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Dear Members of the Orange County Fair & Event Center, aka 32nd District Agricultural Association Board of Directors:

Attached is a letter regarding the proposed contract to provide services for the Equestrian Center.

Best regards,
Carolyn Beaver

November 16, 2022

To the Members of the Board of Directors

Orange County Fair & Event Center

Dear Directors:

The consent calendar for this Thursday's meeting includes a proposed contract with Lopez Works Inc. (LWI) to provide services to the Orange County Fairgrounds Equestrian Center for horse feeding, stall cleaning, and arena maintenance services. To properly exercise the Board of Directors' fiduciary duty, this contract must be removed from the consent calendar for the directors to fully discuss this contract.

Board Policy 2.01: Institutional Values, states: "We are committed to serving as faithful stewards of the 32nd DAA's property, resources, and institutional values by acting in the best interest of the 32nd DAA."

The LWI contract will cause the 32nd DAA to lose \$1.4 million per year compared to the existing service provider. This loss in large part represents a transfer of assets from the 32nd DAA to a private contractor for NO public benefit. Furthermore, the proposed contractor has no experience in providing the proposed services, and therefore subjects the 32nd DAA to additional risks which are not compensated for in the contract.

The Board needs to exercise its responsibilities for governance and **reject** the contract in its current form. The bid needs to be revised to ensure that its requirements are accurate and that it reflects the current industry standards of operation by experienced personnel and competitive costs.

Sincerely,

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