

Presidents Message:

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) was formed by a City Council vote in 2009.

The Department of Recreation and Parks was assigned to Chair the Committee, but the LAEAC is not under their jurisdiction. LAEAC is grateful to the Department of Recreation and Parks for the appointment of Stefanie Smith as our Chair, and the use of facilities to hold our public meetings.

Members of the Committee are appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The LAEAC is advisory to City Departments and to the Members of the City Council and the Mayor on equestrian and trail issues that are under their consideration. LAEAC began and remains effective because of the passion, expertise, and professional experience contributed by its members. This expertise is not only of horses and trails but also familiarity with the City government.

A request for action by a City Commission, Department, or Bureau is at the discretion of that entity. The LAEAC acts by advising respective council members on the drafting of a Council Motion or Resolution. Only with the support and assistance of the equestrian community can the LAEAC assist in resolving issues affecting them.

Members of the LAEAC are NOT elected, they are appointed. While they endeavor to advise on matters of interest to equestrians, they do not represent them, per se.

We volunteer our time, resources, and expertise. Actions taken by members are at their own expense. We are not reimbursed for any expenditure, including printing of business cards and agendas. The EAC was never funded to create a strategic plan or staff to help organize and navigate the city process.

In that regard, I am depending heavily on you, my fellow equestrians, to assist in bringing issues to those city departments and our elected representatives. I am willing to share any information available as public record and expertise at my disposal in guiding through the City process.