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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** 'Chair Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia'; 'Vice Chair Doug La Belle'; 'Ashleigh Aitken'; 'Barbara Bagneris'; 'Sandra Cervantes'; 'Nick Kovacevich'; 'Newton Pham'; 'Robert Ruiz'  
**Cc:** Michele Richards; 'Regina Mundekis'  
**Subject:** Equestrian Center Task Force Letter

Dear Fair Board,

Please find attached a letter from the Equestrian Center task force in response to the letter sent regarding the Equestrian Center from the Friends and Neighbors of the Orange County Fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

Leigh-Ann Kazolas  
For: The Equestrian Task Force

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia, Board Chair  
32<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association Board  
88 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Fair Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Equestrian Center Task Force – a group of committed and passionate trainers, boarders and regular users of the Equestrian Center at the OC Fairgrounds.

It has been brought to our attention that a letter outlining a vision, new direction and contractual suggestions has been sent by the Friends and Neighbors of the Orange County Fairgrounds group.

This letter serves to inform you that while we thank the Friends and Neighbors of the Orange County Fairgrounds tremendously for their support, no Equestrians, nor facility users, were consulted with nor involved in the creation of said letter. Furthermore, the great news is that many of their wonderful ideas and suggestions are already happening such as community outreach and therapeutic programming (although occurring now in a reduced capacity due to COVID-19 restrictions) and many of the recommended safety measures are in place.

Ongoing, inclusive, and collaborative discussion is always beneficial. At the appropriate time, we Equestrians look forward to engaging in all-inclusive discussion with the Board, with Staff and with interested members of the public about all current issues and future planning regarding the Equestrian Center. One thing is clear – we all have the same goal and mission: to ensure that the Equestrian Center flourishes as a vital, thriving, community-focused treasure of Orange County.

Sincerely,

Leigh-Ann Kazolas  
For: The Equestrian Center Task Force

CC: CEO Michele Richards  
Reggie Mundekis – The Friends and Neighbors of the Orange County Fairgrounds