

January 29, 2024

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REPORT ON COUNCIL FILES 20-0230 AND 20-0231 BY CITY DEPARTMENTS ON APRIL 12,2023

Dear Honorable Members:

The Equine Advisory Committee (EAC) was approved unanimously by the City Council on February 6, 2009 (CFI 07-4097). Members of the Committee are appointed by their respective Council members and Mayor. The EAC was envisioned by Mayor Villaragosa similar to the Bicycle Advisory Committee on equestrian issues. One of the most important issues to both the EAC and members of the public is that of preserving the use of recreational trails that can be safely used for horseback riding.

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The EAC wishes to thank Councilmember Rodriguez for introducing, and Councilmember Lee for seconding the above-referenced motions. These motions have demonstrated their commitment to advocating for the preservation of trails and horses in Los Angeles.

The EAC would recommend additional actions supplemental to the recommendations contained in the above-referenced letter from City Departments.

1. Recommend that the 1968 Hiking and Equestrian Trails Plan regularly updated comparable to other General Plan Elements.
2. Recommend incorporating State and Federal Rim of the Valley Trail plans and protections.
3. Recommend that the Bureau of Engineering incorporate development standards and specifications for recreational trails, to make them a public improvement that has the power to remove encroachments.
4. Recommend that recreational trails include a connectivity element.
5. Recommend that the Bureau of Engineering show existing and future recreational trails on Navigate-LA.
6. Recommend that the City of Los Angeles consider a cooperative agreement that includes the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks, County of Los Angeles, Cities of Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank for the mutual benefit and development of a regional recreational trails system.
7. Recommend an Early Notification System (ENS) portal be created for the EAC.

Sincerely,

Mary Benson
Chair, Trails Committee

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Mayor Karen Bass
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