 message

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Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:41 AM

To: frances santiago <

Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:25 PM frances santiago <

wrote:

To whom may conser

If you know these Horses are being treated this way why would you leave it open these animals lives matter to maybe you should take care of them or shut it down

Frances santiago

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please replace Griffith Park pony rides with an animal-free attraction

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:41 AM

To: Ellen Waggoner <

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, Feb 16, 2022 at 9:55 PM Ellen Waggoner <

> wrote:

As a Los Angeles resident, I am writing to urge you *not* to renew the concessionaire contract for Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo and to replace the pony rides with an animal-free attraction. As you must be aware, the poor condition of the ponies is easily visible to those visiting Griffith Park, which has resulted in a growing outcry from concerned members of the public.

According to an independent assessment, Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo has not met even the basic standards of care for working equines. Distressingly, the study showed that the ponies suffer from mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness, and are regularly made to work in high heat for hours without water. Further, many of the ponies are geriatric.

Los Angeles, Griffith Park, and the ponies all deserve better. Please do the only right thing and send all of the animals to reputable sanctuaries and replace this outdated and cruel attraction with an animal-free attraction such as a merry-go-round, waterpark, go-karts, or other attraction that does not utilize animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ellen Waggoner

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park: Dangers for Ponies and Children

1 message

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

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On Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 10:08 PM Andrea Kaye < > wrote:

Hello Friends:

Please help to stop this suffering.

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- The pony rides pose a safety risk for children. Last July, **a child was dragged by a pony** after her saddle slipped. Please do not renew the contract for the pony rides and petting zoo. All the animals should be retired to reputable sanctuaries, and the pony rides should be replaced by a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another form of non-animal entertainment.

Thank you.
Andrea Kaye

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: GP Ponies

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:42 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, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:09 PM Mars Green <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

This message is in reference to the ponies at the park.

This is not acceptable for a human of this size and weight to be on a Shetland pony !
Shetland ponies should not carry more than 100 lbs. no exceptions.

This is animals abuse.



Icelandic Ponies are built to take on more weight but none of these at GPP are of that breed !

You can clearly see the difference in the breeds.



Thank You !

Respectfully,
M Green

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Re: Stop the pony rides in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:42 AM

To: Sahaja Aram <

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, Feb 16, 2022 at 11:07 PM Sahaja Aram <

> wrote:

Hello,

Please end the Griffith Park pony rides. Here are some compelling reasons to act:

- According to an independent assessment study, Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo has not met the basic standards of care for working equines. The ponies suffer from mouth and teeth problems, hoof ailments, saddle sores, and lameness, but they were still forced to give rides until the public and legislators intervened. Many of the ponies are geriatric and should be retired.
- The ponies are [routinely overworked](#), even forced to continue in [90-degree heat](#) for nearly seven hours without water, which can lead to painful colic. Forcing horses to be ridden in circles for hours teaches children to treat them like carnival equipment.
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Sincerely,

Sahaja Aram

2519 5th Avenue / Los Angeles, CA 90018

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Re: end cruel pony rides/petting zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:42 AM

To: Micki Curtis <

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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 Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 8:01 AM Micki Curtis <

> wrote:

Hello,

As local a parent, I am requesting to not renew the pony rides and petting zoo at Griffith Park.

It is well known that the animals are being overworked, abused, not cared for and to offer this cruelty for entertainment is just plain wrong and teaches that animals are ours to exploit.

They are forced to go incircles in extreme heat and not cared for when sick, as that would take away profits.

I would appreciate an answer back about how this is justified fro all these years and what the next steps will be.

thank you for your consideration to end this cruel business.

Best,

Micki Curtis

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Re: No more pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Helen Coco Cook <

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:42 AM

Good morning,

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On Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 9:46 AM Helen Coco Cook < > wrote:

Please do not renew the contract for pony rides at Griffith Park. Mr granddaughter loves pony rides but not at the expense of the health and all being of these animals. They are not for our entertainment.

Thank you.
Helen Cook

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Re: pony rides at Griffith park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:43 AM

To: Jim Semaida <

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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 Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 10:21 AM Jim Semaida <

> wrote:

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- The pony rides pose a safety risk for children. Last July, [a child was dragged by a pony](#) after her saddle slipped. Please do not renew the contract for the pony rides and petting zoo. All the animals should be retired to reputable sanctuaries, and the pony rides should be replaced by a merry-go-round, go-karts, or another form of non-animal entertainment.
- Please cancel their permit and do not allow them to operate anywhere else.

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:43 AM

To: Elham <

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Good morning,

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On Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 11:26 AM Elham < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

Thank you for everything that you do in our community!

Sincerely,
Elham

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:43 AM

To: Pat H-L <

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Good morning,

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On Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 12:33 PM Pat H-L <

> wrote:

Please do NOT renew the concessionaire contract for the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo.

Patricia Hammons-Lewis

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Re: Do not renew the contract (Griffith Park Pony Rides)

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Monika Gonzalez-Kerby <>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:43 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, Feb 17, 2022 at 12:53 PM Monika Gonzalez-Kerby <> wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Monika and I am an Angeleno. I spoke earlier in the meeting today and wanted to first thank you for allowing the public so much time to voice our opinions. It was a long meeting and the fact you allowed us to take that much time was incredible.

I wanted to send an email to further express my concerns and extend support in not extending the concessionaire contract.

I adore Griffith Park and regularly run there several times a month. However, I actively avoid this area because it is incredibly uncomfortable to know what is going on beyond the main gates. To know that animals are being overworked, and forced to ride in circles for hours.

A lot of times parents don't know any better either. I remember even as I was growing up I was excited to go on pony rides and petting zoos and was just purely excited to "meet" an animal I never met before. But I know better now.

I am heartbroken that pony rides are still occurring. And I ask with sincerity: Why is Griffith Park and the city of LA still allowing the use of animals for entertainment in this kind of way? There is no quality of life for these animals, and there is not a natural way for children to form a relationship with animals. We know that circuses are outdated and aquariums like Sea World are more unpopular than ever.

Today we have a unique and inspiring opportunity to fix it.

Please: Do not renew the contract for the pony rides and petting zoos. Spare these animals and send them to a sanctuary where they can live their lives naturally. And put something else there that doesn't involve animals that families and children can enjoy and cherish.

Thank you for giving the community an opportunity to speak today.

Best,
Monika**MONIKA GONZALEZ-KERBY**
Pronouns: She/Her

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Re: Stop the pony rides.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:44 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, Feb 17, 2022 at 3:23 PM < > wrote:

I live near Griffith Park and see these sweet ponies being abused by being ridden and kicked by horrible children. This must stop!. These sweet animals deserve better than to be used for this purpose. Please put a stop to this horrible abuse.

Thank you,

Douglas Phillips

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Re: Please end Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:45 AM

To: sari la rue <

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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 Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 1:02 PM sari la rue <

> wrote:

Hi,

I write to urge you to end the pony rides in Griffith Park. I was horrified to learn that these creatures are not receiving adequate care, let alone the kind of care they deserve, while being made to work in LAs scorching summers and beyond.

These animals should be in a reputable sanctuary - they have earned their retirement!

Yours most sincerely,

Sari McConnell

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

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Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:45 AM

To:

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On Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 3:56 PM <

> wrote:

Dear L.A. City,

I am writing this today to express how ridiculous it is to try and close a thriving business for reasons that are truly uneducated. Not to mention the huge impact that could lead to a domino effect of negative revenue for the city.

For as long as I can remember, the "pony rides" have been enjoyed by generations and I do not know of any complaints regarding their treatment or health.

I have worked in the equine industry for over thirty years and have known of many true equine abuse cases that were either ignored or dismissed by the city.

Please take into consideration that doubts regarding the Ponies' welfare could be monitored by our very own Dept. of Animal Services and not simply be shut down.

I support the Griffith Park Pony Rides, as well as all other equine ownership, whether it be a business, sporting event or for personal pleasure.

Thank you.

Kathy (Kate) Chieves

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

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Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:45 AM

To:

Good morning,

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On Sat, Feb 19, 2022 at 10:44 AM < > wrote:

Hi, I live in Sunland CA.

There has been talk about closing the Griffith Park Pony rides.

I believe that the rides should remain open.

I went to see for myself if the ponies were being abused.

What I saw was excellent care for those ponies.

You can go see for yourself and see no problems.

I believe that the debate was caused by over zealous people that don't know much about horses. Many of these people do not live in Los Angeles.

Teryl Marker

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Re: Stop the animal abuse at Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:46 AM

To: Jessica Marie

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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 Sun, Feb 20, 2022 at 1:03 PM Jessica Marie > wrote:

Please stop the animal abuse going on at Griffith Park in regards to the elderly ponies that are forced to give rides even though they have sores and other ailments.

Thank you,
Jessica R

Sent from my iPhone

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

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:46 AM

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On Sun, Feb 20, 2022 at 8:05 PM Allison Gunter < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

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Re: Griffith neighbor concerns

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Laura-May Abron <

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:47 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 11:20 AM Laura-May Abron

> wrote:

Hi!

I live next to Griffith park and am concerned by images I've seen of ponies giving rides there. These animals don't look healthy or happy, will you please ensure there is better treatment for these animals or a shutdown with guaranteed care for these poor creatures?

Thank,
Laura-May
Concerned neighbor

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Watch my talk for Caltech astronomy outreach, discussing astronomical influences on climate change here:

Out now, my contribution to 2022 concept of the year "Sleepwa(l)king" by Yummy Colours:

See last year's contribution to the theme "Fuel on Water":

Artworks:

Meet:

Science channel:

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Re: Griffith Park Ponies

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:47 AM

To: Leslie Randall <

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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, Feb 21, 2022 at 11:58 AM Leslie Randall <

> wrote:

Hello and good afternoon,

I have recently spent over 3 hours observing the ponies here and I am extremely concerned about their condition and well being. I saw limping ponies being forced to give rides for hours on end. Where is the compassion from our city leaders?

Please, just go look yourself and see firsthand, like I did, to these horrible conditions. Then ask yourself.... Would YOU like to do this every day for hours on end, no breaks, no shade, no water? You know what your answer would be. Why is this living being any different?

Please do the right thing and shut this antiquated and inhumane place down.

Don't let revenue rule you.

Thank you
Leslie Randall

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:48 AM

To: Aneiszka Sea <

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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, Feb 21, 2022 at 1:46 PM Aneiszka Sea <

> wrote:

Hello,

I am emailing in regarding the Pony Rides at Griffith Park. They have my full support behind them as a necessary organization that not only provides a joyous outdoor outlet for children and families to experience, but also is the first point of introduction to many of the horse-loving community that exists in Los Angeles today. The horse industry in Los Angeles and the pony rides is an opportunity for more outdoor based revenue bringing activities. Without that we lose not only a big part of the liaison between first time horse appreciator and the horse community, but another essential business in our overall community.

I fully support Steve Weeks as a kind and thoughtful business owner and animal caretaker that I not only have known for the past 10+ years, but have had the pleasure of working with in my early LA horse days. He does not deserve this assault on his business, his personal self, nor on the well-cared for ponies and people he employs.

Thank you
Aneiszka Sea

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~Aneiszka Sea

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Re: Lame pony

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:48 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 2:31 PM Stephanie Curson < > wrote:
<https://www.facebook.com/1514853900/posts/10227313560214156/?d=n>

The above video shows a pony that has difficulty walking being forced to give rides to children. This is dangerous for the pony and the child!! That pony deserves to be retired to a sanctuary and/or seen by a vet. Please shut down Griffith Park Pint rides, they obviously put profit above human and animal safety.

Thank you,
Stephanie Curson

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Re: Pony Rides - Los Angeles

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:48 AM

To: Winnie Lisowski <

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Good morning,

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On Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 2:51 PM Winnie Lisowski <

> wrote:

Dear Sirs,

I live in Scotland and just watched a video of a white pony with marle markings giving rides to children. This pony is extremely lame in its hind feet which needs to be addressed to the owner and medical attention sought as it cannot continue to walk in this condition everyday.

I would be very grateful if you could let me know the outcome of this please as I know how much you want your City to look good for tourists.

Kind regards

Mrs W. Lisowski

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Re: Ponies

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Rachel Rushing <
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Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:48 AM

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On Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 8:49 PM Rachel Rushing <
> wrote:

Hello,

It has come to my attention that your parks are allowing abused ponies to be profited from. Please do everyone a favor and retire the lame ponies and horses before more damage is done.

Sincerely,
Rachel Rushing

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Re: Concerning Griffith Park Pony Rides & Petting Zoo Concession

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 8:16 AM

To: V L <

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Good morning,

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On Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 11:26 PM V L <

> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles RAP Commissioners,

Firstly, as a citizen of California, and secondly as an educator and aunt, I cannot, but speak up against this outdated, abusive practice happening in the beautiful, progressive city of Los Angeles, which poses tremendous animal cruelty concerns as well as threat to child safety and health of the general public. One does *not* have to be a so-called "extremist animal rights activist" to see the animals at Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo are under massive stress from prolonged hours of nonconsensual labor that violate their free will and natural instincts, constant exposure to loud noise, burden on their backs, psychological and physical abuse from the employees, rough handling by visitors in the overcrowded petting zoo.

Equine experts among over 68,000 concerned citizens, including countless parents and children from various parts of the world agree that pony rides and petting zoos have no place in a developed, modern world.

More and more animal exploitation businesses are shutting down, as customers are educating themselves and realizing the cruelty towards animals, the risk of zoonotic disease outbreaks, accidents due to unpredictable behavior from frightened, stressed animals. Merely a few months ago at Stephen Weeks' business, a child fell off a pony and was trampled and dragged for a significant distance, causing trauma to the attendees, and of course, to the frightened animal and the injured child.

Fortunately, there's progress being made in California, including the banning of pony rides in Santa Monica, use of bull hooks, exotic animals in circuses, and more. We must teach our future leaders to reestablish a healthy relationship with animals and the planet.

There's a major paradigm shift worldwide to veganism, not just in terms of food, but also in clothing, entertainment, etc as people are taking a stance against institutionalized animal abuse, and pony rides and petting zoos are no exception.

I strongly urge the ban on pony rides *and* petting zoos and transform this archaic practice into a true family activity that does not involve animal abuse.

Santa Monica City Council was able to make the right choice, and LA can, too! Thank you.

Best Regards,
Concerned Citizen

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Re: Pony Rides - Los Angeles

1 message

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Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 8:32 AM

To: Winnie Lisowski <

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Re: Cancel Griffith Park Pony Ride

1 message

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On Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 9:49 AM karen elger > wrote:

This video taken in the last couple days of a Griffith Park Pony, shows the lack of concern for welfare of the ponies as well as the safety of children.

<https://www.facebook.com/1514853900/posts/10227313560214156/?d=n>

Thankyou.

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides Concession

1 message

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To: Lisa Dyson <

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On Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 2:10 PM Lisa Dyson <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners and LA Parks & Recs,

It is unfortunate that the loudest voices are not the correct voices. The animal rights group that is trying to shut down the Griffith Park Pony Rides is extremely vocal and well organized and well funded. Unfortunately, they are disseminating misinformation and outright lies in order to further their agenda. I have yet to see a veterinarian or true professional equine expert back up any of their claims of abuse, neglect and mistreatment.

I have had horses for over 50 years. We equestrians have built beautiful shelters for our horses just to see them willfully stand in the rain or sun or snow. Horses are individuals and some of them prefer to be out in the elements. Some of them don't. But they are historically accustomed to living outdoors.

Equines need their teeth to be cared for once or twice a year and their feet trimmed every two months - most of the ponies Mr. Weeks acquires have been neglected for many years and he is doing best to keep up with all of their deferred maintenance and veterinary needs. This takes time...and money.

The activists say that Mr. Weeks is getting rich off of the poor ponies. I beg to differ. Hay, labor and veterinary care are extremely expensive - yet Mr. Weeks's concession charges \$5 per pony ride. Believe me, no one is making a great deal of money off of that - I am surprised he is even able to break even. My hay bill for 2 horses is running close to \$800/month...that's just for hay - there are also farrier and vet bills, board and care and much more. I realize that the ponies eat less than a full sized horse - but getting hay in Los Angeles is still a very expensive proposition.

The activists say that the ponies aren't getting "paid". I beg to differ - they are paid with shelter, food and maintenance and medical care. My horses are similarly paid. They actually like having a job to do - a routine. And ponies especially need exercise - they can get a physically devastating conditions due to lack of exercise.

Finally, the activists say "Send the ponies to a sanctuary..."). What sanctuary can take two or three dozen ponies? I support several equine sanctuaries, and they are all at or near capacity. They ask for donations constantly. I have seen sanctuaries FAIL and end up with a pasture full of starving horses. I have seen this several times. The truth is, if the Griffith Park Pony Rides concession's contract is not renewed, the ponies will eventually end up either starved or on a truck going to a slaughterhouse in Canada or Mexico. It is an extremely uncomfortable transport to a grisly death. Mr. Weeks may try to get them good homes, but the truth of the matter is, somewhere down the line - the ponies new owners won't want to foot the bill for elderly ponies

and send them to auction. The animal activists should go to these auctions to see where unwanted animals end up. That's the true crime in this situation.

Cheers!

Lisa Dyson

Aren't we here to be kind to others?

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Re: Pony Rides and Steve Weeks

1 message

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To:

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On Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 2:42 PM <

> wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

I have known Steve Weeks for many years, as I worked for him as a professional trainer at another facility.

The city of Los Angeles asked for Steve to take it over. Once again, the **City of Los Angeles asked Steve to take it over.**

I have adopted one of his horses, with no money asked, if I gave him a good home. Steve would never neglect a horse. These **paid protesters** are ignorant to the equine world. Steve was asked to take over the facility by the city, because the previous owners were neglecting it. I personally know he is doing it out of love and not profit. It takes a long time to fix these things. I am heartbroken for the treatment Steve has received. Pony rides give children the chance to interact with horses, as I did as a child. I am compelling you to not shut the pony rides down and listen to the professionals.

Thank You

Please let me know if you need any more information.

I will be checking this email. My cell phone number is

Sincerely,

Samantha Lubbering / Office Manager

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

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 12:15 PM

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On Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 9:11 AM Linda Middlesworth < > wrote:

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers and Recs and Parks Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles constituent I am respectfully urging you to cancel the contract for Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo and ensure that it is not renewed due to animal abuse and neglect.

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.

Thank you for everything that you do in our community!

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Pony Rides

1 message

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To: Teri Ismail <

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Good morning,

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On Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 11:04 AM Teri Ismail > wrote:

Los Angeles City commissioners, Mathew Rudnick, all city Boards with an interest in pony rides, regarding the Griffith Pony Rides,

I am in favor of the pony rides. Can you imagine our city without pony rides?

To the commissioners and all those in our cities who are decision-makers. I want to thank you for all you have done to assure that the Griffith Park Pony rides and the petting zoo are taking excellent care of the animals in their care.

I worked for Glendale Community College as a director of the Garfield Campus Preschool for 20 years, and I am a horse and pony owner. I went on a recent visit to the Pony Rides to see for myself the conditions the animals were in. I was impressed with the cleanliness, and the conditions of the animals. I talked to a worker and she was very passionate about the ponies and the services they are providing for the city's children.

Please consider these points.

The pony rides and petting zoo add an element to the city of Los Angeles that enhances the look and feel of our city.

The pony ride cost makes it available to most Los Angeles children.

It is a positive family event. Families can interact with the animals they only see in movies and in books. It is a wonderful event to get outdoors and in the sunshine.

The location for the pony rides makes it accessible to everyone including the lowest-income Angelo families.

This is the wild west and when visitors come to our city, they want to experience all Los Angeles has to offer including the pony rides and petting zoo.

They employ young people who want to work with horses and children, and they are passionate about working with these amazing animals.

These animals are getting the best care possible and if there were a better way to take care of them, I am sure that the owner would do all he could to make any improvements necessary.

Those who complain, do not want to improve, they want to end the pony rides.

As a working member of this city, and a long-time resident. I would support your renewal of the contract for the pony rides. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at number provided.

or at the phone

Teri Ismail



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Re: Tennis Court at Queen Anne Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 3:50 PM

To: Harris Jang <

Cc: Councilmember Ridley-Thomas <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, RAP Queen Anne RC <queenanne.recreationcenter@lacity.org>, Jay Park <jpark@jdp-arc.com>,

Good afternoon,

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On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM Harris Jang > wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas.

Hope, all of your family well during Covid-19.

Also thank you very much for working for City of Los Angeles to support resident.

I am issuing usage of tennis court at Queen Anne Park where 12040 West Blvd.

I believe this Queen Anne Park tennis courts are public court for residents in Los Angeles, who pay tax to City of Los Angeles. So, whoever comes first, they can play tennis. When others are waiting, only one set maybe played as City Tennis court rules.

I believe City does not allow reserve 50% of courts reservation because public courts are mainly for residents who pay tax to city. Also, during Covid-19, All city program lessons are closed.

Mr. Morris Gardner who was a instructor for city program. I believe whoever wants to be city tennis court instructor, they need contract with city. I believe he is working as volunteer staff as Queen Anne Park Recreation Center. He was trying to hold 3 courts among 4 courts for his USTA team practice from 8:30 to until they finish practice. He told us he made reservation. So, we ask him that show me permit of reservation. But, he couldn't show us any approval. His USTA teams are not belongs to city program. It is only purpose for individual needs. Again, I believe Public courts are for residents who pay tax and live in that city.

He was try to kick us out while we are playing without showing reservation. So, we told them we will finish game and move out.

I don't think it is right action to kick people out while they are playing because he is working as staff at Queen Anne Recreation Center and HIS INDIVIDUAL USTA TEAM PRACTICE. Of course, they can practice once courts are available for them Not like holding 3 courts among only 4 courts while others are already playing.

This is ongoing problem at Queen Anne Tennis Court. Mr. Morris Gardner is holding court as he made reservation to use court as his individual needs. So, residents cannot play tennis for their health when they want to play. I am also attaching sign without City stamp that he posted last year. I believe all the post need to have City Stamp to post pubic courts.

We have attempted to talk to his individual but it wasn't working. Only comes frustration and disappointment. Is it possible a person can claiming court because he is working as staff?

Please give little time to check it out. So people can play tennis with happiness and healthy.

I also like attend Commissioner meeting to explain all the situation if resident also can attend. Please let me know if resident also can attend board meeting.

I appreciate the time reading through this email.

Hope, everyone be safe and health.

Best regards.

Harris Jang

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**TENNIS COURTS
WILL BE CLOSED
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**SATURDAY
AND
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**Thank you,
Queen Anne Staff**

TEACHING TENNIS

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IS PROHIBITED

EXCEPT BY DEPT. PERMIT

LAMC. SEC 63.44

TENNIS COURT RULES

The following court rules shall apply to all players:

1. The Ethics of Tennis and Sportsmanship shall prevail.
2. Only Tennis or rubber soled heel-less shoes are permitted on the courts
3. When others are waiting:
 - a. Only one set may be played
 - b. No singles may be started
 - c. Double matches shall be played
 - d. Courts will be given at the end of set in progress
 - e. Players who do not wish to play a set may, instead, rally for 39 minutes, after which the court must be relinquished.
 - f. Warming up for match must not exceed 3 minutes
 - g. Sets resulting in 6-all shall be determined by one additional game
 - h. Waiting players must remain in person at court desired
 - i. Courts may not be held by one person alone
4. Children not playing shall not be permitted on courts at any time
5. Dogs are not allowed in tennis courts at any time
6. Municipal Sports Office of the Dept. of Recreation and Parks shall, from time to time grant permits for special events. When these permits are granted, courts must be relinquished to permit holders for the length of time designated on the permit.
7. No teaching or paid service of any kind is permissible except by authorized Rec. Center Program and Dept. authorized concessionaire. No equipment other than tennis rackets and balls are allowed on the court except by authorized Rec. & Parks Programs & Permittees.
8. No Food or Drink is allowed on the courts.
9. No pets allowed on the courts
10. No Skateboarding allowed on the courts
11. A maximum of 6 balls shall be used on any one court, except for Dept. tennis instructors.
12. The preceding rules will be interpreted and enforced by the on-site Recreation Staff or Dept. Instructors.
13. NON-CITY RELATED SIGNS ARE NOT TO BE POSTED.



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Re: Queen Anne Tennis Court

1 message

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Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 7:49 AM

To: Harris Jang <

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On Sun, Feb 20, 2022 at 5:03 PM Harris Jang <

> wrote:

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How are you? Hope all of your family well during Covid-19 pandemic.

I am writing this letter because Queen Anne Tennis court has been locked Saturday and Sunday for two week.

I have been playing tennis at Queen Anne court for long time every morning.

But, I never seen court locked for Saturday and Sunday. Even Sunday I stop by in the morning couple of times.

But, court was locked. There was no posting any reason courts need to lock.

I have been very good time playing tennis during weekend since I am working all weekday.

Playing tennis give me a lot of pleasure and healthy specially during pandemic.

Would you please let me know any reason you locked tennis courts?

Are you going to keep locking court every Saturday and Sunday?

Hope, courts are open so all resident who want to play and spend time to exercise and give them energy for this difficult situation.

Would you please let me know what happened at Queen Anne Tennis Courts?

Best regards.

Harris Jang

To: Harris Jang

Subject: Re: Tennis Court at Queen Anne Park

Good evening

I understand your concerns about the tennis courts. The gates should not be secured unless a permit specifically states otherwise. We will follow-up with the recreation center. Thank you.

On Sat, Feb 19, 2022 at 10:33 PM Harris Jang < > wrote:

Dear officer Joseph.

My name is Harris Jang. We met Queen Ann Tennis Park on Feb 12 for tennis court issue.

I have some questions if you can help me to solve it.

I play at Queen Anne Park every morning around 6:30 to 7:30 an hour before go to work. Courts are always open.

As you know on Saturday on Feb 12, all tennis courts were locked.

As you know there was no posting for locking courts and reservation.

Is it regal action Mr Morris Gardner locking courts whenever he wants?

Why not locking week day? Why he is locking court at Saturday and Sunday when we are playing most.

Even Mr. Morris Gardner has reservation for 3 courts for 8:30 Am to 3:00 Pm, he shouldn't be locked courts.

Courts must be open for resident because courts are for public. People can come to play before after his reservation.

I don't think City gave him such power using public courts as his own purpose.

I believe he doesn't care resident who wants play?

As I explain to you last Saturday. While we are playing doubles a game,

Mr. Morris Gardner individual man's team came and ask to move out from court to practice for their game.

So, I told them, we will move out after finish game. Then, they told us that court had reservation.

So, I asked them show us reservation. But, they don't have any reservation paper.

This was happening on Feb 02.

It was happening many times before. But, they never show us anything reservation sheet.

Last week was first time show reservation, but to you only, not us. I still don't understand why reservation paper need to hide?

Reservation paper shouldn't be secret. When I have any reservation, I show anyone they want to check it out.

So, I am still doubt it , Is that reservation sheet made from City of Los Angeles? It can be made someone to help Mr. Morris Gardner.

I also wonder what is issue date for that reservation sheet? Who was issue of reservation sheet?

As you know there are so many fake paper to pretend as it is real.

This is ongoing problem

We just want to play tennis. But, I believe Mr. Morris Gardner is using over power to managing court for his person reason locking courts.

Today, Feb 19, it was happened again. He opened only one gate, where people can enter court 1 and 2.

While we are playing court 1 and 2, he came open gate for court 3 and 4. Then, he told us he is reserving 3 courts from 8:00 Am.

I told him your reservation is from 8:30 Am. He just told me it is changed to 8:00 Am. Also, he told me If we bother him, he will lock all the courts.

Does he has such power locking court anytime he want and not people can play on the Queen Anne Tennis courts?

I don't think it is right thing locking public tennis court without any notice or posting.

But, Mr. Morris Gardner seems have back up from Queen Anne park office.

We all know it is not right thing and illegal. But, we don't know how to approach, who we have to speak, where to issue unreasonable Mr. Morris Gardner action.

Would you please help us where to issue this matter to stop Mr. Morris Gardner?

I also believe, city is not allow public tennis counts make reservation more than 50%.

Would you please help us to find out city rules of public tennis court since you are a park ranger officer?

There must city rules for public tennis court. Also opening hours of Queen Anne public tennis courts.

NOT the office of Queen Anne Park.

I know Shatto Tennis courts, which is also public courts, are always open. Manager never give any reservation more than 50%.

I really appreciate reading my letter.

I hope you can give us advice what to do and how to approach, where we need to go.

Best regards.

Harris Jang

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J. Fuentes

Park Ranger #1519

4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

Los Angeles, CA 90027

(323) 644-6661 - Dispatch

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

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

To: Harris Jang < >

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Tue, 22 Feb 2022 07:49:22 -0800

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