

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

As a resident of Placitas, Ranchos de Placitas, Sandoval County, New Mexico, we support the “Ordinance to Ban Feeding of Free Roaming Horses”.

We have lived here now 10 years and in those 9.5 years we never had Horses roaming freely through the area. When folks say they moved here for the horses that is totally absurd. We would hope you moved here for Placitas wonderful beauty. We frankly did not know about the horses because we never saw or experienced the destruction they leave in their wake until this past year. We were wondering why they came here until we realized that neighbors were feeding them big time. The one home in question is right on a blind curve and we have seen close calls of cars and horses almost colliding. And no it was not speeding vehicles. It only takes a second even when you are going slow for a horse to walk right out in front of you and it is very scary. In the 10 years we have lived here the population has grown exponentially. Times are changing and it is only a matter of time when someone you may know may be seriously hurt or worse. Horses can be very unpredictable and you must be wary of them. The horses need to be cared for due to the changing times of our region and if you really love them you would want the best for them. But, this roaming free and my land is the pasture you want them to roam on, we have a serious problem. We do not want to hear about fences – fences are for those who have livestock to keep them managed. This is not a petting zoo where people are naming them and think this is wonderful and for those of us who also enjoy the beauty of Placitas we do not want to get hurt and have our property destroyed. In the past year we have not seen the Quail, the Rabbits and hardly ever hear the Coyotes since the Horses come through most everyday. Other wildlife are being totally disregarded. We pray that the Commissioners will help in getting the horses (not wild if they are being fed) of Placitas taken care of in a safe humane manner