

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Regarding the ordinance banning of feeding of wild horses :

Dear Commissioners,

When I drive through Placitas on Hwy.165; past the places where the horses' blood was spilled, and the blood soaked gravel remains red, it sickens me. In all of these locations, the blood stains lie well off to the side of the road. This indicates to me that the horses were hit by speeding, reckless, or distracted drivers; and possibly even drivers who for some reason, are trying to sabotage the horses' right to live here freely. It's no secret that there are those who want to put a highway through Placitas and because of the horses' status to be here legally, it interferes with their plans. So, I can't help but question, what is the real issue here? What's really going on?

The proposed legislation to punish the horses, and the people who care about them, by making it a crime to provide food or water for a hungry, thirsty horse, is absolutely absurd, cruel, and outrageous! To propose that anyone, even providing a drink of water to a horse, will be fined and even go to jail, is just plain wrong. In addition, to create a website for people to go to and report wherever they see the horses, is asking for neighbors to turn in neighbors. These are tactics of the Third Reich. On the site, it says this is for people's safety. If that's true then why aren't there also sites to alert people to bears, coyotes, and mountain lions?

Horses are not the only kind of animals that get hit on the road. One solution that would go a long way in preventing collisions with animals, is for speeding and distracted drivers to slow down and pay attention. There need to be more highway patrols on Hwy. 165 to slow down speeders and reckless drivers. There should be consequences when somebody runs down a horse, while speeding down the road. There should be bigger signs along Hwy 165, to educate residents and visitors about the Placitas Horses. and the Wildlife Corridor. These signs could include messaging to watch out for horses while driving, and also warn people not to feed the horses on the roadsides. People who have fruit trees next to roadsides should not be allowed to leave the fallen fruit rotting there for the horses to find.

I think pretty much everything about the proposal is wrong. It doesn't make sense and I ask that it is not passed. Give the people of Placitas a chance to have a meeting to come up with solutions to better protect the horses and make Placitas a better place to live. The horses are a rare, unique and beautiful part of our community. Let's cherish them.

Sincerely,
Joe Jogerst