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June 12, 2018

To:

Mayor Zareh Sinanyan
Councilwoman Paula Devine
Councilman Vartan Gharpetian
Councilman Ara Najarian
Councilman Vrej Agajanian

RE: Proposed Zoning Change for 1900 Riverside Drive, Glendale, CA 91201

Dear Honorable Mayor Sinanyan and City Councilmembers:

As the Assemblymember representing the City of Glendale, I am writing to encourage you to use caution as you consider the proposed zoning change at the site of the Silver Spur Stables on West Riverside Drive, and work to ensure that region's zoning remains as "Commercial Equestrian".

The Riverside Rancho, at the furthest part of West Glendale, has for decades been known as Glendale's equestrian-friendly region, adjacent to the Burbank Calamigos and the Los Angeles Equestrian Centers. The zoning change will allow developers to disrupt the reasonable access to Griffith Park and to create a barrier on the Allen Ave. horse path, adjacent to Silver Spur that allows riders, vendors, and visitors to safely access the neighboring trails.

Although creating new housing is advantageous for Glendale, the location of this particular project will directly impact the very active equestrian community of the city. The Rancho includes several stables and vendors who benefit from their strategic location, where riders from visiting neighborhoods pass through the Glendale Rancho. As a horse rider and owner myself, I understand the importance of keeping the zoning of the Rancho as "Commercial Equestrian". Glendalians pride themselves to be living in a city that supports the equestrian lifestyle; the Rancho not only offers a safe space for all community members to visit and ride, but also gives Glendale a unique cultural and historical characteristic not found in other cities.

I greatly appreciate your consideration on this issue, and I hope you will deny the zone changing request, to avoid its negative impacts on our city and residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Friedman".

LAURA FRIEDMAN
Assemblymember, 43rd District