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Subject: Equestrian Center Eviction Notices

To the OC Fair Board Members:

I wanted to write to you about my complete dismay that, on the day of the horse show at the OC Fairgrounds on June 15th, EVICTION NOTICES were pinned to the horse stalls. This was a big day for my younger daughter...her first opportunity to show. She was absolutely devastated that the show she had trained for and looked forward to was eclipsed with the terrible news that the barn and horses she loved were being kicked out of the Equestrian Center. My older daughter was equally upset...she, too, competed in the show and was stunned by the callous delivery of eviction notices on what was meant to be an exciting day. Their grandparents drove over from Arizona to watch them ride; unfortunately, they also saw their granddaughters cry over this gut-wrenching news.

I feel personally devastated because the Equestrian Center was the only local affordable option for our family; working with and riding horses has been an absolute lifeline to the mental health of our anxious/neurodiverse daughters. I am at a complete loss as to what we will do going forward.

Sincerely,

Anna-Lisa Larson

P.S. I cannot emphasize enough that the Equestrian Center at the OC Fairgrounds is a public facility that made horseback riding an accessible option for our family and many others. We don't utilize other public facilities, like the skate park or dog park across the street, because we don't skate or have a dog, but we support those facilities nonetheless. The Equestrian Center, much like the dog park and skate park, has brought together a community of our OC neighbors. The loss of that community through the actions of your Board adds a deeper layer of pain that transcends even beyond the sadness my daughters felt when the eviction notices were tacked onto the horses' stalls.