

- Like many others, the CHC was surprised to learn in December 2022 that the Pony Ride would cease operation. For over 75 years, the Pony Ride has been among the most beloved features of the Park as it has attracted multiple generations of families as well as countless numbers of visitors to Griffith Park. It was considered a legacy use in the Park. The significance of this Park feature derives not only from its physical improvements, but also from the more intangible components of its heritage—the activities, traditions, and people that have given life and meaning to this legacy. Public testimony at the January 19 CHC meeting reinforced how the Pony Ride served the function of a legacy use within the Park.

The CHC knows that a concession involving ponies and other uses continue to be considered by RAP. It is the CHC's position that the Pony Ride has been a long-standing Griffith Park legacy attraction and use, and an integral character-defining feature of the HCM.

As RAP moves forward, I ask that you invite the CHC to participate in developing a future Request for Proposals, as well as in inter-departmental consultations, and the decision-making process. The CHC also requests that public input be sought as we work together to ensure the preservation of the character-defining features of the Pony Ride.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barry Milofsky
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