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Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Chair
Arts & Parks Committee
Re: File 11-1246-S1

Sent via email to:
Eric (Roderico) Villanueva
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Dear Councilmember O'Farrell and Committee Members,

I am the founder and director of The Children's Ranch, a therapeutic equestrian program for kids and teens with developmental, social and emotional challenges. Our Ranch is located in the Atwater Rancho (also called the Atwater Village Historic Equestrian District), nestled in a community that is home to businesses, residents and equestrians, existing side-by-side.

As equestrians, we support equine access to the more than 50 miles of bridle trails in Griffith Park and welcome a bridge that will provide equestrians safe access to the park. However, we are also deeply concerned about the safety of equestrians on this proposed bridge, which we understand will be shared by bicyclists and pedestrians, too.

We ask that any proposed bridge include appropriate safety precautions for equestrians to safely use it to cross into the Park. We also request that any proposed bridge be designed in such a way that it contributes to the character and charm of the Atwater Rancho, which is a gem to be preserved for the City of Los Angeles.

Thank you for your careful attention to these important considerations.

Sincerely,

Jackie Sloan, Director