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**Subject:** Public Equestrian Center

I have been informed that the you are looking to remove the ONLY local PUBLIC Equestrian Center in OC. I am requesting that it be RESTORED and ADDED BACK into the Master Site Plan AND included in the Strategic Plan.

This sure seems like a land grab! I know that historically there have been other attempts to acquire this land and push the horses out with plans to build condos or storage units. This is a state run property and the citizens of California pay for the entire Orange County Fairgrounds with our tax dollars.

Why are we pushing out opportunities for people to connect with large animals and be out in nature? Why are we taking away one of the few equestrian centers located in the entire area? I believe the equestrian center at the Orange County Fairgrounds is worth fighting for! I believe that Orange County benefits from having this wonderful center available to the public and to all socioeconomic backgrounds.

My hope is that you all seriously consider keeping this beautiful equestrian center as it is. This is your opportunity to not give in to the pressures of greed & financial gain. The beautiful thing about this space is that it helps humans reconnect with animals and nature. One of the few beautiful things left in the concrete jungle our area is slowly becoming. 

Live Well!



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