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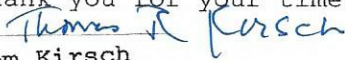
My name is Tom Kirsch and I am President of Equestrian Trails Inc a group of horseman and horsewoman founded in 1944 and dedicated to the equestrian lifestyle and the trails we ride. We have over 1100 active members dedicated to preserving our lifestyle and the trails.

We are asking you to deny the zone change for the Silver Spur Stables located at 1900 Riverside Dr Glendale Ca 91201 which borders Burbank from Commercial Equestrian to Multi Family Residential. This barn sits on 36,700 sq ft and is coexisting with 2 adjacent barns, tack store, feed store, horse rentals, and a trail that accesses the perimeter, the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and access to 54 miles of equestrian trails in Griffith Park. This block is less than 3 acres. Aside from being a knife in the heart of this equestrian commercial world it is also the implication to the neighboring barns and saving this small world that we are fighting for. Allen Ave which is the trail to the perimeter and the trails beyond would be cut in half and replaced with a 6 foot trail which is not wide enough for 2 horses in each direction to pass. The potential residents of the development would also complain about dust, flies, and odor as well and would not be able to open their windows that face the side and back to the trails. We have lived these issues many times over.

In addition there is an inherent danger to Burbank residents as over 100 horses come down Chavez to access the trails and will have to cross the street and enter the narrow trail that the developer creates which is the same point as the entrance to the townhouses/condos as a mixture of cars and horses at a small entrance way. Already we have an amazing amount of cars travelling to and from Disney both the Glendale and Disney campuses which puts over 19,000 cars on Riverside Dr between 8:30 to 10AM and 4:30 to 7PM daily.

We hope you consider the future of this block as the center of our lifestyle and preserve it over allowing a small development which will not be affordable housing for most and crowds our little remaining open space.

Thank you for your time,


Tom Kirsch

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