

OBJECTION TO REMOVING THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

To Orange County Fair Board of Directors:

We, the undersigned do not support the permanent removal of the Orange County Fairgrounds Equestrian Center in order to create a parking lot. This equestrian facility serves hundreds of fair stakeholders on a daily basis throughout the entire year. It is the home to nearly 200 horses; several for hire training barns as well as volunteer programs that provide free horsemanship classes to under privileged children throughout the county. Horses have always been a part of Orange County's heritage and history and provide an invaluable service to countless people.

The Equestrian Coalition of Orange County opposes removing the equestrian facility. It is a priceless facility that if removed, would eliminate one of the last two remaining equestrian facilities in the northwest region of the Orange County. We ask that the Equestrian Center remain at the fairgrounds as part of the Master Plan in order to continue serving the citizens of Orange County in the spirit of allowing the equestrian culture to thrive for future generations.

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