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Commission Meeting

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I am in opposition to the Ordinance to Ban Feeding of Certain Wildlife. This ordinance will force horses to wander to find food and will move them onto the roadways. Ten years ago, when there were fewer horses and more natural vegetation, horses were often on the roads particularly on the sides of roadways where drainage ditches grew more grasses. This was a very hazardous situation. The private feedings have helped to keep the horses off the roads. Tecolote/Rosa Castilla area has a large concentration of feral horse because several residents own horses. Horses are herd animals and will congregate with other horses. Also, this area borders the Wildlife Corridor/Las Huertas Creek. Horses have grazed in this area for years. Unfortunately, as has been reported in the Signpost, there are no longer the natural grasses the horses eat in this area. Drought and repeated grazing have almost killed off the grass plants. If drivers respected the 25-mph speed limit, there shouldn't be a problem. This Ordinance does nothing to address the real problem. The current State Statute NMSA 77-18-5 needs to be repealed and a new law passed that will allow the feral horses in Placitas to be relocated. Not allowing feeding is just inhumane.