

Untitled

Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I'm writing you as a concerned resident of the Placitas Community. I read the article that was posted in The Signpost in regards to the Ordinance that is being voted on to potentially Ban the Feeding of Wildlife which of course means the Free Roaming horses.

As Allen Mills of the Sheriff's Department suggested that "the horses have become a hazard for motorists" without addressing the excessive speeding and reckless driving that I witness every single day I drive on 165, that is a very real hazard to motorists, (and horses) is very unfortunate. It's a marked Wildlife Corridor that many drivers continue to choose to ignore.

The stallion that was hit in December of 2021, was due to the reckless driving that was shown on someone's dash cam. He pulled out in front the car and was swerving and clearly agitated. He was driving in excessive speeds through the village of upwards of 75 miles an hour in a 35 right before the horse was killed. IF he had been going the speed limit he would have had time to stop. He virtually got a slap on the wrist and if he behaved well for a year can now go back to his prior driving. The speed limits exist for a reason. In all of my years driving in the various places I've lived, including Chicago, I have NEVER seen the kind of speeding and reckless driving I encounter on 165 on a daily basis. Passing in no passing zones, excessive speeding, tailgating, passing the S-curve, including intimidation tactics. It's absolutely AMAZING to me how some people believe that excessive speed and reckless driving have nothing to do with the horses that are being mowed down on the roads around here.

I've call various companies whenever I see their name on the side of business vehicle and I'm being passed in a no passing zone, or tailgated and let that business know it's not appreciated. Then you have the residents who literally have less than zero care. To make the PROBLEM with the horses a FEEDING ONLY problem, shows an incredible bias, without addressing the absolute recklessness that takes place all day long on 165 and all the roads here in Placitas.

If, in the article, the excessive speeding and reckless driving that takes place every day would have been addressed, that would feel like a more balanced view. I feel this is a far more complex issue than is being presented in the Ordinance and would appreciated more than one-side being represented.

The fact that there may or may not be a public hearing on this matter prior to the commission voting tells me the minds are already made up. Once again, to not listen to all sides of this ongoing dispute is unfortunate.

Lastly, IF feeding this horses is THE hazard, and THE ONLY hazard, then what is the logic behind allowing permits to feed them? How would that make a difference?

I would appreciate your comments.

Kind Regards,

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