

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Ban on Feeding and watering horses:

I am against this ban. It is an unreasonable reaction by the sheriff and county commissioners to propose this ban; in the guise of saying it's for the horses' protection. When I attended the public meeting in Placitas on May 17th, we were told that none of the people, who are behind the proposal, knows anything about horses. Yet, they come up with an idea to propose a ban on feeding and watering, supposedly to make things safer for the horses. This is upside down, backward thinking. A horse expert should be consulted if you really want to solve the problem. I know that this ban will throw the horses into crisis. They will desperately be seeking food and water, as their food and water supply is pulled away suddenly from one day to the next. The horses will be lingering along roadways looking for grass to graze on, so they can more easily get hit by a car. Who knows where they will get water, as there are cruel people who have been pouring cement to stop up their water sources as was done in Tunnel Springs. Also, the horses have been fenced out of areas along creeks where they go for water. What is this attack on the horses of Placitas really about? The horses are our heritage here and they should be respected and we should strive to make sure that they thrive. The requirements for getting a license to feed and water the horses is written to make it almost impossible. I think there is a hidden agenda, that is to rid the Placitas area of the horses so developers can build a highway through here, which will totally ruin life as we know it in Placitas., If you want to solve the problem of horses getting hit on the road, come up with real solutions to protect the horses, like horse friendly cattle guards, signage, safe corridors, and ticketing speeders. Educate the public.