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Subject: "Buffer Zone" adjacent to the "Albuquerque Open Space" puts the Open Space in jeopardy.

I support the efforts of Sandoval County to remove horses from the roads in Placitas. I believe that the ordinance will serve the purpose that it is intended for. I will briefly outline what are two areas of my concern in the current DRAFT of the Ordinance **To Ban Feeding Of Wild Horses**.

1. Bad definitions make bad law. The fact that the term "Wild Horses" is used in the title of the ordinance and not defined in the ordinance creates confusion with the law enforcement, and the interpretations of the law by the public and finally in the courts. The attempt should be made to create well defined law which stands up in the courts and is not re purposed by judicial interpretation, which is exactly why Sandoval County finds itself creating wild horse law now.
2. The section of the "Buffer Zone" defined in the ordinance and on the map which is adjacent to the "Albuquerque Open Space" puts the Open Space in jeopardy. There are numerous and well documented incidents of feeding, fence cutting and moving of horses onto and across the Open Space. The City of Albuquerque has been successful in removing grazing horses from the Open Space. This is for environmental reasons as well as a "reversionary clause" in the Recreation and Public Purposes Act which prohibits grazing on the parcel. The Buffer Zone adjacent to the Albuquerque Open Space serves no purpose and creates an unintended conflict between local governments.

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