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Cc: Michele Richards
Subject: Please Put the Equestrian Center On the Master Site Plan

Hi OC Fair Board,

We were assured by Michele Richards that there was no intention of getting rid of the Equestrian Center (aka The Ranch). If what she said is true, it should be on the master site plan. Generations of kids, families and community members have enjoyed the hands on programs created by various trainers ***at no cost to you***. The trainers built "Rome" for you over the decades for the benefit of everyone and it ran as a PROFIT of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the OC Fairgrounds. Hundreds of people came every year for camps, lessons and other activities that were all open to the public. The EQC was always a place of activity for many members of the public and anyone was allowed to come in and join in on the fun that the trainers created. (Which is why there is no "public gift of funds" when everyone from the public benefited. Also all the horses remaining, including the ones used for the after school program are "privately owned" and used by the public. Just like before. The model you have is no different than what was in place other trainers and their programs.) Please keep the EQC on the Master Site Plan and please bring in trainers and people who know how to use horses to help vulnerable members of our community as well as all the other programs that were previously available to kids, families and other members of the public.

You have a duty to work in the best interest of the public who are the owners of the OC Fairgrounds. On the current plan there is no mention of horses, equine sports or programs. ***You are not the owners and only stewards of this property***. You have a duty to ensure that the equestrian history of this historic property be preserved and fostered for future generations. That begins by putting it on the Master Site Plan and working with the equestrian community to restore what was once there.

Thank you,
Carol Graves