

**Attachment 11**  
**Letters of Project Support**

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Brooke Baldwin <brookie40@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:19 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Support of expansion of Trabuco Canyon Equestrian Property

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

-Dear Mr. Canning,

I am writing in support and to encourage you to to approve the expansion of Carlos and Catalina Garcia's Trabuco Canyon equestrian property. This expansion is so important for many reasons. First, for my family - my children need a covid safe outdoor activity, this expansion will provide this for them. We are really looking forward to learning to ride horses in a safe environment. I also have a few friends who would want to start at this center, if expanded.

Second, this is a great location - just across the street from O'Neil park, and very easy for RSM and Trabuco Canyon families to get to (being just at the bottom of Plano Trabuco).

This expansion will be a blessing to our community as many equestrian facilities have closed recently.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your decision!

Brooke Baldwin  
Trabuco Canyon, CA  
949-573-3515

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Kevin Hayes <khayes@pendulumpp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:05 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Trabuco Creek Stables

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Mr Canning,

I am writing in support of Carlos Garcia's proposed plans for his property in Trabuco Canyon. As a developer of commercial property it is a joy to see property conserved for equestrian use. Having watched equestrian facilities dwindle and fall into disrepair, I am concerned Orange County may over time lose its legacy if it is not fostered. This project will be of great benefit to the community.

Thank you,

Kevin Hayes

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Jenny Hayes <jennymhayes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 10:10 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** In Support of Proposed Trabuco Creek Stables

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Mr Canning,

I am writing in support of Carlos Garcia's proposed plans to further develop his property in Trabuco Canyon for equestrian use. There are few acceptable local options for boarding and training horses, and this place is an ideal location for both. This project will serve to benefit many in the horse community and will further beautify this little corner of Orange County. We are excited about Carlos' vision and hope you will do all you can to expedite its becoming a reality!

Thank you for all you do!

Best,  
Jenny Hayes  
(Coto de Caza)  
949-243-5293

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Marc Hedgpeth <mhedgpeth2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 5:21 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Cc:** Richard Gomez  
**Subject:** Support for the Proposed Rose Canyon Equestrian Facility

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I would like to add my support for the approval of the proposed Rose Canyon equestrian facility. The proposed facility constitutes an excellent use of the land and enhances the area which has an abundance of equestrian related recreational activities. A new equestrian facility in the Trabuco Canyon area is certainly needed due to the closure of the other two facilities in the area.

Marc Hedgpeth

Sent from my iPad

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** kathy holman <oecboss@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 2:34 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** New Equestrian Facility  
**Attachments:** Letter to Kevin Canning March 1 2021 re new stable.docx

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Thank you for taking the time to read the attached letter expressing my support for the new facility that is being planned on the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads. Please add this letter to the record. Thank you.

Katherine Holman  
President, Otra Inc  
Ortega Equestrian Center  
27252 Calle Arroyo, SJC 92675

Kevin.Canning  
OCPW

I'm going to be perfectly blunt: The last 15 years have been rough for equestrian facility owners in Orange County. Those of us who own horse stables and cherish our right to board horses to the public consider it both a blessing and a vanishing way of life. We are losing the ability to run a successful business to the rapid impact of development and urbanization encroaching on our cherished open space. Thousands of horse stalls are going to be lost to development in San Juan Capistrano alone.

When I read that a stable is being planned for Trabuco Canyon, I wanted to make sure I wrote you and conveyed my support for the project. The Orange County Planning Commission rising to the challenge and preparing for the future of our horses in the County is commendable. I'm looking forward to seeing the plans for this facility being approved and a new state-of-the-art horse stable being built to serve the residents and their beloved horses in the County of Orange.

I encourage you to approve the equestrian facility plans for Trabuco Canyon at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads.

Sincerely,  
*Katherine Holman*  
President Otra Inc.

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** James Iacono <jamesiacono@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 8:51 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equestrian Center on Rose Canyon Road.

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Kevin, my name is James Iacono and I have lived on Rose Canyon Road (20091) for 25 years. I am an equestrian, with horses on my property in a FTSP and OC Planning Commission reviewed and approved horse facility. With the closing of Live Oak Canyon Stables, currently owned by the TCA, our area has been robbed of dozens of stalls. This has had the effect of many residents bringing their horses home or boarding them in crowded conditions. This looks like a top notch proposed facility and I am strongly in favor of it being approved. It will be a crown jewel of the community.

James Iacono  
714-612-1789



## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Emmanuella Kariotis <sugar2qube@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 7:34 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Expansion of Trabuco Canyon Equestrian Property - Letter of Support

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello Kevin,

I hope this email finds you well. I wish to write you this email in support of the expansion of Carlos and Ana's Trabuco Canyon Equestrian property across from O'Neill Park. I believe this would be such a fantastic addition to the community, creating a safe outdoor space for children, adults, and families to be around horses. There are also many equestrian facilities that are closing down, furthermore enhancing the need for boarding facilities for these majestic creatures. Being close to nature and horses is an invaluable learning and bonding experience, especially in these times. What a fabulous location and community for such activities in Orange County.

Thank you so much for reading this and for all your efforts.

Emmanuella Kariotis

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Maryn Nelson <maryn.nelson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Trabuco Creek Equestrian Expansion

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello Mr. Canning:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed expansion of the Trabuco Creek Equestrian facility. As a lifelong horse person, I know very well the many benefits that riding and horsemanship provide - mental and physical strength and stamina, camaraderie, healthy competition, and - quite simply - pure enjoyment. Riding is a sport that benefits individuals of all ages and abilities, and is a much needed, healthy outdoor activity particularly during the current pandemic. The proposed expansion will be wonderful for the community, particularly given its proximity to O'Neill Park and limited equestrian facilities in the immediate area. Your thoughtful consideration and support of this facility is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,  
Maryn Nelson Moslenko  
Orange County Resident

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Ana-Marie Olaerts <ana03marie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 7:13 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equestrian expansion

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello, Mr Canning,

I write to you in hopes of approving the equestrian request to expand their property for the following reasons:

- 1) Several equestrian facilities have closed
- 2) Trabuco Canyon is a good location for such use with O'Neill Park just across the road
- 3) It's a great activity for children and families

Sincerely,

Ana-Marie Olaerts

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Kelly Rivers <kdrivers949@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 1:46 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equestrian facility planned for Trabuco Canyon at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hi...I would love to see a new equestrian facility in the Trabuco Canyon area. I support this project!

Kelly Rivers  
20482 Trabuco Oaks Dr, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679  
949-291-9259

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Rosemary Schneider <rosemary.schneider6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equestrian Facility

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hi,

We attend at the equestrian facility owned by Catalina Garcia. We are looking VERY forward to the much needed larger arena as the current one lacks the space need to facilitate proper instruction. They have the prime location for the use of a larger arena!

Thank you,  
Rose Schneider  
Family Riders

Sent from my iPhone

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** sommersmarks@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:46 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** In Support of Trabuco Creek Equestrian

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Mr. Canning,

I am writing this letter in support of a proposed equestrian facility to be constructed in Trabuco Canyon by Dr. Carlos Garcia, who also resides on the property.

Firstly, please let me introduce myself to you. I am a retired businessperson and own two warmbloods that I have shown in the hunter/jumper division for the last 20 years and prior to that, showed in western pleasure and showmanship as young as age 10. I have a BS degree from North Dakota State University in animal husbandry, combining my knowledge of business management with my knowledge of animals and stable management.

Relocating here from Minnesota in 1990, I found ample choices for boarding and lessons. It is not a surprise that 30 years later there are fewer and fewer places that still operate where one can enjoy the pleasure of horse ownership and fewer yet that have access to trails. Just in the last 12 months, three large horse facilities have announced they are sold or are for sale. Sycamore Trails in SJC has nearly 500 stalls and has recently sold to Mariners Church. Tar Farms in San Juan Capistrano is in escrow I understand. The other one is Serrano Creek Stables in Lake Forest. There will be a loss of nearly 1000 stalls in the near future.

Sadly, this is a loss for families... adults and children alike, not to mention the loss the animal feels when their owner must sell for lack of available boarding facilities. I know my two "boys" at ages 17 and 29 would not understand that circumstance. I feel so strongly about them that I would rather move than rehome them.

I have known Carlos Garcia and his lovely family for nearly five years now. I was so excited when he revealed his dream to build a first-class equestrian facility near my home. The property he has purchased is ideal for this use, including access to O'Neill State Park trails. I'm confident of his high standards that this property will be the premier equestrian facility in Orange County.

When making your decision, please consider the families this facility would serve. Riding is a wonderful activity from ages 5 to whatever! Our youth are in desperate need of healthy direction and we also have so many special needs children and adults that can benefit from relationships with horses. This facility would serve the community well!

Please call me if you should have any questions about my testimony. I am happy to help in any way I can to accommodate this wonderful plan.

Sincerely,

Claudia Sommers-Marks  
31 Listo Street  
Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694  
949-374-1131

## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Helga Thordarson <helgathordarson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 3:25 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** PROPOSED equestrian facility planned for Trabuco Canyon

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Mr. Canning,

As a 30-year resident of Trabuco Canyon, I am writing to voice my strong support for the proposed Equestrian project at Trabuco Canyon and Rose Canyon Rds. This project follows requirements of the FTSP and will benefit our community. It honors and will preserve our long equestrian heritage. It will offer a place for horses displaced by the closing of boarding facilities in SJC and elsewhere, preserving OC's horse activities. We need outdoor activities more than ever. This project will keep kids off their digital devices and enhance our community. Please know that residents support this project.

Thank you,  
Helga Thordarson, Ph.D.  
Trabuco Canyon  
949-735-4203

Sent from helga's iPhone

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Heather Eggers <HEggers@paycor.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Proposed Trabuco Creek Stables & Equestrian Center

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Mr. Canning,

I am writing to you in support of Mr Carlos Garcia's proposed plans in Trabuco Canyon for the use of an equestrian facility. There are very few reputable, clean and safe local options for boarding, training and riding horses. Mr. Garcia's property is an ideal location for everything equestrian. This project will serve to benefit many Orange County residents involved in the horse community. We are excited about Carlos' vision and we hope that you will approve and expedite this project.

Thank you,  
Heather Eggers (Ladera Ranch)

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## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Jessica Vukson <jessica.vukson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Supporter of the Trabuco Creek Stable project

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hi Mr. Canning. I am a Coto resident and my daughter rides horses at the Trabuco Creek stables. We in the horse community are extremely excited about their plans to build additional stables and riding areas as it will provide much needed, up to date boarding and training opportunities within a close proximity to our community. We hope that you will do all you can to ensure this project comes to fruition!

All the best,

Jessica L. Vukson  
Coto Resident  
(310) 818-1393 Cell

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** courtney keppelman <courtney@beautybizdev.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Proposed equestrian facility at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads in Trabuco Canyon

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Kevin,

As a property owner in Trabuco Canyon, I am writing to express my support for the proposed equestrian facility planned for Trabuco Canyon at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads. I understand the project will soon be considered by the Planning Commission. Trabuco Canyon is one of the last remaining 'rural' equestrian spots in Orange County and its adjacency to O'Neill Park make it an ideal spot to keep a horse. Please help safeguard the unique character of the Canyon by approving this new boarding facility and helping to ensure the presence of horses for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Regards,  
Courtney Devine

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** alberta2@cox.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:50 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equine Facility

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

So happy to hear about the proposed equine facility for Trabuco Canyon. There are so few places left in Orange County for horse enthusiasts to enjoy. Hoping to see it in my neighborhood soon.

Alberta Morehouse

Trabuco Canyon Resident

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** courtney keppelman <courtney@beautybizdev.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Proposed equestrian facility at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads in Trabuco Canyon

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Kevin,

As a property owner in Trabuco Canyon, I am writing to express my support for the proposed equestrian facility planned for Trabuco Canyon at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads. I understand the project will soon be considered by the Planning Commission. Trabuco Canyon is one of the last remaining 'rural' equestrian spots in Orange County and its adjacency to O'Neill Park make it an ideal spot to keep a horse. Please help safeguard the unique character of the Canyon by approving this new boarding facility and helping to ensure the presence of horses for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Regards,  
Courtney Devine

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Phil McWilliams <Phil.Melody@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:25 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** ETI request

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello Mr. Canning,

My name is Phil McWilliams, and I'm a long term Canyon Resident, having lived in Trabuco, Silverado, and now Modjeska Canyon. I am a past president of the Inter-Canyon League, a past Board member of the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District, and a past Board member of Trails4All.

This email is in support of ETI Corral 357's proposed Equestrian Facility. As you know, folks here in the Canyons are very concerned that all building projects reflect the unique history and culture of our area, and are in compliance with local specific plans. This project fits the bill perfectly. Equestrians are a valued and special group in our community, and this facility will be a great asset to everyone here.

Thanks for your consideration,

Phil McWilliams

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** micheleeverett@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:46 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Re: FTSP Review Board - PA20-0141

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hi Kevin,

Following up here to be sure that my support letter below is included with the next round of Planning Commission meetings. Let me know if there's anything else I can do to support this project.

Thanks!  
Michele

On Nov 19, 2020, at 8:49 AM, Canning, Kevin <Kevin.Canning@ocpw.ocgov.com> wrote:

Thank you Michele, I'll forward your comment top the Foothill Review Board and later, the Planning Commission

**Kevin Canning** | Contract Planner | OC Development Services / Planning  
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714.667.8847 | [kevin.canning@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:kevin.canning@ocpw.ocgov.com)  
*Visit us online for permitting applications/project status at <https://myoceservices.ocgov.com/> or general questions and assistance call 714 667-8888*

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**From:** michele everett <micheleeverett@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:29 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin <Kevin.Canning@ocpw.ocgov.com>  
**Subject:** FTSP Review Board - PA20-0141

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello Kevin,

I am writing in support of our neighbors in Trabuco Canyon who are so graciously opening up their private property to the public with their proposed commercial stable operation (PA20-0141). I am a resident of Coto de Caza and have seen first-hand how equestrian facilities are being destroyed in the name of real estate profits that may or may not come to fruition in the future - we need this new equestrian facility!

Our family owns two horses and we all ride - approving PA20-0141 would make a be a great facility for us to patronize. I'm sure you remember almost exactly four years ago when the historic lower barn and pipe stalls were demolished at the Coto Equestrian Center for no good reason, according to County Supervisor

Bartlett: <https://www.ocregister.com/2016/11/14/county-officials-say-demolition-of-coto-equestrian-center-barn-defies-agreement/> . Nothing has happened with the property since then - it lays fallow and in disrepair - no promised improvements made or homes built. Then, a couple years later, the Maxwell Stables property owner evicted the stable operators in order to sell the land. Fortunately, a local equestrian resident purchased the property to keep her horses on it. These two instances displaced over 100 horses from our community - including ours. Now, I understand three more large equestrian facilities in Orange County are up for sale, which will displace even more horses.

We need to protect our equestrian ranch heritage in Orange County and approve projects like PA20-0141. In addition to protecting the historical significance of the local equestrian community, this project would offer a place for safe, socially-distanced outdoor recreation - something we desperately need as we begin our "new normal" post-pandemic. I applaud the property owners for selflessly offering to share their property with the public and create a lasting legacy for the community. I hope the project gets approved without delay.

Please share this letter of support with the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan Review Board, as I may not be able to call in to today's meeting.

Thank you,  
Michele Munk  
23301 Via Dorado  
Coto de Caza, CA 92679

## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Lauren Contursi <lauren.contursi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:58 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** In support of proposed Trabuco Creek Stables

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Mr Canning,

I am writing in support of Carlos Garcia's proposed plans to further develop his property in Trabuco Canyon for equestrian use. There are few acceptable local options for boarding and training horses, and this is an ideal location for both. This project will serve to benefit many in the horse community and will further beautify this little corner of Orange County.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Lauren Contursi  
949.228.6617



## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Hillary Villarreal <hillaryv@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Trabuco Creek Equestrian

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello, Mr. Canning. I am writing to you in support of Trabuco Creek. I have known Carlos and Ana for many years. They are super people and any business they run will be a success and a benefit to the community.

We are SM parents. Both of our girls rode for the SM Equestrian team. So many of the local barns have closed it has created a challenge to find riding and training opportunities close by. Our youngest, Audrey, has had to drive deep in to the Canyon to ride which as a parent has not been ideal (scary actually). A property close by school and Dove/Coto would be wonderful.

It's a perfect use for the area and would really be a nice enhancement to the local community.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to support this potential new barn.

Hillary & Matt Villarreal  
Dove Canyon  
949-293-8903

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Heather Porte <heather.porte@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:17 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** In Support of Proposed Trabuco Creek Stables

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hi Mr. Canning,

We are writing to encourage you to approve Carlos Garcia's plan to expand his property for equestrian use in Trabuco Canyon. We live in Coto de Caza, and are excited at the prospect of having another choice for boarding and training horses, given the closures in facilities as of late. Riding and learning about horses are great family activities, and this spot would be a convenient and great addition to the local area.

The location is ideal, being across the street from O'Neil Park. This will benefit the horse community here, and we are hoping you can help make this dream a reality.

Best,  
Heather Porte  
(310) 625-0766

## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Meghan Richard <megandlc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** In support of Proposed Trabuco Creek Stables

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Mr. Canning,

I'd like to show my support for Carlos Garcia's proposed plans to develop his property for equestrian use. In this area of our community there are very few places for training and boarding our horses. This will serve many of us in this part of Orange County. We are all very excited about this project and hope it will become a much awaited reality!!

Thank you for your time,  
Meghan Richard  
(Coto de Caza)  
(805)895-9817

Sent from my iPhone

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Erika Scheible <erikamscheible@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:04 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equestrian Facility Expansion 31171 Rose Canyon Rd Trabuco

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hi Kevin,

My name is Erika Scheible and I am an equestrian in orange county. I wanted to advocate for the expansion of Carlos and Catalina's property at 31171 Rose Canyon Rd in Trabuco Canyon to build additional barns and arenas and obtain a commercial permit. With the recent closure of multiple barn facilities across orange county for housing developments going in, the few barns lefts are highly overcrowded and we need more locations to be fair to riders and horse owners. Equestrian hobbies have been a passion of mine and frankly why I left Los Angeles to move and buy a home down here in Orange County California to be closer to the barns and trainers so I can lease a jumping horse and start competing one day.

It is a culture, lifestyle, and sort of equestrian hub down here if you are into this hobby. I am finding a major overcrowding issue at places I ride like Hayden Clarke in Laguna, and at Sycamore Trails Equestrian facility. To be fair to the horses and to provide more options to folks who live this lifestyle it is imperative the county allow more facilities to open up to compensate for the other barn closures. I personally would be devastated to have to sell my house and feel pressured to move out of state if I cannot have a location to achieve my hobby goals here near my family and work as this hobby is a priority in my life and I have built my life around it now to be able to ride Saturday and Sunday every weekend to train.

Trabuco Canyon is a wonderful spot for equestrian given the O'Neill Park and riding trails across the street and this expansion would really fit nicely with the area and I hope to ride multiple times a week and keep my own horse there one day once this gets approved.

Thanks,  
Erika Scheible  
512-630-3813

Christina May Sinclair  
1048 Irvine Ave # 632, Newport Beach, CA. 92660

REG: Carlos and Catalina: EXPANSION for Equestrian Property

TRABUCO CREEK EQUESTRIAN  
31252 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD  
TRABUCO CREEK, CA 92679

To Whom it May Concern,

In respect to the property at: 31252 Mountain View Road, Trabuco Creek, Ca 92679, I would like to send you notice in support of Carlos and Catalina's expansion plans for Equestrian Property which is a logical and accessible location in relation to many Equestrian activities, including different levels of sports discipline on Equestrian such as English, and Western, trail, pleasure, and training.

For the Trabuco Creek area this would enhance the local community efforts in providing a first class facility for horse owners, and riding students to enjoy their equestrian activities, including expanding into the O'Neil Park area, increased opportunity for campers with horses, and additional revenue to the local community of restaurants, shops, and markets.

In relation to horse activities and access ability in local area's it seems there are several large stables within the area that could use improvements, and others may be closing. Here is a couple that is not afraid to continue efforts to grow in a local family business opportunity within their property and local value within these challenging times.

Please take into consideration this letter in support of Carlos and Catalina's efforts, and approve their request for expansion for the support of the community and its residents, businesses, and friends.

Very Truly yours,  
*CM Sinclair*  
C May Sinclair

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Stephanie Sorenson <stephsorenson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:37 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Letter of Support: Expansion of Trabuco Canyon Equestrian

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the expansion of Trabuco Canyon Equestrian (owned by Carlos and Catalina). We recently moved to Coto de Caza in hopes that our girls could ride at the Coto equestrian center, only to find out it is all but gone (with only a very few tenants remaining) due to change in ownership.

We are so desperately in need of a local equestrian center to serve the Ladera Ranch, Coto de Caza, Dove Canyon, Robinson Ranch, RSM and Trabuco Canyon areas.

Thank you,  
Tim and Stephanie Sorenson

## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Nancy Taylor <nancydegler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Support for Trabuco creek equestrian

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Dear Mr. Canning,

I am a resident of Coto de Caza and with the declining availability of horse riding here I would be greatly supportive of the building of the Trabuco Creek Equestrian in Trabuco canyon. My young son is very interested in riding and I would love to have a family activity and hopefully lessons for him available close by.

Thanks for the consideration,  
Nancy Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Michelle <michellemariwhite@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:11 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Equestrian facility

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Good evening,

My name is Michelle White. I wanted to send in a quick email of support for the expansion of Carlos and Catalina's property to become part of the county. This would benefit the community tremendously. With a few of the local equestrian centers closing, there is a very real need and desire for a facility such as that! :) I Would personally love to see this happen, as it is such a family friendly experience.

Thank you for your time,  
Michelle White



## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** cwdacom@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 1:37 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Cc:** cwdacom@aol.com  
**Subject:** Letter of Support / Trabuco Creek Equestrian Project

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To whom it may concern,

I want to pledge my support for the equestrian project proposed at Trabuco Creek. From what I see and know about the surrounding communities, this equestrian project will be an asset to South Orange County. I know of several stables in San Juan Capistrano that are basically closing their doors leaving many horse owners in a state of uncertainty. The proposed equestrian facility will be a lifesaver for many equestrian riders and for those who wish to enter the sport. Primarily our children.

Thank you.

William Buescher

Email: [cwdacom@aol.com](mailto:cwdacom@aol.com)

## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Gracia Covarrubias <GCovarrubias@memorialcare.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 1:21 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** support of equestrian property

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**Having grown up in Orange County I remember driving through Trabuco Canyon Road with my father and getting pony rides. He is an architect and was building in Coto de Caza back in the 80s. I attended Santa Margarita HS in the 90s and not much land was developed during those years. I would drive down Oso Pkwy that would dead end at Antonio Pkwy with a stop sign forcing a left turn.**

**In an area like OC where we have seen growth in past decades, it is a breath of fresh air to learn that home owners like Carlos and Catalina Garcia want to preserve their equestrian property. As a horse lover myself, I am very supportive of this within this beautiful community.**

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## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** cwdacom@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 1:38 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Cc:** esijumphi@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Trabuco Creek Proposed Equestrian Facility

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

To whom it may concern,

I have been an equestrian trainer for 38 years in South Orange County. Primarily in San Juan Capistrano, Modjeska Canyon and Coto de Caza. Over the years I have seen a sharp decrease in well-planned, professional equestrian facilities. It has actually been disheartening for me to witness this. That is why I am so excited to support the efforts of the proposed equestrian property near Trabuco Creek. The equestrian sport, riders and surrounding community will all greatly benefit with the creation of this new equestrian facility.

Thank you.

Katie Kelly

Email: [esijumphi@gmail.com](mailto:esijumphi@gmail.com)

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Ryan M. Prager <rprager@ptwww.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 11:04 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Support for Trabuco Creek Equestrian / Carlos Garcia

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Attn. Kevin Canning  
Orange County Public Works/Planning

Mr. Canning ~

I am writing in personal support of the expansion of Trabuco Creek Equestrian that is to be owned and operated by Carlos and Ana Garcia, located on or around 37171 Mountain View Ln, Trabuco Canyon, CA, with an entrance off of Trabuco Canyon Road as well. It is my understanding they are seeking an expansion of their equestrian property.

Trabuco Canyon is an excellent location for a facility such as this due to the rural area and having O'Neil Park just across the road with so many equestrian offerings. A new and expanded facility, as proposed, is certainly needed now that so many equestrian facilities are closing down throughout Orange County but especially in the San Juan Capistrano and South County areas. This new facility would help serve the equestrian activities that so many County residents enjoy and thrive on. My own kids and family enjoy the outdoor pursuits and activities that equestrian sports provide – being outdoors, practicing for and competing in equestrian events, taking care of the horses and all that goes into the maintenance and care of these animals, and the social aspects that so many people benefit from when doing these activities together. It is difficult to find equestrian facilities in Orange County and that task is only getting more difficult with each passing month and year. This proposed facility would be a great asset to the County and the activities available to so many.

Again, I wholeheartedly support the expansion of this facility and encourage the County to approve the plans and permits to make this happen, for the benefit of so many kids and families in Orange County.

Thank you,  
Ryan

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## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Dr. Kristina Chung <drchung@balancing-point.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 11:37 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** equestrian facility

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Mr. Canning,

I am writing to you because my family and I are avid horse owners and riders and have recently decided to leave a local equestrian center due to the poor upkeep of the facility. I reside in Coto de Caza and feel as though driving to SJC is unnecessary when there is one that is located in Trabuco Canyon which is currently trying to expand and improve its property. I would like to express my support for the county's speedy approval for the center's expansion.

This sport has been a lifeline for my entire family during this unprecedented year of social separation and anxiety. We are lucky to be able to have this outlet and feel we will be blessed to have a facility the entire community can have access to. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

Kristina Chung Hellinga  
Coto de Caza Resident

## **Canning, Kevin**

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**From:** Jackie Pena <jackie.pena@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** Trabuco Oaks Stables Project

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Kevin,

We really hope that you will approve Carlos Garcia's project to construct a new arena and stables.

Thanks,  
Jackie Pena

## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** Julie Ryan <jrjdvm@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:45 PM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** In support of the new stables

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Dear Kevin,

The equestrian lifestyle is at a tipping point. We are in danger of losing three of our largest stables in San Juan Capistrano, which collectively house 1100 horses as well as our world class riding park, the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park at San Juan Capistrano (the Riding Park). Please consider the proposal for the new equestrian facility, planned for Trabuco Canyon at the corner of Rose Canyon and Trabuco Canyon Roads. The San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Coalition commission two economic studies to investigate the impact horse riders have on their local community. The 2015 "Economic Impact Study of the Equestrian Community on San Juan Capistrano" published by the Dean of the School of Economics at Chapman University, noted that horse owners brought in over \$50.1 million dollars into San Juan Capistrano each year. Riders have great demographics for the merchants in the surrounding area. Equestrians are looking for new and stable options for their horses. In providing another stabling solution you will have instant boarders and good revenue for your local businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Dr. Julie Ryan Johnson  
The San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Coalition  
[www.sjcec.org](http://www.sjcec.org)  
[sjcec@cox.net](mailto:sjcec@cox.net)



Demographics: published member profile of competing riders in the US:

- 85% Female
- 66% have a college degree
- Average income of \$185,000
- Average net worth of \$955,000
- Own an average of four horses
- Compete at least six times per year
- Average home value is \$600,000
- 22% own two or more homes
- Owns three vehicles

Source: United States Equestrian Federation



## Canning, Kevin

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**From:** michele everett <micheleeverett@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:29 AM  
**To:** Canning, Kevin  
**Subject:** FTSP Review Board - PA20-0141

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

Hello Kevin,

I am writing in support of our neighbors in Trabuco Canyon who are so graciously opening up their private property to the public with their proposed commercial stable operation (PA20-0141). I am a resident of Coto de Caza and have seen first-hand how equestrian facilities are being destroyed in the name of real estate profits that may or may not come to fruition in the future - we need this new equestrian facility!

Our family owns two horses and we all ride - approving PA20-0141 would make a be a great facility for us to patronize. I'm sure you remember almost exactly four years ago when the historic lower barn and pipe stalls were demolished at the Coto Equestrian Center for no good reason, according to County Supervisor Bartlett:

<https://www.ocregister.com/2016/11/14/county-officials-say-demolition-of-coto-equestrian-center-barn-defies-agreement/> .

Nothing has happened with the property since then - it lays fallow and in disrepair - no promised improvements made or homes built. Then, a couple years later, the Maxwell Stables property owner evicted the stable operators in order to sell the land. Fortunately, a local equestrian resident purchased the property to keep her horses on it. These two instances displaced over 100 horses from our community - including ours. Now, I understand three more large equestrian facilities in Orange County are up for sale, which will displace even more horses.

We need to protect our equestrian ranch heritage in Orange County and approve projects like PA20-0141. In addition to protecting the historical significance of the local equestrian community, this project would offer a place for safe, socially-distanced outdoor recreation - something we desperately need as we begin our "new normal" post-pandemic. I applaud the property owners for selflessly offering to share their property with the public and create a lasting legacy for the community. I hope the project gets approved without delay.

Please share this letter of support with the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan Review Board, as I may not be able to call in to today's meeting.

Thank you,  
Michele Munk  
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Coto de Caza, CA 92679