

**LOS ANGELES  
EQUINE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

1<sup>st</sup> District: Julian Sandoval  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Jill Haber  
 4<sup>th</sup> District: Lynn Brown  
 5<sup>th</sup> District: Melanie Coto  
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 7<sup>th</sup> District: Dale Gibson  
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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA**



**Eric Garcetti  
MAYOR**

Chair: Joe Salaiques,  
 Department of Recreation and Parks

9<sup>th</sup> District: Brady Westwater  
 10<sup>th</sup> District: Kevin Atkins  
 11<sup>th</sup> District: Larry Watts  
 12<sup>th</sup> District: Mary Kaufman  
 13<sup>th</sup> District: Gene Gilbert  
 14<sup>th</sup> District: Vacant  
 15<sup>th</sup> District: Vacant

**City of Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee Meeting  
 Monday March 25, 2019  
 6:30 p.m.**

**Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506**

	Present	Absent
Joe Salaiques Chair,		X
District 1 Vacant		
District 2 Jeffrey Rewald	X	
District 3 Jill Haber		X
District 4 Lynn Brown	X	
District 5 David Ramey	X	
District 6 Mary Benson	X	
District 7 Dale Gibson	X	
District 8 Kevin Atkins		X
District 9 Vacant		
District 10 Todd La Vergne	X	
District 11 Larry Watts	X	
District 12 Stacia Crane	X	
District 13 Gene Gilbert	X	
District 14 Vacant		
District 15 Vacant		
Mayor's Office: Scott Perez		X

1)Welcome and Introductions of committee members.

2)Member Gibson acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 6:40 and asked Member Ramey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair then introduced Art Williams of PCS Energy who is under contract with the LA DWP.

3)Public Comment. The Chair recognized Chris Gresham who commented upon the proposed fencing around the tunnels near Forest Lawn Drive. A public member announced that the Los

Angeles City Council had approved the action by Cultural Heritage Commission granting historic-cultural monument status to a two-mile unpaved equestrian and hiking trail in the San Fernando Valley. The trail, known as Apeta Momonga Mission Trail, stretches south and parallel to the 118 Freeway between De Soto Avenue to the west and Tampa Avenue to the east.

- 4)The Chair next entertained a motion concerning the expenditure of \$23,000 from the Equine Trust Fund 212 for fencing around the tunnels near Forest Lawn Dr. and the 134 Highway off-ramp. Thereafter, upon a motion duly made and seconded and a discussion the following resolution was duly adopted:

RESOLVED, the LAEAC supports the expenditure of \$23,000 from the Equine Trust Fund 212 to install fencing around the tunnels near Forest Lawn Dr. and the 134 Highway off-ramp.

- 5)The Chair next recognized Members Brown, Benson and Rewald to report on trail maintenance. Member Brown explained that member Salaices had caused numerous repairs and maintenance tasks in response to requests from the riding community. These include clearing dirt from gate areas near compost educational facility, removal of old signposts at Tunnels 7 and 8 and painted numbers on tunnels, replaced plates north of trailhead, replaced missing crosswalk signs on Griffith Park Dr., trimmed bushes at trail merger near Mineral Springs tank, repaired water stop for horses at Skyline, installed a temporary gate at flood channel and placed order for permanent gate and have requested bids for additional asphalt work and painting,

- 6)The Chair next described recommendation made by the Department of Animal Services to the Mayor and City Council requesting the preparation of an ordinance amending the LAMC to prohibit rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles, including bull riding, calf riding, wild cow milking, mutton busting, chute dogging, goat tying, all animal scrambles, greased pigs contests, chuck wagons and wild horse races. The recommendation by Animal Services was made without input from the LAEAC. In view of the Committees advisory role, upon a motion duly made and seconded and following a discussion the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Chair send a letter to the appropriate City agencies requesting the views of the LAEAC be solicited prior to the taking further action on the proposed ordinance to prohibit rodeos in the City of Los Angeles.

- 7)The Chair again recognized Members Watts and Ramey to discuss citywide emergency evacuation procedures for large animals. Member Ramey noted that multiple jurisdictions are involved during emergencies, often multiple municipalities, counties, state and federal agencies. He also noted that generally speaking horses do get out. He said the questions we should consider is what resources should the public be made aware of and what should our role be? After further discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded and following a discussion the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the chair designate an emergency evacuation committee to prepare recommendations to be discussed at the September 23, 2019 meeting.

- 8)The Chair next recognized Member Brown to discuss the plans for expansion of the LA Zoo. Member Brown explained that the Bureau of Engineering had prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR in connection with the LA Zoo expansion and that the LAEAC had been

asked to comment upon the scope of the EIR as set forth in the NOP. Since the comment letter had to be submitted by March 15, 2019, the LAEAC Executive Committee had drafted the requested comment letter, a copy of which was posted and attached to the Agenda. Brown explained the primary points raised in the comment related to a request that the EIR carefully study the potential negative impacts upon horses, riders and hikers on the equestrian trails adjacent to the expanded zoo, particularly enclosures for large predators.

9)Committee Reports: The Trails Committee's report was encompassed in the discussion Items 4 and 5, above, and otherwise there were no committee reports.

10)Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the posted minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting were approved.

11)Plans for future meetings was encompassed in the discussion of item 7, above. There were no other announcement..

12)The LAEAC will meet next at Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506 on June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m...

13)Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m./

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary