

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY TO DISCUSS FENCING FOR WILD HORSES

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Mon 5/20/2024 2:38 PM

To: Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS LETTER IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Good morning, Members of the Reno City Council.

I am a Carson City resident, but I travel to and from UNR daily, in fact 4 times a day. I drive alongside the Washoe Lake and always admire the multi-colored herds of wild horses grazing alongside its' shores. I drive along the freeway at 70 mph with the assurance that I will not suddenly encounter a horse standing in the road, sometimes in very treacherous winter conditions. I know this because the freeway is fenced.

I have, however, been driving in the suburbs of South Reno and to my disbelief have seen wild horses standing in large condominium complexes there. I know horses very well having spent many years owning and riding them. I have myself ridden alongside roads and have experienced firsthand that many motorists are clueless about slowing down for horses – and these were not wild ones.

I am also a person who has lost a sister in a non-horse related traffic death. I know the pain that comes from this tragedy, and I know that no matter how much time passes, the loss is still palpable, and the pain will never go away.

Reno's current growth is astounding. New complexes, shops and houses are being built every day, often on range land that the Virginia wild horses have roamed for generations. People are moving to Reno to enjoy the magnificent mountain views, the wildlife and all the amenities that a fast-growing city can offer. More taxpayers mean more revenue for the city, so it is incumbent on the city to ensure the safety of its' residents and minimize expensive lawsuits.

Wild horses deserve to live here safely as well. They are, as the 1971 Free Roaming Wild Horse and Burro Act states "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West"

I appeal to the Council to set aside these funds to safely fence the horses in their range and prevent needless deaths to both parties. After all, what price can be put on a life?

Anamaria Boustred

City Council Comment received from Becky Calhoun

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 5/20/2024 7:24 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-05-22.

Section:

D Items - Department Items

Item:

5.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

Please support funding for the South Reno fencing project that will protect the public and wild horses from interaction on city roadways. I agree with all the following points: Public safety and the safety of our historic and iconic Virginia Range Wild Horses should be a priority. Rapid growth in the area did not take the Virginia Range Wild Horses and other wildlife into consideration. Grass lined streets and grass filled yards are an attractant. Major thoroughfares and tens of thousands of homes have been added to this area. Fencing IS the answer - it has worked in the other areas it has been installed. We appreciate ALL that Reno has done to date to try to address this area. We appreciate that the City of Reno is setting a standard in dealing with urban-wildland interfaces for the rest of the range, and the state.

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No

Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

Becky Calhoun <beck_calhoun@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 5/20/2024 11:13 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Becky Calhoun

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City Council Comment received from David Malsbury

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 5/20/2024 7:38 AM

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Please find the wild horse fence project. Item D5

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City Council Comment received from Gary Cantara

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 5/20/2024 7:23 AM

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Gary Cantara <gcantara@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 5/20/2024 11:12 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Cantara

3827 S Carson St Carson City, NV 89701-5538

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Planning Commission Public Comment

The public comment form has a new entry from the public.

Planning Commission Meeting Date

2024-05-08

Agenda Item or Case Number

Public comment re: fencing along Desert Way that has cut off water supply to wild horses

Position

In Opposition

Comments

Please give access back to the Virginia Range Heard of wild horses. They have always had access to the water source that has been closed off by Sunny Hills Developers. This is very upsetting. Our natural wildlife deserves to be considered and protected. They are beautiful creatures that inhabit this area and call it home. Sincerely, Janet Raftery Steamboat Valley resident

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Name of Commentor

Janet Raftery

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Phone Number

518-618-7108

Submitted: 5/7/2024 7:56:26 PM

These comments were submitted on behalf of: (self if blank)

Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

Katherine Malzahn-Bass <malzahnbass@everyactioncustom.com>

Sun 5/19/2024 4:55 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear City Council Members,

I am a concerned citizen based in Reno Nevada. I care about the welfare of the free-roaming Virginia Range horses. I recently learned that despite not yet obtaining proper approvals for their project, a housing developer has put up fencing that blocks the mustangs' access to critical water sources in the Damonte Ranch area.

This is unacceptable and very dangerous to the safety and well-being of the mustangs in this area.

There are humane compromises available that would preserve existing access for all wildlife and enable the landowner to proceed with development when they have the required approvals in place and the new access point to water is opened.

In the meantime, the fencing must be open immediately until a compromise solution is reached.

This situation exemplifies the need for the City Council to fund the South Reno fencing project fully. This would protect both community drivers and the historic and beloved Virginia Range horses.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ms. Katherine Malzahn-Bass

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City Council Comment received from Kristine McNeal

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 5/20/2024 12:13 PM

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In Favor

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As a resident of Damonte Ranch I have seen first hand the Virginia Range wild horses being drawn into our neighborhoods for feed and water. The fencing that is proposed will go a long way to ensure that the horses do not end up on busy streets and potentially the victims of vehicle caused deaths. Please approve the fencing to be installed on an urgent basis to protect both human and equine lives. Thank you.

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Martin Murray <leemurrayaia@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 5/20/2024 9:16 AM

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Bear in mind the City of Reno bears some responsibility in this issue, as the Planning Department as allowed and/or required vegetative strips along all major roadways in south Reno. These are very attractive to horses once the grass in the hills dries up.

If the fencing project moves forward, it will be important to ensure we don't restrict horse access to water sources (Truckee River, Steamboat Ck., Boynton Slough), as future development is allowed. Otherwise we will be dealing with dead and dying wildlife as the water sources dry up in the summer.

I'm grateful to the City of Reno for setting a humane standard in dealing with urban-wildland interfaces for the rest of the range, and the state, and I urge you to fully fund the South Reno fencing project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Martin Murray

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Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

Cynthia Madden <sweetcyn_67@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 5/20/2024 12:11 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear City Council Members,

I am a concerned and voting citizen residing in Hidden Valley, Reno, NV. We have lived in the Hidden Valley/Reno area for over 25 years and have followed the wild horses as our city population, housing and businesses have grown so quickly and widespread.

Because we live in Hidden Valley, we are very knowledgeable about and experienced with the benefits that fencing has made keeping horses from our living/driving areas. It has also protected horses and people from the traffic hazards on Veterans Parkway spanning from Sparks through the Steamboat Springs area. It DOES work very effectively, and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND full funding for fencing for the South Reno Fencing Project.

I'm grateful to the City of Reno for setting a humane standard in dealing with urban-wildland interfaces for the rest of the range, and the state, and I urge you to fully fund the South Reno fencing project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cynthia Madden

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Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

Sandy Lutterman <phatsandy@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 5/20/2024 11:03 AM

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ITS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sandy Lutterman

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Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

Patricia Pruitt <patricia-pruitt@everyactioncustom.com>

Sun 5/12/2024 1:38 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ms Patricia Pruitt

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Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

Adrian Donatelli <signups.adrian@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 5/20/2024 8:37 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Please fund the South Reno Fencing Project

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Thu 5/16/2024 4:04 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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City Council Comment received from Susan Rodriguez

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 5/20/2024 9:39 AM

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Scottsdale, Arizona

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D-5.

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In Favor

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I believe your idea of fencing for your wild horses is a fantastic step in giving these animals a safe space to live while humanity is spreading like bad grass. We really should always consider the lives of animals and people as we take every inch of space on this planet, and this fencing is an excellent idea toward that goal. I am so excited to know that there are compassionate humans left in charge somewhere.

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