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LOS ANGELES EQUINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor and Members of the City Council, Glendale

May 10, 2018

Re: PDR 1804696 - Proposal to change zoning from CE to R2250 at 1900 W Riverside Dr., Glendale 91201

Honorable Officials and Staff:

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) was informed in our March meeting that a Glendale developer/architect has applied to the Planning Division for a change of zoning at the Silver Spur Stables, 1900 W. Riverside Drive in the Glendale Rancho.

The LAEAC is an official Advisory Committee to Los Angeles City Council. Established in 2009, the jurisdiction of the LA EAC encompasses park and trail safety, usage, and access; disaster and emergency response; events to advance equine achievement and performance, legislation that improves equestrian lifestyle and property status, preservation of equestrian trails and support for equine neighborhoods.

LAEC representatives are appointees of Los Angeles City Council members from each council district.

Silver Spur Stable is an important historic, cultural, and recreational venue that has served the citizens of Glendale and neighboring communities for over 80 years. Generations of local and regional riders access this area for boarding, training, instruction, and charitable events open to the public. The property provides convenient access to the 56 miles of trails within Griffith Park in the City of Los Angeles.

A major reason people buy homes in the Glendale Rancho is the availability of residential horse-keeping and the special lifestyle it affords. Rezoning the Silver Spur Stables property would negatively impact the residents of Glendale Rancho through urbanization.

The loss of horse keeping facilities in Glendale Rancho will place horseback riders from adjacent horse keeping neighborhoods in Burbank and Los Angeles at higher risk from increased traffic congestion on Riverside Drive.

The equestrian neighborhoods of the Glendale and Burbank Rancho's, located in the core of a major urban center while immediately adjacent to Griffith Park, among the largest urban wilderness areas in the United States, are a unique and precious historic, cultural and environmental resource merit preservation and protection.

The LAEAC strongly opposes the proposed zone change and urges the Glendale Planning Commission to deny the zone change.



The LAEAC does not oppose appropriately sited housing, including affordable units, but not at the expense of losing this important part of Glendale equestrian heritage.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Dale Gibson, President
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

cc: LAEAC,