

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Ordinance and Permits

Dear Commissioners:

Are you as confused as I am? I live in Placitas (25 years) and have always enjoyed our free roaming horses. Our Commissioner (District 1) is pushing an Ordinance to ban the feeding of our horses. This Commissioner, Katherine Bruch, is also Commissioner of the Village of Corrales, the most 'animal friendly village' on the planet. So WHY THIS and WHY NOW is she insisting on this evil Ordinance? Sandoval County is varied and area specific so Commissioner I can understand how you might appreciate her District's particular needs but ironically she is our main adversary.

This Ordinance would ban feeding, including water--yes, you are reading correctly--the horses/we live in high desert in a 15+ year drought--giving water is just...kind!

Her personal friend, Mike Neas, is the leader of the anti-horse group, they call the horses 'vermin' and want to 'eliminate' them...by starving them?

Neas claims a high number of traffic accidents involving the horses and yet cannot substantiate them (neither number nor time frame).

We want folks and horses safe...is it a safety concern? The NMDOT is putting up six new signs for Wildlife Corridor/Wild Horses in June--this along with the sheriff's commitment to ticket speeders is applauded. Folks south of Hwy165 should NOT feed the horses--they are creatures of habit and will learn and leave.

Our Placitas horses are not only surviving but thriving. This is their sanctuary, there is no 'green pasture' for them, just kill pens. This is such an overreach of government--one that penalizes folks for being 'kind'. So IF you feed an animal you are a 'criminal' (fined and jail time) and IF you do not feed you are certainly a 'criminal' (animal cruelty) and should be prosecuted. No matter HOW you 'tweak' this Ordinance it just makes no sense--Permits will only be given to non-profits...they have no resources, no land.

This certainly shows that our Commissioner Bruch doesn't have a 'clue'....about the rescues, Placitians or our horses. What is wrong with the existing communal efforts--the horses are the ones that will dictate what changes need to be made--not Bruch or the Commissioners...is it broken? The mares are PZPd. Medical care is provided if needed. They are funny, happy, healthy, loved and define us! We got this!

Please vote "NO" to the Ordinance..and "NO" to permits.

Respectfully,

Roberta Nurnberg (Placitas resident)