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From: Simmons, Cyndi M
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2019 8:40 AM
To: BoardRecords,
Subject: For 10/22 BCC meeting
Attachments: [BULK] Horses in the bay; Untitled; I support the banning of horses if they cannot practice LEAVE NO TRACE; Please keep horseback riding at the skyway... ; CPonies; Horseback Riding in the Bay; Horseback Riding in Tampa Bay; Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Submission Result #15790545; Do not ban horseback riding; [BULK] Horse back riding on the bay; Ban on c Horses; Horses; Effort to ban horseback riding in the bay. ; Horseback Riding in the Bay; Horses in the Bay is a good thing; [BULK] Tampa Bay Horses; Do not ban horseback riding; Horses in the Bay; I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay.; Do not ban horseback riding; Do not ban horseback riding; Do not ban horseback riding ; I support Horseback Riding in Tampa Bay; Horses ; Don't ban horseback riding in the Bay; [BULK] Swimming horses; Horseback riding ; Water based commercial activities in crowded areas; [BULK] Horses on the Bay ; Please Ban Horseback Riding.; Don't ban horses from the beach; In support of horses in the bay; Do not ban horseback riding, please!!!; Please do not ban horseback riding on the beach; Do not ban horseback riding in this County; Horse back riding ; Do Not Ban Horseback riding!; No ban ; Horses in the bay; [BULK] Re: Horseback riding in Tampa Bay; Horseback riding in Tampa Bay; I urge you not to ban horseback riding Tampa Bay.; Horses in the Bay; Horses in the bay; Horses on beach; Proposed Ban; Horse Riding Issue - Listen to Grandma; CPonies; Horses on the Bay; Horseback riding on the Bay; Horses; Horseback riding; Do not ban horseback riding from pinellas county. As a tourist who travels to florida frequently as my family lives in pinellas county this is a great attraction. There is no proof as suggested. Thank you Brenda miller; KEEP Horses in the Bay; Please tell them not to ban horseback riding. ; Do not ban horseback riding ; Do not ban the beautiful rescue horses !; Do not ban horseback riding!; Stop the Pinellas County Horseback Riding Ban; [BULK] Please do not take the beach riding away; Ban on riding in causeway ; Horses on the Beach; DO NOT Ban Horseback Riding!; Re: Allow Horses at Designated Beach; Please don't ban horseback riding on the beach ; Allow Horses at Designated Beach; Horse Back Riding; not to ban horseback riding.; Horses in the Bay; Horseback riding in the bay; Dont ban horses from the beach; Horse back riding; Horses on the beach; Do Not ban horseback riding in the gulf; I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. ; [BULK] Horseback riding ban; Horses in the Bay; Vacation from PA; [BULK] Please do not ban...; Don't ban horses from the beach; [BULK] IMPORTANT; Please Don't Ban Riding in the Bay; Do your job; Horseback Ban.; Don't ban horses from the beach; Horses; PLEASE Do not ban horseback riding; Do not ban horseback riding, please!!!; Do not ban horseback riding; [BULK] Do not ban horseback riding please !; Please Do Not Ban Horses in the Bay; Don't ban horses from the beach; Do Not Ban Horseback Riding; [BULK] Do not ban horseback riding; Horses at Skyway Beach; Do not ban horseback riding; Do Not Ban Horseback Riding; Do not ban horseback riding

Good morning!

From item #40 at the 10/8 BCC meeting approving a public hearing on 10/22 for a proposed ordinance, attached are emails recently received in regard to riding horses in the bay.

There should be 98 of them.

Thanks.

Cyndi Simmons, Executive Aide
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From: Embelja Equestrians <emidsandretto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 8:39 PM
To: Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Horses in the bay
Importance: Low

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From: Cristina Ray <cjraywv@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us

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From: Choyce LLC <choiceacres@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 11:55 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us; FL12GBima@mail.house.gov
Subject: Please keep horseback riding at the skyway...
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Commissioner and associates,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay.

Here is one of many scientific studies showing that horses have a minimal effect on other natural habitats even in the water.

http://www.ukmarinesac.org.uk/activities/recreation/r06_11_2.htm

The Pompano Beach, FL "Poop Pipe" (aka an "outfall") still dumps our MINIMALLY treated toilet water into the Atlantic Ocean about a mile from the beach.

25 MILLION GALLONS

OF MINIMALLY TREATED SEWAGE

ARE DUMPED OFF POMPANOS BEACH

EVERY DAY!

The pipe runs underground from the local wastewater treatment facility and under NE 16th St. going straight out into the Atlantic Ocean. See the video of Pompano's "Poop Pipe."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNJ11JW6T4U>
worrisome than some horse poop!

This looks more

This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. Local horse owners have been allowing their horses to splash and play in these waters for generations. Horseback riding in the bay is a great way to enjoy nature and learn about Tampa Bay ecology. The commercial businesses operating tours here use rescued horses that love the water and appreciate the job.

The area of beach that we allow our horses to swim in is very small, alongside highway I275, and not extremely popular. We respect the various habitats and value environmental efforts that have contributed to Tampa Bay being a beautiful attraction. We use a narrow path, walking in single file lines to the sandbar in order to minimize damage to seagrass and other habitat. Aerial photography shows there is more seagrass in this area today than there was when commercial businesses started riding here many years ago.

Furthermore, The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago.

People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of this unique experience. There is nothing quite like horseback riding in Tampa Bay.

There are misguided opinions about horses and their effects on sea grass and water quality. There is an aerial photo being circulated by naysayers that shows sparse seagrass. It is important to note that this photo is taken over the area where there is a boat launch, people are backing vehicles with jet skis, boats, kayaks into the water at the exact spot photographed. This area is also a dog beach, kitesurfing, fishing, and wading area. While horses do leave a hoofprint we believe that it has a smaller impact on our environment than that of jets boats and other things listed above.

We in the horse community are committed to diligently cleaning up after our animals. We also think it is important to note that horse waste is non-toxic and not classified as solid waste. There are numerous scientific studies supporting these claims. Cponies and Cypress Breeze Farm are compiling this information now to send your way.

If you haven't recently, please visit the skyway beach area. You will be pleasantly surprised by the condition and appearance of the beach area compared to previous years. Both tour companies are cleaning up after other beachgoers on a daily basis and organizing beach clean up days periodically.

Finally, I find it ridiculous that our regional planning agency is laser focused on banning horses from Tampa Bay when for sure there must be more pressing issues. In a county that has several dog beaches, claims the horses are harming the environment are biased and simply unfounded. This makes our regional planning committee look like a joke.

Please represent us as an animal lovers.

This is not how I want my tax dollars spent and I urge you to not ban horseback riding in the Bay.

Warmest regards,

Joyce Chartier

Thank you for thinking of Choyce LLC

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From: Danielle Gabel <daniellegabel0401@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Horseback Riding in the Bay

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Commissioner,

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From: jsands3@tampabay.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Horseback Riding in Tampa Bay

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Commissioner,

Please consider this an enthusiastic plea not to ban horseback riding in Tampa Bay.

This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater has to offer. Local horse owners have been allowing their horses to splash and play in these waters for generations. Horseback riding in the bay is a great way to enjoy nature and learn about Tampa Bay ecology. The commercial businesses operating tours here use rescued horses that love the water and appreciate the job.

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Finally, I find it discouraging our regional planning agency is focused on banning horses from Tampa Bay when there must be more pressing issues on the agenda. In a county that has several dog beaches, claiming the horses are harming the environment is biased and simply unfounded. I urge you to reconsider the current plan to ban horseback riding in Tampa Bay.

Thank you for listening,

Joanna Eberhardt

Jsands3@tampabay.rr.com

Phone: 727-686-6965

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From: Carol Lange <cabjak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 2:32 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sincerely,
Carol Lange
Sarasota, Florida

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From: Kathy Botero <kbotero@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2019 7:12 AM
Subject: [BULK] Horse back riding on the bay

Importance: Low

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Kathy Botero | 727-657-1011 | kbotero@gmail.com

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From: Debbie Harris <debbie.northstarrealty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 6:37 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Cc: Debbie Stalker
Subject: Ban on c Horses

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Sincerely,
Debbie Harris
St. Petersburg, FL
Sent from my iPad

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From: regina bennett <reginabennett@mail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 3:14 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Horses

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From: Leanne Viera <leanne.haselden@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Effort to ban horseback riding in the bay.

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Dear Commissioner and whoever else will listen.

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. Horses cause very little problems in the bay. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

The arguments I have heard in support of this ban are unfounded and lack credibility. I have ridden and owned horses my entire life. Taking horses swimming is far from an environmental hazard. Plus I believe that the sea grass wear they ride is largely unharmed. Simply put, the efforts made to instantiate this ban is a waste of taxpayers dollars.

Regards.
Leanne Haselden.
An Old Northeast St Pete Resident.

Leanne Haselden
404-395-0188

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From: Bill Hendrick <bill.hendrick1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Horseback Riding in the Bay

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Sincerely,

Bill Hendrick
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St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 1:02 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Horses in the Bay is a good thing

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Sincerely,
Melanie Korpi
St Petersburg, FL

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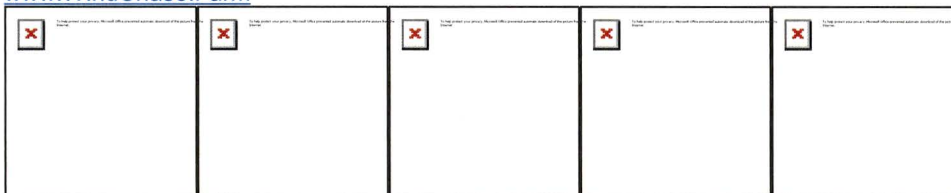
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Subject: [BULK] Tampa Bay Horses
Importance: Low
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Stop this craziness! The horses in the Bay provide a wonderful experience for people! Theres a whole lotta other problems in this state that need addressed!

Leave the horses to swim and provide enjoyment!

Heather B. Schneider
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Subject: I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay.
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From: Stacie <adoptpets@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 7:53 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. I brought my daughter, mother, sister, and niece from Ohio to the Bay specifically for this activity, leading us to do other activities in the Bay area. I based my hotel location on the proximity of the horseback ride. I found Bay horseback riding online and made reservations. Afterwards, I learned my Ohio friends previously booked the same company. We loved this activity. Riding in the Bay's water was the highlight of my daughter's entire vacation. I will be recommending this activity to others near and far. People come from all over for Bay riding. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

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Sincerely, Stacie Copeland

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Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 7:14 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding

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Dear Commissioner,

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Stephanie Janecki, MBA
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From: Patty Clark <sunnykarma999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 6:41 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: I support Horseback Riding in Tampa Bay

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Dear Commissioner Seel: I urge you PLEASE!!! DO NOT ban horseback riding in the Bay. Horses cause very little problems in the bay. The runoffs, trash, and constant sewer dumping from the city cause more damage. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay. Furthermore, The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago. However, Sean Sullivan, CEO of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council blames these horses for fueling red tide. He said "That can certainly add to the potential of an algae bloom. We all remember what we went through last year along the shores of the Gulf in this region and we would like to avoid that." There is literally no scientific evidence that these horses contributed to red tide any more then the infinite amount of wildlife that defecates in our waterways naturally.

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It really does feel like you a picking the smallest influence affecting our Bay to attack. Please allow these wonderful creatures to continue being rescued and serve a wonderful life purpose. Maybe you should go try it before you vote!

Thank you,

Patty Clark,
tax paying resident of Pinellas County

Patty Clark

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From: Stephanie Troxell <stephanietroxell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Horses

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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay.

This is an activity that both myself and my kids truly looked to every year (see attached photo)

This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. Local horse owners have been allowing their horses to splash and play and these waters for generations. Horseback riding in the bay is a great way to enjoy nature and learn about Tampa Bay ecology. The commercial businesses operating tours here use rescued horses that love the water and appreciate the job.

The area of beach that we allow our horses to swim in is a very small, alongside highway 275, and not extremely popular. We use a narrow path, walking in single file lines to the sandbar in order to minimize damage to seagrass and other habitat. Aerial photography shows there is more seagrass in this area today than there was when commercial businesses started riding here many years ago.

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People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of this unique experience. There is nothing quite like horseback riding in Tampa Bay.

There are misguided opinions about horses and their effects on sea grass and water quality. There is a aerial photo being circulated by naysayers that shows sparse seagrass. It is important to note that this photo is taken over the area where there is a boat launch, people are backing vehicles with jet skis, boats, kayaks into the water at the exact spot photographed. This area is also a popular dog beach, kitesurfing, fishing, and wadding area. While horses do leave a hoofprint we believe that it has a smaller impact on our environment than that of jets boats and other things listed above.

We in the horse community are committed to diligently cleaning up after our animals. We also think it is important to note that horse waste is non-toxic and not classified as solid waste. There are numerous scientific studies supporting these claims we are compiling them now to send them your way. There are numerous scientific studies supporting these claims Cponies and Cypress Breeze Farm are compiling this information now to send your way.

If you haven't recently, please visit the skyway beach area. You will be pleasantly surprised by the condition and appearance of the beach area compared to previous years. Both tour companies are cleaning up after other beachgoers on a daily basis and organizing beach clean up days periodically.

Finally, I find it ridiculous that our regional planning agency is laser focused on banning horses from Tampa Bay when for sure there must be more pressing issues. In a county that has several dog beaches, claims the horses are harming the environment are biased and simply unfounded. This makes our regional planning committee look like a joke.

Please represent us as animal lovers.

This is not how I want my tax dollars spent and I urge you to not ban horseback riding in the Bay.

Stephanie Troxell

This is my daughters with their mini horses in awe of the full size horses walking the trail to the tiny sand bar. Absolutely breathtaking to see and such an amazing experience.



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From: Claire Wray <cwrap84@gmail.com>
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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Don't ban horseback riding in the Bay

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Sincerely,

Claire Wray

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From: Terri Anderson <remaxterri@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Swimming horses
Importance: Low
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Please stop the persecution of the 2 companies providing the experience of swimming with the horses in Tampa Bay. There is virtually no hazard from their vegan waste. Your time would be better spent focusing instead on actual dumping of waste into the bay by storm water, overflowing sewers and major corporations.

Terri Anderson

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Kindest regards,

Terri Anderson

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Subject: Horseback riding

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Dear Commissioner, I urge you NOT to ban horseback riding in the Bay. Irresponsible jet skiers and motor boat users are far more polluting from both a noise, trash and environmental perspective to waterways and sea life yet there is no similar move to ban this economic and recreational draw. It's quite simply ridiculous this is under consideration. Horses cause very little problems in the bay. The runoffs, trash, and constant sewer dumping from the city cause more damage. When my family fishes or swims in the bay, it is trash human trash that causes problems for us- empty bottles, plastic bags and cigarette butts. Riding is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. My children love really riding horses. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay. Furthermore, The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago. However, Sean Sullivan, CEO of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council blames these horses for fueling red tide. He said "That can certainly add to the potential of an algae bloom. We all remember what we went through last year along the shores of the Gulf in this region and we would like to avoid that." There is literally no scientific evidence that these horses contributed to red tide any more then the infinite amount of wildlife that defecates in our waterways naturally. Not to mention St. Petersburg dumps millions of gallons of sewage into the Bay regularly. Regarding seagrass, there is more seagrass in Tampa Bay than ever before. The Bay is cleaner than it has been in over 50 years. The Bay has been getting cleaner all while there has been horseback riding in the Bay. There is no scientific evidence that these few horses can have noticeable damaging effect on our Bay. Finally, I find it appalling that our regional planning agency is laser focused on banning a few horses from Tampa Bay. Surely there must be more pressing issues our regional planning agency should be focused on; something that actually matters. This makes our regional planning committee look like a joke. This is not how I want my tax dollars spent and I urge you to not ban horseback riding in the Bay.

Beth Watkins
121 16th Ave N. 33704

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From: Adam Bolton <Adam@robinshore.com>
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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: [BULK] Horses on the Bay
Importance: Low
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I don't think the horses should be banned, I think some attention to the way the horse droppings are addressed is a better approach.

A special use permit with the contingency for manure bags would be good compromise.

Adam Bolton

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From: Carmen Hanson <halfpass5@gmail.com>
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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Don't ban horses from the beach

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From: Jennifer Bartu <jenniferbartu@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes, jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C
Subject: In support of horses in the bay

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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you NOT to ban horseback riding in the Bay.

I am from Utah and it is the main reason I visit the area. I tell everyone to know about swimming with the horses there.

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I urge you to not ban horseback riding in the Bay.

Sincerely,
Jennifer
Tourist and fan of all things Florida.

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Bachteler, James J

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Subject: Do not ban horseback riding, please!!!

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>> Dear Commissioners and Representatives,

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>> Regards,
>> Barbara Sundholm
>> 623 53rd Ave N
>> St. Petersburg, FL. 33703

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Subject: Please do not ban horseback riding on the beach

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Kind Regards,
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Subject: Do not ban horseback riding in this County

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Concerned horseback rider; have not had a chance to take time off and would like to know that it will be available this year and future years.

Thank you,
Catherine Clark

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Gina ANDERSON <agabanderson@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 11:59 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Do Not Ban Horseback riding!

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Subject: No ban
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Sincerely
Barb Jurick
Horse owner and rider.

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To: Long, Janet C; l@pinellascounty.org; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Horses in the bay

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Laura Buckner

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Subject: [BULK] Re: Horseback riding in Tampa Bay
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I really appreciate it. We really look forward to being able to have 2 areas to ride horses on the beach on the east coast of Florida (out of hundreds of beaches in Florida that are designated for humans only).

Every time we ride both beaches there is tons of trash, hooks, glass (I can't even let my children walk barefoot on those beaches) and we always pick up the trash left by humans and our horse manure when we ride. It's such an awesome and unique ability to be able to ride your horse on the beach and I have had family and friends fly down to be able to do enjoy this awesome experience.

Every time we always ride the sandbar which does NOT have any grass covering. It's a sad thing to see so many bashing this wonderful experience for the locals but it is a huge tourist attraction as well for the Tampa Bay Area.

We as horseman are always happy to share the beach and trails with others that have multi-use properties which is what it is all about right?? We are all out enjoying our hobbies so let's be friendly with others. But in turn all of our beach and trail riding is slowly diminishing due to the fact of horse manure or a lack of being able to share the trails. It's a weird fact that people are always looking for manure and it's great properties for gardens etc yet now is having a great effect with red tide? Not realistic and everyone cleans up as much as realistically possible.

I really hope this doesn't happen because I feel it sets Tampa Bay apart from other destinations as it offers a variety of tourists activities which in turn drives economic stability for everyone. And for some of the horse beach riding companies to be able to rescue horses, rehabilitate and give them new life from their previous grave situations is an amazing touch to any story they can tell.

Thanks for your response and hopefully we can all come up with a solution to keep Tampa bay beautiful with the sunset of horses in the bay.

Heather Ricker

On Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 8:18 AM Heather Ricker <heather.ricker84@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. Horses cause very little problems in the bay. The runoffs, trash, and constant sewer dumping from the city cause more damage. If you would investigate the beaches/water that is polluted on a daily basis from the humans fishing there it is an absolute disgrace... But you probably don't see that as the horseback riding community picks up their trash when we ride. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly

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Thanks

Heather

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Subject: Horseback riding in Tampa Bay

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Subject: I urge you not to ban horseback riding Tampa Bay.

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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding Tampa Bay.

Horses do not cause negative environmental impacts on our waterways. Horses are herbivores.

In addition, the equine industry adds to your tax base. The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

What are you going to recommend?

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Subject: Proposed Ban

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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 7:20 PM
Subject: Horse Riding Issue - Listen to Grandma

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Commissioner,

Please do not allow a decision pass to ban the activity of horse riding in and around our beaches. We have several larger issues that can be disputed that can make a greater difference in the impact that is being claimed against this activity with these beautiful creatures. Let our families, kids, grand kids and our loved ones enjoy an experience that is more natural to our earth's environment than the mechanical machines in the water, and the corporate polluters we all know of and who give me a headache in St. Pete.

Besides, in the unlikely event cars stop working, what's going to get us to and stay with us to get to our beaches? Wouldn't it be more work to reappeal something like this when we need the horses to get to the beach? My grand children own horses in Pasco and they trailer their 4 horse trailer down to the Bay every few weeks to ride in the ocean. Once when I attended, I loved how the horses made everyone who passes by smile. Not to mention the excitement and confidence it builds in my smaller grand kids everytime they went and how many memories it created doing so.

I follow Facebook and a young woman asked us to send a pre-written email. But it lacked sincerity and would make me seemed pissed off at my commissioners. However, I'm not pissed off I am just very disappointed at each and every one of you for taking into consideration banning this activity for our young local families and travelers.

I will let you go, I don't want to share more of my disappointments with you about our area that could use banning and higher/lower regulations

Thank you and take care,

Melba Worthey

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To: however@gmail.com; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: Cponies

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Subject: Horses on the Bay

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This is absolutely ridiculous. Stop harassing a wonderful local business.

Sandi Johnson,
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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding from pinellas county. As a tourist who travels to florida frequently as my family lives in pinellas county this is a great attraction. There is no proof as suggested. Thank you Brenda miller

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Subject: KEEP Horses in the Bay

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Chelsey Knutowicz

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Subject: Please tell them not to ban horseback riding.

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Subject: Do not ban the beautiful rescue horses !

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Subject: Stop the Pinellas County Horseback Riding Ban

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Dear Commissioner,

I do not understand the ban on horseback riding. Horses cause less damage than some beach goers. The city of Oldsmar recently removed horseback riding stating it was bad for the environment. Within months of the ban the wooded area that was protected for years was torn down and a zip line was added. How is that better for the environment?

If you must put controls on horseback riding use the same that are in place for roadway or other animal activities. Have a set area where it is acceptable. Require horses to be wearing a waste bag to catch any feces.

Don't shut down an attraction of the Bay Area that does so much good for so many people. I grew up in pinellas county on horseback. I was respectful of property. I thank god for the time I spent with horses. Others I grew up got into drugs and some ended up pregnant as teenagers. Those who worked with the horses and were around these animals have been quite successful in their lives.

I urge you not to make a rash decision and ban this activity but please come to a win-win solution for all who are involved.

Thank you,
Kathleen Anusbigian
727-458-1415

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To: Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Please do not take the beach riding away
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My family and friends have enjoyed going to do this! I've cleaned up Syringes from drug use, beer bottles trash clothing and many other miscellaneous items while I was out there with my horses. If anything the horse community is making the beaches better. People poop in the ocean and dogs poop in the ocean. So I can't see how the horses Fecal matter or just walking through it can Contaminate so badly. It is just people wanting to get a rise and take something good away. I urge that this cannot happen.

There are islands that have wild horses living on them in Virginia, the Carolinas and many others and they don't have any issues.

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From: Breezy deWolfe <HealingHorse@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:46 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Ban on riding in causeway

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Subject: Horses on the Beach

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Hello,

I would like to express myself in that I believe the horses on the beach, such as the Cponies Beach Horseback Riding, is such a wonderful experience! I look forward to it now that I've discovered this. We plan our vacation around it now, and it's one of the best experiences I've had in Florida. No, it IS the best experience I've had in Florida!

I believe animals in oceans, lakes, rivers, etc. are a perfectly natural thing. It's the plastics and litter, etc. that are the true problem.

Please do not take this fabulous experience away from us!

Nancy Fedraw
New Hudson, Michigan

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Subject: DO NOT Ban Horseback Riding!

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From: Frances Chancey LTC US Army Ret. <franchancey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Seel, Karen; deggers@pinellisdcounty.org; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C
Subject: Re: Allow Horses at Designated Beach

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<https://www.americantrails.org/resources/environmental-aspects-of-horses-on-trails>

On Wed, Jun 26, 2019, 12:15 PM Frances Chancey LTC US Army Ret. <franchancey@gmail.com> wrote:

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People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of this unique experience. There is nothing quite like horseback riding in Tampa Bay. I recently took my granddaughter during her summer vacation when she came down from Ohio. It was an experience that she will never forget!

Furthermore, The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago.

However, Sean Sullivan, CEO of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is spreading misguided information in attempts to ban the horses. There is no scientific evidence that these horses contributed to red tide any more than the infinite amount of wildlife that defecates in our waterways naturally. Regarding seagrass, arial photographs show there is more seagrass now than before we began riding here.

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Sincerely,

Fran Chancey
LTC USA Retired.

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Subject: Please don't ban horseback riding on the beach

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Subject: Horse Back Riding

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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: not to ban horseback riding.

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Subject: Horses in the Bay

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Subject: Horseback riding in the bay

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From: Carmen Hanson <cponies10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Dont ban horses from the beach

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From: **tsimon220 at gmail.com** <tsimon220@gmail.com@e.tripadvisor.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 26, 2019, 9:41 AM
Subject: CPonies
To: cponies10@gmail.com <cponies10@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I recently saw the news cast regarding CPonies in the waters of Tampa Bay, north of the Sunshine Skyway. My name is Teri Simon. I live in Poland, Ohio and have visited and rode with CPonies many times. I am a cancer patient and an avid horse rider. I follow CPonies on FB and know they are a quality group of individuals that not only rescue these lovely animals, but give a sense of hope and freedom to many people.

I see how they care for the beach area, and how they take pride in keeping it clean. They take pride in the human/animal connection and provide the most unique experience. These beautiful creatures are herbivores so I highly doubt that manure is endangering the echo system. With proper research I would guess it is helping more than hindering.

I, for one am asking you allow them to continue their mission of hope and love for both the horses and the people who need the connection by riding/swimming. They are a treasure in your community.

Respectfully,

Teri Simon

tsimon220@gmail.com

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Subject: Horse back riding

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Subject: Horses on the beach
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~Madison Mack

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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Do Not ban horseback riding in the gulf

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Subject: [BULK] Horseback riding ban
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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Horses in the Bay

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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Vacation from PA

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Dear Commissioner,

The only reason our family is looking to plan our vacation to your area from PA is because we heard about the horseback riding in the bay and thought it would be something unique to add to our trip. We are also part of a 4H group that would like to eventually bring the older kids to experience this!

Sincerely,
Kayla Belack

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To: Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Long, Janet C; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Please do not ban...
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Subject: [BULK] IMPORTANT
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To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Brandes.jeff@flsenate.gov; Jennifer.Webb@myfloridahouse.gov; Welch, Kenneth; Kevin.Claridge@dep.state.fl.us; Michael.Lynch@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: Please Don't Ban Riding in the Bay

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A concerned Florida citizen that thinks there are many other areas of government that should have your focus.

Heather Woolls

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Subject: Horseback Ban.

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From: Edward Farmer <tedathome3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8:38 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Horses

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Dear Commissioner,

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Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8:26 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: PLEASE Do not ban horseback riding
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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. I have lived here my entire life and come from a commercial fishing family and my family was influential in saving Travertine Island. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

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From: Barbara Sundholm <barbsun54@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8:17 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding, please!!!

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Dear Commissioners,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. I personally am a customer of the Cponies concession and hope to continue to be a repeat customer. The staff of Cponies go to great lengths to be environmentally responsible, and the pleasure people derive from being able to ride their beautiful horses, all of whom are rescues, is undeniable. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. They have t ratings on TripAdvisor. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

Furthermore, The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago. However, Sean Sullivan, CEO of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council blames these horses for fueling red tide. He said "That can certainly add to the potential of an algae bloom. We all remember what we went through last year along the shores of the Gulf in this region and we would like to avoid that." He provides no documented proof of this assessment, only his personal speculation. There is literally no scientific evidence that these horses contributed to red tide any more than the infinite amount of wildlife that defecates in our waterways naturally. No to mention St. Petersburg dumps million of gallons of sewage into the Bay regularly. Regarding seagrass, there is more seagrass in Tampa Bay than ever before. The Bay is cleaner than it has been in over 50 years. The Bay has been getting cleaner all while there has been horseback riding in the Bay. There is no scientific evidence that these few horses can have noticeable damaging effect on our Bay.

Finally, I find it appalling that our regional planning agency is laser focused on banning a few horses from Tampa Bay. Surely there must be more pressing issues our regional planning agency should be focused on, something that actually has an impact on our community. I believe our regional planning committee's time is better spent on addressing those issues . This is not how I want my tax dollars spent and I urge you to not ban horseback riding in the Bay. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Barbara Sundholm
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St. Petersburg, FL. 33703

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From: JoJo Zasoski <jojodz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:53 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding

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Dear Commissioner,

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I love to ride & always search out riding @ whatever destination I travel to.

Thank you,
Joann Zasoski

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From: Kayla Guay <natarocks@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:39 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: [BULK] Do not ban horseback riding please !
Importance: Low
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This area is filled with people who own horses and enjoy taking advantage of bring them to the beach for an enjoyable time. Horse poop isn't the problem it's the sewer that has been leaking or dumped in the water along with people causes not horses. If they are saying the horse poop is the cause of this red tide .. explain it because on coast lines that aren't close to us and don't allow horses on the beach ? I'm from Miami and there were cases of red tide there too and no horses on their beaches ?! They have lakes made for horses and it pretty damn clean there !!! This is madness try to pin this on someone or something else because you'll know the BIG issues really are and it's easier to pin it on something so easy and small. Horses eat healthier than people and other animals .. yet every horse person always tries to clean up after the horses ! Unlike dog owners or even people and their trash. Horse people put thousands and hundreds of dollars into their horse and time they take care of their horses more than themselves! I know because I have 3 horses and I would feed them before myself.

I grew up on the water. I grew up in the Florida. I know for a damn fact that this is all crap about the horses. The red tide and Algae Bloom have been around for years. I love that you guys arent really addressing the real issue. Goes to show you how the city and government doesn't really care for it people truthfully And wants to Quietly hide the real issue and pin it on something else, it's disgusting. Karma will always come back and get you. Make the right choices and don't ban horses !

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From: Michelle Wrobel <wrobelranch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Please Do Not Ban Horses in the Bay

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you sincerely for your time. I know you have received a lot of emails like this one and I appreciate you taking the time to read mine!

I am writing to urge you to consider *voting against banning* horseback riding in the Bay. Not only is this an activity I like to do once or twice a year with my own horses and friends, this is a fun family-friendly event that qualitatively adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. Yes, people come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are hundreds of beautiful beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay. People come to the Skyway Bridge and Palma Sola Bay locations not for the aesthetics but for the recreation (paddle boarding, kite surfing, jet skiing, and swimming with horses). These are not our “tourist attraction”, sandy white beaches. They are roadside conveniences used for family water activities. Not only that, but the hardworking operators of charter tours like C Ponies built their businesses on this activity, legally, and face economic hardships should the activity be banned without allowing them to continue to operate in a regulated capacity. For some people, swimming on horses in the ocean is a “bucket list” item. I myself am going to be taking a friend in Stage 4 cancer and her husband out on my personal horses to fulfill a dream of hers in the coming weeks.

I am a Tampa native residing in SE Hillsborough County who owns several horses and holds four college degrees: one is a graduate degree in ecology, another in environmental science. The idea that horse poop is significantly contributing to pollution or red tide in these locations is ignorant based on the nature and magnitude of other point sources involved. With no restroom facilities on these sites, humans and dogs are defecating in or near the waters with poop that contains far more health-related risks and nutrients than horse poop does.

If that’s not enough, consider this: Equestrians bring in the dollars. A recent study conducted by the American Horse Council showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida, up 33% since the last study over a decade ago. However, Sean Sullivan, CEO of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council blames these horses for fueling red tide. While I agree that we need to investigate point sources that may be increasing the risk of red tide, we also need to step back and recognize that there is no scientific evidence that these horses have contributed to red tide any more than the infinite amount of humans and wildlife that defecate in our waterways naturally every day. Not to mention that St. Petersburg reportedly dumps sewage into the Bay regularly.

Regarding seagrass, thanks to

Conservation efforts, there is more seagrass in Tampa Bay than ever before, and the trails our horses follow are sandy white and easy to see. We don’t like taking our horses through the seagrass because we can’t tell how

deep those areas are and the horses don't like how it feels on their legs. Further, the Bay is cleaner than it has been in over 50 years, all while there has been horseback riding in the Bay for the last few years. There is just no scientific evidence that these few horses are noticeably damaging our Bay.

Finally, I find it concerning that our regional planning agency is laser focused on banning a few horses from Tampa Bay. Surely there must be more pressing issues to focus on. This is not how I want my tax dollars spent, and I urge you again to vote against banning horseback riding in the Bay. Instead, I encourage you to recommend peer-reviewed scientific studies into the possibility of regulating the activity in the interests of conservation and tourism.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,
Michelle Hoffman Wrobel, M.S.
President of Wrobel Ranch Services
M.S. Environmental Science
M.S. Integrative Biology
B.S. Environmental Science
B.S. Geology

P. S. This message was sent from my iPhone -- please pardon any typos :-)

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From: Lucy Lowe <littlecreekone@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do Not Ban Horseback Riding

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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. I've been wanting to come ride with C-Ponies for a while. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

Furthermore, The American Horse Council conducted a study on horseback riding and the equine industry. The study showed there is a \$6.8 billion annual economic impact in Florida and is up 33% since the last study over a decade ago. However, Sean Sullivan, CEO of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council blames these horses for fueling red tide. He said "That can certainly add to the potential of an algae bloom. We all remember what we went through last year along the shores of the Gulf in this region and we would like to avoid that." There is literally no scientific evidence that these horses contributed to red tide any more than the infinite amount of wildlife that defecates in our waterways naturally. No to mention St. Petersburg dumps millions of gallons of sewage into the Bay regularly. Regarding seagrass, there is more seagrass in Tampa Bay than ever before. The Bay is cleaner than it has been in over 50 years. The Bay has been getting cleaner all while there has been horseback riding in the Bay. There is no scientific evidence that these few horses can have a noticeable damaging effect on our Bay.

Finally, I find it appalling that the regional planning agency is laser-focused on banning a few horses from Tampa Bay. Sure there must be more pressing issues the regional planning agency should be focused on; something that actually matters. This makes the regional planning committee look like a joke. As a tourist who spends her hard-earned vacation money on horseback vacations, I urge you to not ban horseback riding in the Bay.

Lucy Lowe

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From: Stacy DePalma <wishingwellequestrian1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:18 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Do not ban horseback riding
Importance: Low
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I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. CPonies is offering something fun for all ages! This is something most people only dream about, and she makes it a reality. We have dog beaches, why not horse beaches.. This is the most therapeutic thing anyone can do.. This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

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Hi my name is Stacy Depalma I own Wishing Well Equestrian & Next Generation Thoroughbreds, I'm a Professional Hunter/Jumper Rider Trainer and Judge who was born and raised here. I cannot tell you how many people I have talked to that have said they have had the best time in the water with CPonies. Honestly a lot of my professional riding friends and I have been hoping to go ourselves! Most people cannot go to a farm and get to do what they do with CPonies. Please reconsider and work with CPonies and not against them!

Thank you
Stacy DePalma

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From: Rachel Stevick <rachelstevick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Horses at Skyway Beach

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Do you all really have nothing better to do than try to get horses banned from the only beach in the area they are allowed on? How about doing something useful like banning cigarettes? Responsible horse owners pick up their horse poop, which is essentially grass and hay - fairly natural and not likely to harm the environment. Even the C-ponies and other horse water tour companies pick their horse poop out of the water. I see them do it every time I go to the beach. Dog poop on the other hand...that is nasty and many owners do not pick that up!

You all are wasting taxpayer money with this bullshit. Grow up and do something useful with your work!

Rachel

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From: Roxanne Benitez <benitezr239@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding

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Dear Commissioner,

I urge you not to ban horseback riding in the Bay. The experiences we have had at CPonies has led to boosting happiness, environmental awareness and local spending! This is a fun family-friendly event that truly adds to the amenities St. Pete/Clearwater have to offer. People come to Florida for the beaches, however, there are beaches surrounding the state. People come to St. Pete/Clearwater beaches because of all the additional activities there are to do, like horseback riding in the Bay.

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Roxanne Benitez

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Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do Not Ban Horseback Riding

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Thank you
Kathy Wolfe

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From: KATHI CHIPMAN <kchip1502@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Do not ban horseback riding

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I live on Sanibel Island and the birds, dolphins, fish and manatees all defecate into the water, we can't blame them or the horses for our water problems. It is man's fault and responsible to change their ways to improve our water quality, not blame a few horses. Horses are not allowed on Sanibel beaches yet last year we also suffered terrible water quality issues.

Sincerely,
Kathi Chipman
Sanibel

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