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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Donna Guske
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 3:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Rose Bowl Riders

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Mayor Gordo, council members and officers of the council,

I am a stakeholder and eighteen-year member of Rose Bowl Riders. Please ask these people who claim they are representing Rose Bowl Riders which group they are really representing. Is it Rose Bowl Riders 501 (c)(7) created in 1946 who held the lease, RBR Equine Operations, LLC, Rose Bowl Riders & Myrtle Hill Farm, LLC, Rose Bowl Riders Community Benefit Organization 501(c)(3) or Rose Bowl Riders Charitable Organization 501 (c)(3). And, how are they going to keep each of these organizations from becoming muddled together? As a boarder, it was not clear to me nor would they clarify these organizations as our boarder agreement is titled for Rose Bowl Riders, Inc., another organization. I would not be confident in having my property managed by a group who is random about management representation. Are you? Also, what kind of background do they have in managing an equine facility? These organizations are newly created and their members are affiliated as family, clients and former clients with Myrtle Hill Farm. How are they going to manage as they have not proven themselves.

Looking to the future, I would welcome managers with proven experience. I would welcome the Mounted Unit of the Pasadena Police Department. I would welcome collaboration with the other equine facilities located at the Pasadena Equestrian Center. I would welcome opportunities to engage the community with the equestrian world.

Thank you,
Donna Guske

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members:
I am writing to counteract some of the wording in the petition that is being widely shared on Change.org regarding the Pasadena Equestrian Center.

1. Which version of Rose Bowl Riders is this petition referring to? Many community members who have signed it seem to believe they are supporting the continued operation of the 80-year-old mutual benefit club, however, some of the individuals disseminating the petition are affiliated with a "joint venture" with Myrtle Hill Farm that was set up to transfer the operations and assets AWAY from the historic club.

2. There are several RBR stakeholders and current members who feel that some in the group who are widely sharing this petition are directly responsible for the City's decision to end the lease as well as for other operational dysfunction in the last few years.

3. RBR and Myrtle Hill Farm are currently offering lessons that appear to be subsidized by the mutual benefit club. MHF is the only lesson contractor that is currently allowed on site. In addition, the City pays RBR - who has historically paid the for-profit lesson contractor - to offer the "free lessons." This contractor, until recently, did not carry the correct kind of insurance for such youth programs and denied offering youth programs (in publicly available records).

4. Dissenting voices are not welcome in membership, at social gatherings, nor in organizational leadership. This is not a truly community-based organization in its current form.

5. Two RFP's have been issued by Pasadena - RBR applied each time and was declined each time by the City. No long-term lease is negotiated or offered until an RFP is awarded to a qualified operator. It is simply false that the City has refused to meet with RBR.

Thank you for your continued due diligence on this issue.

Cornelia Seiffert, LCSW

Please join us in asking the Pasadena City Council to meet with Rose Bowl Riders, hear directly from the many individuals, families, and children who use this facility, and publicly consider a path that allows equestrian programming to continue at Hahamongna.

We are not a new program asking Pasadena for a chance. Rose Bowl Riders has been part of this community for 80 years. Rose Bowl Riders was incorporated in 1946, built the clubhouse in 1951, and today remains located on 6 acres in the Hahamongna Watershed Park, with arenas, boarding facilities, and direct access to the Arroyo Seco trail system.

We have been the place where generations of riders and horse lovers have found

- Affordable riding lessons by professional instructors
- A place for children to learn to ride and care for horses
- A boarding facility with stalls twice the size of any others in the LA area
- Lessons offered free of charge as part of our community outreach programs
- Clinics, horse shows, and inclusive social events
- Friendships, support, and opportunities to volunteer and give back to the community

But now our future is uncertain.

Earlier this year, Rose Bowl Riders was the sole respondent to the City's Request for Proposal, a process that included negotiating a long-term lease for continued operation of the property. Although the City initially agreed to move forward with those negotiations, it has since stopped responding to our requests to meet. Rose Bowl Riders has now received notice requiring that all the horses, children, and equipment vacate the property by January 2027.

We are asking the Pasadena City Council to:

- Meet directly with Rose Bowl Riders' representatives, which they have refused to do to date.
- Provide a public discussion of the options for the future of the property and its equestrian programming.
- Consider the site's documented history and the community programs that have operated there as decisions about its future are made.
- Explore whether an agreement can be reached with Rose Bowl Riders that allows equestrian and youth programming to continue at Hahamongna.
- This is about more than a property.

Over the past 80 years, Rose Bowl Riders has built a wonderful community of horse enthusiasts whose mission is to connect people to horses and provide access to children and the residents of Pasadena to horses and the trails of the Arroyo. Once a place like this disappears, it will be extraordinarily difficult to replace.

Please sign and ask the Pasadena City Council to hear this community before making final decisions about the future of Rose Bowl Riders. Our history matters. These programs matter. And the children who come after us matter.

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Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

EXHIBIT A — CITY OF PASADENA CORRESPONDENCE

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Enrique

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- Any deadlines provided to RBR for corrective action; and
- Any documentation establishing that RBR failed to correct an identified condition after receiving notice.

2025 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination states that the City's required public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2025.

RBR contracted with a service provider to provide those lessons. Please explain the City's factual and contractual basis for concluding that lessons furnished through a contracted service provider did not satisfy RBR's obligation.

If the City's position is that particular required lessons were not provided, please identify the specific dates and times on which lessons were required but allegedly not provided and provide the records supporting that determination.

2026 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination similarly states that the City's public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2026.

However, in April 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo advised RBR by email that the City had contracted with Ride On to provide the public-benefit lessons for 2026.

Please explain how RBR could subsequently be cited for failing to provide lessons that the City had informed RBR would be provided pursuant to the City's own contract with Ride On.

If the City nevertheless contends that RBR remained responsible for providing particular lessons, please identify the contractual provision supporting that position and provide the dates, times, and records identifying each lesson the City contends RBR failed to provide.

2022–2023 Public Benefit Participation

The termination also characterizes the public benefit provided during 2022–2023 as limited and refers to limited known participants.

Please provide the records supporting that assertion, including the participant information or participant counts relied upon by the City, the dates of the

applicable programs, and the methodology used to determine that participation was insufficient.

Insurance

The termination further states that required insurance was not provided "at times."

That statement is insufficiently specific for RBR to meaningfully evaluate or respond to it. Please identify each period during which the City contends RBR lacked required insurance, including:

- The beginning and ending dates of each alleged lapse;
- The particular insurance coverage allegedly missing or deficient;
- The applicable contractual insurance requirement;
- Copies of communications notifying RBR of the alleged deficiency;
- Copies of requests from the City for certificates, endorsements, or other insurance documentation; and
- The date upon which the City contends each deficiency was corrected, if applicable.

These questions concern factual assertions the City itself relied upon in taking the extraordinary step of terminating RBR's tenancy after decades of operation at the Pasadena Equestrian Center. RBR is entitled to understand the factual record supporting those assertions.

If the City possesses documentation substantiating these statements, please provide it. If documentation does not exist, or if any statement in the termination was based upon incomplete, inaccurate, or subsequently contradicted information, please identify and correct the record accordingly.

I respectfully request a written response addressing each issue individually rather than a generalized response.

Sincerely,

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This constitutes my third formal correspondence within 48 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Forty-eight hours have passed without a single acknowledgment, substantive response, or identification of the evidence supporting the City's decision to terminate an institution that has served Pasadena for 80 years.

The City's continued silence is unacceptable from a standpoint of governmental transparency and public accountability, particularly given the substantial factual discrepancies, documented communications, and potential conflicts of interest that have now been brought to its attention.

I. FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CITY'S TERMINATION ALLEGATIONS

The City's termination cites alleged deferred maintenance, failures to provide public-benefit riding lessons, and insurance deficiencies.

Despite repeated written demands, the City has failed to produce the contemporaneous inspection reports, notices of violation, correspondence, contractual provisions, or other records substantiating these allegations.

Of particular concern is the City's January 30, 2026 correspondence from Enrique Arroyo expressly confirming that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons, with the Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City has provided no explanation reconciling that arrangement with its subsequent allegations concerning RBR's failure to provide public-benefit programming.

The City must identify the specific contractual obligations allegedly breached, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the evidence relied upon in reaching its decision.

II. DOCUMENTED COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE BARRY GLOCKSON

Newly presented documentary evidence raises serious concerns regarding the possibility of improper influence upon the City's decision-making process.

In March 2026, Pasadena Police Department employee Barry Glockson was notified that his stall privileges at RBR would be terminated following repeated delinquency in boarding and feed payments.

RBR's records establish that Glockson owed $2,370 as of March 2026. Although the outstanding balance was subsequently paid, the RBR Board maintained its decision to terminate his stall privileges.

On March 24, 2026, Glockson responded from his official City of Pasadena email account, stating:

"I was speaking with the mayor this week regarding your RFP…"

He further stated:

"I will be sure to share the news you've evicted a member of the city's mounted unit from city property…"

This communication is significant for several reasons.

First, Glockson expressly represented that he had been discussing RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

Second, he indicated his intention to introduce his personal dispute with RBR into those discussions.

Third, the correspondence originated from an official City email account and referenced Glockson's supervisory responsibilities involving City parks.

These facts warrant investigation into whether a City employee attempted to use his governmental position and access to an elected official to influence official action involving an organization with which he had a personal financial dispute.

The subsequent termination of RBR does not, by itself, establish a causal connection. Nevertheless, the City must disclose the relevant communications and determine whether this dispute influenced any recommendation, deliberation, or decision affecting RBR's tenancy.

III. POLITICAL EARWIGGING, POTENTIAL IMPROPER INFLUENCE, AND BROWN ACT CONCERNS

The March 24 correspondence also raises questions regarding what may be characterized as political earwigging: the use of private access to an elected official to advance a personal grievance concerning governmental business.

The City should investigate whether Glockson communicated allegations or recommendations concerning RBR to Mayor Victor Gordo, whether those communications were subsequently conveyed to other officials, and whether they influenced any City action.

The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code § 54950 et seq., including § 54952.2, restricts certain serial communications through which a majority of a legislative body discusses, deliberates, or takes action on public business outside an authorized meeting.

A private conversation between the Mayor and one employee does not independently establish a Brown Act violation. However, the City must determine whether that conversation became part of a prohibited serial discussion or other decision-making process inconsistent with applicable open-meeting requirements.

The following questions require examination:

1. What communications occurred between Glockson and Mayor Gordo concerning RBR, its RFP, or its tenancy?
2. Did Glockson raise his personal boarding dispute with the Mayor or other City officials?
3. Were any allegations, recommendations, or requests from Glockson transmitted to other Councilmembers or City decision-makers?
4. Did any such communications contribute to collective deliberation outside a properly noticed public meeting?
5. Did any official disclose or evaluate the potential conflict between Glockson's personal interests and his governmental position?
6. Were Glockson's communications considered in connection with the decision to terminate RBR?

The City cannot simply dismiss these questions as unrelated private matters when a City employee's own correspondence expressly connects his personal dispute to discussions concerning RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

IV. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE MAYOR'S POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

These issues also carry substantial implications for public confidence in the Mayor's administration and the City's decision-making process.

The Mayor's involvement in discussions concerning a longstanding nonprofit organization, particularly where a City employee has identified a personal dispute with that organization, warrants transparency and careful examination.

Any elected official pursuing higher public office in California remains accountable for the manner in which governmental authority is exercised, including the handling of potential conflicts of interest, open-government requirements, and the treatment of organizations operating on public property.

The public is entitled to determine whether decisions affecting an 80-year-old Pasadena institution were made through an impartial and properly documented governmental process, rather than influenced by private grievances or undisclosed communications.

RBR does not presume misconduct by the Mayor. It demands the records and explanations necessary to evaluate the facts.

V. FORMAL DEMAND FOR RECORDS AND WRITTEN RESPONSES

The City is hereby requested to:

1. Immediately acknowledge receipt of all three formal communications and identify the official responsible for responding.
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Nothing in this correspondence constitutes a waiver of any applicable right, remedy, objection, or deadline.

VIII. FINAL REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The City has exercised its authority to terminate an organization that has served the Pasadena community for eight decades.

It must now account for the evidence, communications, and governmental process underlying that decision.

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- Copies of emails, letters, inspection reports, photographs, notices, or other communications notifying RBR of those conditions;
- Any deadlines provided to RBR for corrective action; and
- Any documentation establishing that RBR failed to correct an identified condition after receiving notice.

2025 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination states that the City's required public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2025.

RBR contracted with a service provider to provide those lessons. Please explain the City's factual and contractual basis for concluding that lessons furnished through a contracted service provider did not satisfy RBR's obligation.

If the City's position is that particular required lessons were not provided, please identify the specific dates and times on which lessons were required but allegedly not provided and provide the records supporting that determination.

2026 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination similarly states that the City's public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2026.

However, in April 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo advised RBR by email that the City had contracted with Ride On to provide the public-benefit lessons for 2026.

Please explain how RBR could subsequently be cited for failing to provide lessons that the City had informed RBR would be provided pursuant to the City's own contract with Ride On.

If the City nevertheless contends that RBR remained responsible for providing particular lessons, please identify the contractual provision

supporting that position and provide the dates, times, and records identifying each lesson the City contends RBR failed to provide.

2022–2023 Public Benefit Participation

The termination also characterizes the public benefit provided during 2022–2023 as limited and refers to limited known participants.

Please provide the records supporting that assertion, including the participant information or participant counts relied upon by the City, the dates of the applicable programs, and the methodology used to determine that participation was insufficient.

Insurance

The termination further states that required insurance was not provided "at times."

That statement is insufficiently specific for RBR to meaningfully evaluate or respond to it. Please identify each period during which the City contends RBR lacked required insurance, including:

- The beginning and ending dates of each alleged lapse;
- The particular insurance coverage allegedly missing or deficient;
- The applicable contractual insurance requirement;
- Copies of communications notifying RBR of the alleged deficiency;
- Copies of requests from the City for certificates, endorsements, or other insurance documentation; and
- The date upon which the City contends each deficiency was corrected, if applicable.

These questions concern factual assertions the City itself relied upon in taking the extraordinary step of terminating RBR's tenancy after decades of operation at the Pasadena Equestrian Center. RBR is entitled to understand the factual record supporting those assertions.

If the City possesses documentation substantiating these statements, please provide it. If documentation does not exist, or if any statement in the termination was based upon incomplete, inaccurate, or subsequently contradicted information, please identify and correct the record accordingly.

I respectfully request a written response addressing each issue individually rather than a generalized response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager
Rose Bowl Riders

Owner
Myrtle Hill Farm

From: **Glockson, Barry S.** <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 9:51 PM
Subject: Re: Stall Fees @ 3/10/26
To: Rose Bowl Riders <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>

That is unfortunate. I was speaking with the mayor this week regarding your RFP, as the unit I directory supervise is over the 24 parks in the city, Hahamonga included. I will be sure to share the news you've evicted a member of the city's mounted unit from city property when your neighboring stables have offered to house the entire unit free of charge minus feeding/cleaning and of course feed which you charge more then double from what you purchase it for.

Best regards.

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From: **Rose Bowl Riders** <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 22, 2026 at 6:02 AM
Subject: Re: Stall Fees @ 3/10/26
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Barry – your payment $2370 for the balance due has been received. As this is the second time in five months that you have fallen behind in excess of $2000 on stall and feed payments, the 30-day notice to vacate the stall still stands. All personal belongings must be removed from the stall by April 16. You may continue as an honorary member of RBR and, if you choose, you may apply to be on the stall wait list in one year – April 16, 2027.

Rose Bowl Riders Board of Directors

On Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 1:23 PM Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:
The fees are paid in full, check delivered in the box in the club house.

Barry

From: **Rose Bowl Riders** <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 12:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: Stall Fees @ 3/10/26
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Barry,
As of today, Tuesday, March 17, 2026, we have not received a response regarding a payment plan, nor have we seen evidence of your intent to resolve the outstanding balance of $2370 for the stall. Accordingly, as outlined in our March 11, 2026, email, Rose Bowl Riders is issuing a **30-day notice to vacate the stall.** You have until Wednesday, April 15, 2026, to remove all personal property from the stall.

Full payment of the outstanding balance is required by April 15, 2026, in order to remain in good standing and continue as an honorary member of Rose Bowl Riders.

Sincerely,
Rose Bowl Riders Board of Directors

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From: **Rose Bowl Riders** <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 5:44 AM
Subject: Re: Stall Fees @ 3/10/26
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Barry,
Thank you for responding. The Board met last night (March 10). We recognize that this is the second time in just a few months that you have fallen behind in paying the stall and feed fees. Please respond to this email within 48 hours with a payment plan and a first installment or the Board will issue a 30-day notice to vacate the stall.

Just as a reminder, here are the current rates as of January 1, 2026:
Breezeway Barn $305/month
Feed fee $360/month

The amount owed as of March 2026 is $2370.
No new horse can occupy the stall until the balance owed is paid in full.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.
Rose Bowl Riders Board of Directors

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On Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 9:21 PM Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:
I will keep the stall and pay the balance.

Thank you.

Barry
Sent from my iPhone

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Rose Bowl Riders** <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 9:54 AM
Subject: Stall Fees @ 3/10/26
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Barry - the Treasurer has let us know that you are behind in your stall payments.
We are very sorry for the loss of Rico, but must insist that you clear your account before bringing in another horse. You currently owe $2370.

If you choose to keep the stall while you look for another horse, the fee is $305 per month. Or you can relinquish the stall and go on the stall wait list. When you find a new horse we can see what stalls are available, however, we cannot guarantee a stall if you relinquish the one you currently use.

The Board is meeting tonight and may make other decisions regarding the stall and the payments due.

Again, we are very sorry for the loss of Rico. It is always hard to lose such a companion in such a tragic way.

Bonnie
Rose Bowl Riders Board of Directors

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From: **RBR Treasurer**
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 6:54 AM
Subject: Fwd: RBR Board Payments
To: Rose Bowl Riders <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>

Barry never responded. He did not pay February either. Including March, he now owes a total of $2,370. You had mentioned previously that if he did not pay soon to let you know.

Thank you.
Meg

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **RBR Treasurer**
Date: Sat, Feb 7, 2026 at 7:17 PM
Subject: RBR Board Payments
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Hi Barry,

I wanted to follow up on a couple of outstanding payments as of Jan. 31st, 2026. There is an outstanding balance of $375 remaining from 2025, and $665 for January. If you could make these payments as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Meg

From: **Rose Bowl Riders** <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Nov 2, 2025 at 6:18 AM
Subject: Re: Stall fees, tack and current stall status
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Just an FYI - RBR can't wait for the City to pay you so you can pay RBR. The boarding agreement is between you and RBR without reference to City involvement. We know how slos the City is!
Bonnie
Rose Bowl Riders

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On Sat, Nov 1, 2025 at 10:50 PM Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:
Thank you for the update. The city was delinquent in paying for the stall. I apologize for that. I will get it paid this week.

BG
Sent from my iPhone

From: **Rose Bowl Riders** <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 3:52 PM
Subject: Stall fees, tack and current stall status
To: Glockson, Barry S. <bglockson@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Barry - here are three things you need to be aware of as your horse situation changes.

1. The tack for Flash has been moved to make room for two new boarders. Your space is in the corner now. See picture.
2. We understand that you are selling Flash to another RBR member. Please be advised that you will not be allowed to bring in another horse until the boarding and feed fees for Flash have been paid and your account is clear. As of today you owe $2300. Please contact the Treasurer if you feel this amount is incorrect.
3. If you choose to keep the stall while you look for another horse, the fee is $215/month. Or you can relinquish the stall, go on the stall wait list, and when you find a new horse, you can see what stalls are still available. However, we cannot guarantee you a stall if you relinquish the one you currently lease.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions. If you need a repayment plan, please consult with the Treasurer. And best of luck in finding a new horse.

Rose Bowl Riders Board of Directors

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2026 12:09 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine
Subject: FW: Rose Bowl Riders

From: Greg Hedrick
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2026 12:09:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Hernandez, Jeffrey <jehernandez@cityofpasadena.net>; Arroyo, Enrique <earroyo@cityofpasadena.net>; Panossian, Koko <kpanossian@cityofpasadena.net>; crimeandsafety@scng.com <crimeandsafety@scng.com>; news.star-news@sgvn.com <news.star-news@sgvn.com>; sgowen@scgn.com <sgowen@scgn.com>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; Hampton, Tyron <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Cole, Rick <rcole@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jrivas@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Jones, Justin <jjones@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Derderian, Lisa <lderderian@cityofpasadena.net>; Hawkesworth, Matthew <mhawkesworth@cityofpasadena.net>; Rose Bowl Riders <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Rose Bowl Riders

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Dear City Attorney:

This constitutes my fourth formal communication within 72 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Seventy-two hours have now passed without a substantive response to our demands for the documentary evidence and legal justification supporting the termination.

Although the City has issued an administrative acknowledgment assigning Public Records Request No. **0047452**, no responsible official has identified the evidence supporting the City's decision, addressed the factual discrepancies previously raised, or agreed to expedited production.

This latest failure to communicate follows a recurring pattern of unanswered correspondence, unsuccessful requests for meetings, and administrative delays affecting RBR's continued operation.

The City has imposed a termination deadline upon RBR while retaining control over the records necessary for RBR and its legal counsel to evaluate and challenge that decision.

The City Attorney is hereby placed on formal notice of the legal obligations and foreseeable prejudice arising from this situation.

I. REPEATED NONRESPONSE

JEFFREY HERNANDEZ

During the preceding 30 days, RBR's President has repeatedly emailed Jeffrey Hernandez requesting a meeting and clarification concerning RBR's future at the Pasadena Equestrian Center.

The President has also placed multiple telephone calls.

Based upon RBR's records, these repeated emails and telephone calls to Jeffrey Hernandez have received no substantive response.

Instead, the City issued its termination notice.

The documented sequence raises legitimate questions regarding whether RBR's repeated attempts to obtain a meeting were considered in connection with the City's decision to terminate its tenancy.

While chronology alone does not establish retaliation, it provides a sufficient basis to demand existing records concerning the timing of the decision and the handling of RBR's communications.

Accordingly, RBR requests all nonexempt emails, telephone logs, calendar entries, memoranda, meeting notes, and internal communications concerning these requests and the subsequent termination.

II. STATUTORY RIGHT TO ACCESS PUBLIC RECORDS

The City Attorney is specifically directed to the following provisions of California law.

Government Code 7922.500 Prohibition Against Delay or Obstruction

The California Public Records Act expressly provides that nothing in the Act permits a public agency to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records.

RBR requests that the City evaluate its handling of Request No. 0047452 in light of this prohibition.

Government Code 7922.525 Right to Inspect Public Records

Public records are generally open to inspection during agency office hours, subject to applicable exemptions. Reasonably segregable nonexempt portions must be made available.

RBR therefore requests immediate inspection access to readily identifiable, nonexempt records relating to the termination.

Government Code 7922.530 Prompt Production of Records

This section requires public agencies to make reasonably identified, nonexempt records promptly available upon request, subject to applicable duplication fees.

The City must not treat the statutory period for making an initial disclosure determination as an automatic justification for delaying production of records that are ready for release.

Government Code 7922.535 Mandatory Determination and Response Deadlines

The City generally must determine within 10 calendar days whether the request seeks disclosable records and notify the requester of its determination and reasons.

If records are disclosable, the City must provide an estimated date and time when they will be available.

Any extension must comply with the statute's requirements concerning unusual circumstances, written notice, and the applicable maximum extension.

Government Code 7922.000 and 7922.540 Burden of Justifying Withholding and Written Denials

The City bears the burden of justifying withheld records under applicable law.

Any denial, in whole or in part, must comply with the statutory requirements for written notice, including identification of the responsible officials.

Government Code 7922.570 Electronic Records

Nonexempt public records maintained electronically must be made available electronically upon request, subject to the statute's conditions.

RBR expressly requests electronic production of responsive emails, correspondence, reports, spreadsheets, memoranda, and other electronically maintained records in formats authorized by this section.

Government Code 7922.600 Duty to Assist Requesters

The City must provide reasonable assistance in identifying responsive records, explaining where relevant records are maintained, and suggesting ways to overcome practical obstacles to disclosure.

If the City believes clarification is necessary, it should identify the specific issue promptly rather than allow avoidable uncertainty to delay processing.

III. CITY-CREATED PREJUDICE AND DEMAND FOR EXPEDITED DISCLOSURE

The City has imposed a fixed termination deadline affecting RBR's possession, operations, members, horses, contractual relationships, and substantial infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the City retains records directly relevant to whether the termination was factually supported, contractually authorized, and procedurally proper.

Every day of unnecessary delay diminishes the time available for RBR's attorneys to review the evidence, assess potential claims, and determine whether judicial intervention is necessary before the termination becomes effective.

RBR therefore demands the following voluntary expedited timetable:

1. **Within 24 hours:** Written identification of the official supervising Request No. 0047452 and confirmation of whether expedited handling has been approved.
2. **Within three business days:** Initial production of readily available, nonexempt records supporting the City's termination allegations.
3. **On a rolling basis:** Production of additional nonexempt responsive records as they become available.
4. **Promptly:** A written schedule identifying the anticipated dates for remaining production.
5. **Within 24 hours:** A written response concerning the requested termination extension or standstill agreement.

These accelerated deadlines are requested in light of the termination's urgency; they do not replace the statutory CPRA timetable.

IV. PRIORITY RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE

RBR reiterates its request for the following categories of existing records:

Maintenance and insurance: Inspection reports, deficiency notices, correspondence, insurance requirements, alleged violations, and records concerning opportunities to cure.

Public-benefit programming: Records identifying RBR's alleged contractual obligations, missed lessons, the City's Ride On purchase order, and related communications.

Termination decision: Staff recommendations, reports, memoranda, approvals, and communications reflecting the decision-making process.

Jeffrey Hernandez: Communications concerning the RBR President's repeated requests for meetings, including internal discussion of those requests and any relationship to the termination decision.

Barry Glockson: Communications involving Glockson and City officials concerning RBR's RFP, tenancy, or termination, including existing records of any conflict-of-interest or Brown Act compliance review.

October 6 agenda removal: Records concerning the removal of RBR from the Parks and Recreation agenda and the City's reference to "pending litigation."

RBR requests that all reasonably segregable nonexempt material be produced even where portions of a responsive record may be lawfully withheld.

V. DEMAND FOR WRITTEN STANDSTILL AGREEMENT

Because the City has imposed a termination deadline while controlling the requested records, RBR formally requests a written agreement to:

1. Extend the termination deadline for a reasonable period permitting disclosure and legal review.
2. Refrain from enforcing the termination or pursuing possession during that agreed period.
3. Preserve the parties' respective rights and positions.
4. Permit RBR's legal counsel a meaningful opportunity to evaluate the records and determine appropriate next steps.

No extension or tolling is assumed absent an express written agreement.

VI. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Litigation concerning RBR's termination is reasonably anticipated.

The City is therefore requested to preserve all potentially relevant evidence, including emails, text messages, call logs, calendar records, meeting notes, reports, drafts, electronic files, and communications involving Jeffrey Hernandez, Barry Glockson, the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City management.

The City should suspend routine deletion practices affecting relevant records and communicate appropriate preservation instructions to responsible personnel.

VII. STATUTORY ENFORCEMENT AND CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Government Code 7923.000 and 7923.100 Judicial Enforcement

Where a requester alleges that a public agency has improperly withheld public records, California law provides procedures for seeking judicial relief in Superior Court.

RBR reserves the right to pursue such relief if the City fails to comply with its statutory obligations.

Government Code 7923.115 Attorney's Fees and Costs

A requester who prevails in qualifying CPRA litigation is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and court costs under the statute.

If the City improperly withholds records or engages in legally actionable delay, RBR reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement and recover fees and costs where authorized.

RBR further reserves the right to seek appropriate injunctive, declaratory, or other relief concerning the termination where an independent legal basis exists.

Any demonstrated prejudice resulting from the City's handling of the records request may be presented in subsequent proceedings to the extent legally relevant.

VIII. FINAL DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Seventy-two hours have passed without a substantive response. Based upon RBR's records, its President has also spent the preceding 30 days repeatedly attempting to communicate with Jeffrey Hernandez without receiving a substantive reply.

The City has nevertheless imposed a termination deadline without providing the requested evidentiary foundation for its decision.

I request that the City Attorney respond within 24 hours confirming:

1. Who is responsible for expedited processing of CPRA Request No. 0047452.
2. When the first responsive records will be produced.
3. Whether the City will agree to a written extension or standstill.
4. Whether relevant preservation instructions have been issued.
5. Whether the City Attorney will review the unanswered meeting requests and the timing of the termination.

The City cannot reasonably impose a deadline that threatens the continued existence of an 80-year-old Pasadena institution while allowing avoidable administrative delays to diminish the time available for meaningful legal review.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, objections, and remedies. Nothing in this correspondence waives or extends any applicable deadline.

I expect your immediate written response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick ı> wrote:

To the Mayor of Pasadena, Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services:

This constitutes my third formal correspondence within 48 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Forty-eight hours have passed without a single acknowledgment, substantive response, or identification of the evidence supporting the City's decision to terminate an institution that has served Pasadena for 80 years.

The City's continued silence is unacceptable from a standpoint of governmental transparency and public accountability, particularly given the substantial factual discrepancies, documented communications, and potential conflicts of interest that have now been brought to its attention.

I. FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CITY'S TERMINATION ALLEGATIONS

The City's termination cites alleged deferred maintenance, failures to provide public-benefit riding lessons, and insurance deficiencies.

Despite repeated written demands, the City has failed to produce the contemporaneous inspection reports, notices of violation, correspondence, contractual provisions, or other records substantiating these allegations.

Of particular concern is the City's January 30, 2026 correspondence from Enrique Arroyo expressly confirming that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons, with the Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City has provided no explanation reconciling that arrangement with its subsequent allegations concerning RBR's failure to provide public-benefit programming.

The City must identify the specific contractual obligations allegedly breached, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the evidence relied upon in reaching its decision.

II. DOCUMENTED COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE BARRY GLOCKSON

Newly presented documentary evidence raises serious concerns regarding the possibility of improper influence upon the City's decision-making process.

In March 2026, Pasadena Police Department employee Barry Glockson was notified that his stall privileges at RBR would be terminated following repeated delinquency in boarding and feed payments.

RBR's records establish that Glockson owed $2,370 as of March 2026. Although the outstanding balance was subsequently paid, the RBR Board maintained its decision to terminate his stall privileges.

On March 24, 2026, Glockson responded from his official City of Pasadena email account, stating:

"I was speaking with the mayor this week regarding your RFP…"

He further stated:

"I will be sure to share the news you've evicted a member of the city's mounted unit from city property…"

This communication is significant for several reasons.

First, Glockson expressly represented that he had been discussing RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

Second, he indicated his intention to introduce his personal dispute with RBR into those discussions.

Third, the correspondence originated from an official City email account and referenced Glockson's supervisory responsibilities involving City parks.

These facts warrant investigation into whether a City employee attempted to use his governmental position and access to an elected official to influence official action involving an organization with which he had a personal financial dispute.

The subsequent termination of RBR does not, by itself, establish a causal connection. Nevertheless, the City must disclose the relevant communications and determine whether this dispute influenced any recommendation, deliberation, or decision affecting RBR's tenancy.

III. POLITICAL EARWIGGING, POTENTIAL IMPROPER INFLUENCE, AND BROWN ACT CONCERNS

The March 24 correspondence also raises questions regarding what may be characterized as political earwigging: the use of private access to an elected official to advance a personal grievance concerning governmental business.

The City should investigate whether Glockson communicated allegations or recommendations concerning RBR to Mayor Victor Gordo, whether those communications were subsequently conveyed to other officials, and whether they influenced any City action.

The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code § 54950 et seq., including § 54952.2, restricts certain serial communications through which a majority of a legislative body discusses, deliberates, or takes action on public business outside an authorized meeting.

A private conversation between the Mayor and one employee does not independently establish a Brown Act violation. However, the City must determine whether that conversation became part of a prohibited serial discussion or other decision-making process inconsistent with applicable open-meeting requirements.

The following questions require examination:

1. What communications occurred between Glockson and Mayor Gordo concerning RBR, its RFP, or its tenancy?
2. Did Glockson raise his personal boarding dispute with the Mayor or other City officials?
3. Were any allegations, recommendations, or requests from Glockson transmitted to other Councilmembers or City decision-makers?
4. Did any such communications contribute to collective deliberation outside a properly noticed public meeting?
5. Did any official disclose or evaluate the potential conflict between Glockson's personal interests and his governmental position?
6. Were Glockson's communications considered in connection with the decision to terminate RBR?

The City cannot simply dismiss these questions as unrelated private matters when a City employee's own correspondence expressly connects his personal dispute to discussions concerning RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

IV. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE MAYOR'S POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

These issues also carry substantial implications for public confidence in the Mayor's administration and the City's decision-making process.

The Mayor's involvement in discussions concerning a longstanding nonprofit organization, particularly where a City employee has identified a personal dispute with that organization, warrants transparency and careful examination.

Any elected official pursuing higher public office in California remains accountable for the manner in which governmental authority is exercised, including the handling of potential conflicts of interest, open-government requirements, and the treatment of organizations operating on public property.

The public is entitled to determine whether decisions affecting an 80-year-old Pasadena institution were made through an impartial and properly documented governmental process, rather than influenced by private grievances or undisclosed communications.

RBR does not presume misconduct by the Mayor. It demands the records and explanations necessary to evaluate the facts.

V. FORMAL DEMAND FOR RECORDS AND WRITTEN RESPONSES

The City is hereby requested to:

1. Immediately acknowledge receipt of all three formal communications and identify the official responsible for responding.
2. Produce all nonexempt responsive records substantiating the termination allegations, including maintenance reports, inspection records, notices, insurance correspondence, and public-benefit programming records.

3. Identify the contractual provisions allegedly breached by RBR and explain the relationship between those obligations and the City's Ride On agreement.
4. Identify the factual and legal basis for removing RBR from the October 6 Parks and Recreation agenda under the designation of "pending litigation."
5. Produce all nonexempt responsive communications between Barry Glockson, Mayor Gordo, City Councilmembers, City management, and other City personnel concerning RBR, its RFP, boarding operations, tenancy, or termination.
6. Produce any existing records concerning conflict-of-interest reviews, ethics referrals, Brown Act compliance evaluations, or internal investigations involving these communications.
7. Identify the City personnel involved in recommending, reviewing, authorizing, or approving the termination and produce existing records reflecting their roles.
8. Confirm that potentially relevant records are being preserved.

VI. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND NOTICE TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE

This correspondence reiterates and supplements the prior formal requests under the California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.

The City is expected to comply with Government Code § 7922.535, including its statutory obligation to make a timely determination regarding disclosure, subject to any legally authorized extension.

The City is also formally requested to preserve all potentially relevant evidence, including emails, text messages, electronic communications, meeting notes, staff reports, internal memoranda, and correspondence involving City officials or third parties.

Given the disputed termination and reasonably anticipated litigation, the City should immediately suspend routine deletion or destruction of potentially relevant records and ensure that appropriate preservation instructions are communicated to all relevant custodians.

Any withholding of responsive records must be supported by an applicable legal exemption. If no responsive records exist following a reasonable search, the City should expressly state that determination.

VII. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The combination of disputed termination allegations, unanswered requests for evidence, unexplained governmental actions, and documented communications involving a City employee with a personal dispute against RBR raises substantial questions concerning the factual foundation and integrity of the City's decision-making process.

These matters warrant prompt examination by the City Attorney and appropriate independent reviewers.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, and remedies available under California law, including the right to challenge the termination, seek enforcement of public-records obligations, and pursue any other appropriate administrative or judicial relief.

Nothing in this correspondence constitutes a waiver of any applicable right, remedy, objection, or deadline.

VIII. FINAL REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The City has exercised its authority to terminate an organization that has served the Pasadena community for eight decades.

It must now account for the evidence, communications, and governmental process underlying that decision.

Forty-eight hours have passed. Three formal communications have been sent. Not one acknowledgment has been received.

The City is requested to immediately acknowledge this correspondence, identify the responsible official, and provide a written timetable for addressing the outstanding demands.

The City of Pasadena cannot reasonably demand accountability from its nonprofit tenants while declining to provide basic transparency concerning its own actions.

The public deserves answers. Rose Bowl Riders deserves a documented explanation. The City must account for its decision.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

<2025 - 2026 email chain Barry Glockson.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick wrote:

To the Pasadena Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services:

I am following up on my prior correspondence demanding the documentary evidence and legal justification supporting the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

The City's continued failure to acknowledge or substantively address these requests is deeply concerning, particularly given the significant factual discrepancies between the City's stated grounds for termination and its own written communications.

Of particular concern is the City's allegation that RBR failed to provide required public-benefit riding lessons during 2026.

On January 30, 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo expressly confirmed in writing that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons to City participants, with the Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City's subsequent reliance upon RBR's alleged failure to provide public-benefit lessons raises a material and unresolved inconsistency in the stated factual basis for termination.

The City cannot reasonably rely upon an alleged failure of contractual performance without identifying the specific obligation, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the contemporaneous evidence supporting that allegation.

Accordingly, I formally demand that the City:

1. **Identify the precise contractual provisions** allegedly breached by RBR, including an explanation of how those obligations operated alongside the City's existing Ride On agreement.
2. **Produce the complete documentary record** supporting the City's allegations concerning deferred maintenance, unperformed repairs, public-benefit programming, participation, and insurance deficiencies, including all notices, inspection reports, correspondence, and records of alleged noncompliance.
3. **Provide a detailed accounting** of every allegedly missed public-benefit lesson, including the date, scheduled time, responsible provider, and documentation establishing RBR's obligation to provide that lesson.
4. **Identify the legal and factual basis** for removing RBR from the October 6, 2026 Parks and Recreation agenda under the

characterization of "pending litigation," including whether any litigation has been filed or formally threatened.

5. **Confirm preservation of all relevant records**, including internal communications, emails, text messages, staff reports, and correspondence with third parties concerning the termination decision.

To the extent this correspondence requests identifiable public records, it is also intended as a formal request under the **California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.** Please process it accordingly, including the statutory determination required by Government Code § 7922.535. Any withholding must identify the applicable statutory exemption or other legal basis.

If the City possesses records substantiating its allegations, produce them. If responsive records do not exist following a reasonable search, state that expressly. If records are withheld, identify the statutory justification.

The termination of an 80-year-old Pasadena institution is a consequential governmental action that warrants a demonstrable factual foundation, transparency, and accountability.

The City's failure to reconcile these discrepancies raises legitimate questions regarding the accuracy and completeness of the information relied upon in reaching its decision.

RBR expressly reserves all rights and remedies available under applicable law, including the right to challenge the factual and legal grounds for termination and seek judicial review or other appropriate relief.

Please immediately acknowledge receipt and confirm that this request has been referred to the appropriate records custodian. We expect the City's statutory response within the time prescribed by California law.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

EXHIBIT A — CITY OF PASADENA CORRESPONDENCE

From: Arroyo, Enrique earroyo@cityofpasadena.net
Date: Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 4:12 PM
Subject: RE: Meeting request from RBR
To: Hernandez, Jeffrey jehernandez@cityofpasadena.net, James,

Kenneth kjames@cityofpasadena.net
Cc: Rose Bowl Riders rosebowlriders@gmail.com, Panossian, Koko kpanossian@cityofpasadena.net, Perez, Ruben rPerez@cityofpasadena.net

Hi Everyone,

The City/PRCS is happy to meet with RBR. With regards to the proposed agenda, the City/PRCS currently has a purchase order in place with Ride-On to provide horse riding lessons to our participants. For the sake continuity, the Department hopes to continue with Ride On through the end of the contract, June 30, 2026.

Please note that all program service providers must meet City insurance requirements and submit the appropriate certificates at the time of a contract award.

If RBR still wishes to meet, please send meeting availability starting with the week of February 9.

Have a good weekend!

Enrique

On Oct 7, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick
<[redacted]> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Katherine Ginzton. I am the current Operations Manager for Rose Bowl Riders ("RBR") and the owner of Myrtle Hill Farm.

After reviewing RBR's records, correspondence, and communications with the City, I am requesting clarification and supporting documentation concerning several factual assertions contained in the City's termination correspondence.

Deferred Maintenance and Lack of Repairs

The City's termination references deferred maintenance and/or a failure to make necessary repairs. After reviewing the records presently available to me, I have been unable to locate correspondence in which the City identified specific

deferred maintenance, demanded particular repairs, established deadlines for corrective action, or notified RBR that its maintenance of the property constituted a material concern.

Please provide:

- The specific items of deferred maintenance and repairs upon which the City relied in reaching its decision;
- The dates on which each condition was identified;
- Copies of emails, letters, inspection reports, photographs, notices, or other communications notifying RBR of those conditions;
- Any deadlines provided to RBR for corrective action; and
- Any documentation establishing that RBR failed to correct an identified condition after receiving notice.

2025 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination states that the City's required public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2025.

RBR contracted with a service provider to provide those lessons. Please explain the City's factual and contractual basis for concluding that lessons furnished through a contracted service provider did not satisfy RBR's obligation.

If the City's position is that particular required lessons were not provided, please identify the specific dates and times on which lessons were required but allegedly not provided and provide the records supporting that determination.

2026 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination similarly states that the City's public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2026.

However, in April 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo advised RBR by email that the City had contracted with Ride On to provide the public-benefit lessons for 2026.

Please explain how RBR could subsequently be cited for failing to provide lessons that the City had informed RBR would be provided pursuant to the City's own contract with Ride On.

If the City nevertheless contends that RBR remained responsible for providing particular lessons, please identify the contractual provision supporting that position and provide the dates, times, and records identifying each lesson the City contends RBR failed to provide.

2022–2023 Public Benefit Participation

The termination also characterizes the public benefit provided during 2022–2023 as limited and refers to limited known participants.

Please provide the records supporting that assertion, including the participant information or participant counts relied upon by the City, the dates of the applicable programs, and the methodology used to determine that participation was insufficient.

Insurance

The termination further states that required insurance was not provided "at times."

That statement is insufficiently specific for RBR to meaningfully evaluate or respond to it. Please identify each period during which the City contends RBR lacked required insurance, including:

- The beginning and ending dates of each alleged lapse;
- The particular insurance coverage allegedly missing or deficient;
- The applicable contractual insurance requirement;
- Copies of communications notifying RBR of the alleged deficiency;
- Copies of requests from the City for certificates, endorsements, or other insurance documentation; and
- The date upon which the City contends each deficiency was corrected, if applicable.

These questions concern factual assertions the City itself relied upon in taking the extraordinary step of terminating RBR's tenancy after decades of operation at the Pasadena Equestrian Center. RBR is entitled to understand the factual record supporting those assertions.

If the City possesses documentation substantiating these statements, please provide it. If documentation does not exist, or if any statement in the termination was based upon incomplete, inaccurate, or subsequently contradicted information, please identify and correct the record accordingly.

I respectfully request a written response addressing each issue individually rather than a generalized response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager
Rose Bowl Riders

Owner
Myrtle Hill Farm

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2026 8:31 AM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine
Subject: FW: Rose Bowl Riders

From: Greg Hedrick
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2026 8:30:01 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Hernandez, Jeffrey <jehernandez@cityofpasadena.net>; Arroyo, Enrique <earroyo@cityofpasadena.net>; Panossian, Koko <kpanossian@cityofpasadena.net>; crimeandsafety@scng.com <crimeandsafety@scng.com>; news.star-news@sgvn.com <news.star-news@sgvn.com>; sgowen@scgn.com <sgowen@scgn.com>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; Hampton, Tyron <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Cole, Rick <rcole@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jrivas@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Jones, Justin <jjones@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Derderian, Lisa <lderderian@cityofpasadena.net>; Hawkesworth, Matthew <mhawkesworth@cityofpasadena.net>; Rose Bowl Riders <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Rose Bowl Riders

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Dear City Attorney:

Five days. Five formal notices. No substantive response.

The City of Pasadena has elected to terminate the tenancy of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), an organization that has served the Pasadena community for 80 years, while failing to provide the requested records supporting its decision.

A substantially more serious concern has now emerged.

Based upon RBR's records, the City previously published September 8, 2026 City Council meeting materials containing an attachment with correspondence concerning RBR. That attachment is no longer included in the version subsequently made available by the City.

Despite repeated written requests to City employees, requests that all complaints concerning RBR be forwarded to its Board of Directors, and a formal Public Records Act request, the City has not produced the correspondence in question.

The City is hereby placed on formal notice that the unexplained removal of previously published materials, combined with the continued nonproduction of responsive records and the City's pending termination of RBR, raises substantial issues concerning public-records compliance, government transparency, procedural fairness, and preservation of evidence.

The City Attorney must address these matters directly.

I. UNEXPLAINED REMOVAL OF PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE FROM SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING MATERIALS

RBR's records indicate that the originally published September 8 meeting materials included an attachment containing letters concerning Rose Bowl Riders.

The subsequently available version does not include that attachment.

The City has provided no explanation to RBR for the apparent modification.

Who directed the removal? Who approved it? When was it removed? What was the legal justification? Where is the original attachment?

These are not rhetorical questions.

They concern the integrity of records maintained and published by a California municipal government.

The City must distinguish between a lawful administrative correction, a revision to approved minutes, and the removal of supplemental materials from a publicly accessible record.

Even where a municipality has a legitimate reason to correct or reorganize published meeting materials, that action does not extinguish its independent obligations to retain and disclose nonexempt public records.

RBR therefore demands production of the original version, all retained revisions, the omitted correspondence, and existing records documenting the modification.

II. REPEATED REQUESTS FOR COMPLAINTS — FAILURE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS

RBR has repeatedly requested that City employees provide its Board of Directors with copies of complaints concerning the organization.

These requests were made to permit the Board to evaluate allegations, investigate concerns, and respond to any legitimate deficiencies.

Based upon RBR's records, the City has not provided the requested correspondence, including letters previously appearing in its September meeting materials.

If complaints were received by the City and considered in connection with RBR's continued tenancy, RBR requests the nonexempt records identifying those complaints and how they were evaluated.

The City is specifically asked:

What lawful basis, if any, supports withholding complaints that were previously published in connection with a City Council meeting?

The fact that correspondence contains criticism of RBR does not, by itself, create an exemption from public disclosure.

Nor does the City's possession of a complaint establish the truth of its allegations.

RBR requests records identifying whether complaints were independently verified, investigated, or relied upon in the termination process.

III. POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

The California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq., imposes enforceable disclosure obligations upon public agencies.

Relevant provisions include:

Government Code § 7922.500 — Delay or Obstruction

The CPRA does not authorize an agency to delay or obstruct inspection or copying of public records.

Government Code § 7922.525 — Inspection and Segregability

Nonexempt public records generally must be available for inspection, and reasonably segregable nonexempt portions must be disclosed.

Government Code § 7922.530 — Prompt Availability

Reasonably identified, nonexempt public records must be made promptly available.

Government Code § 7922.535 — Determination Deadline

The City generally must make its initial disclosure determination within 10 calendar days, subject to a legally authorized extension.

Government Code §§ 7922.000 and 7922.540 — Justification for Withholding

The City bears the burden of justifying withholding under applicable law and must comply with statutory requirements governing written denials.

Government Code § 7922.570 — Electronic Records

RBR requests production of electronic records in accordance with applicable statutory requirements.

Government Code § 7922.600 — Duty to Assist

The City must provide reasonable assistance in identifying records and addressing practical obstacles to disclosure.

The City is formally requested to identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon for each category of withheld records and produce all reasonably segregable nonexempt material.

An automated acknowledgment does not constitute production, and it does not excuse noncompliance with applicable statutory requirements.

IV. GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.5 — PUBLIC MEETING MATERIALS

Government Code § 54957.5 governs public access to specified writings distributed in connection with open-session agenda items.

If the removed correspondence qualifies under that provision, the City must comply with the applicable public-access requirements.

If the City contends that the correspondence does not fall within § 54957.5, it must still evaluate the records under the CPRA.

The City cannot defeat an otherwise applicable right of access merely by removing a document from a website or excluding it from a subsequently published meeting packet.

RBR requests identification of the original publication date, subsequent modification date, and the records custodian responsible for the materials.

V. BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE AND THE SEPTEMBER 8 CLOSED SESSION

The City's published September 8 special-meeting agenda identified the Pasadena Equestrian Center at 4750 Oak Grove Drive.

The agenda identified RBR President Angela Lowell as the negotiating party and described the subject of the real-property negotiations as price and terms of payment under Government Code § 54956.8.

Yet RBR's records reflect repeated unanswered requests for meetings, followed by the City's termination notice.

This creates legitimate questions concerning the timing and authorization of the termination decision.

Government Code § 54956.8 authorizes certain closed-session real-property negotiations. Government Code § 54957.1 establishes reporting requirements for specified closed-session actions.

RBR demands identification of any reportable action concerning its tenancy, the date of that action, and the location of any required public report.

RBR further requests existing nonexempt records identifying when termination was first recommended, who authorized it, and whether the September 8 meeting formed part of that process.

If the evidence establishes a Brown Act violation, RBR reserves the right to evaluate remedies under Government Code §§ 54960 and 54960.1, subject to applicable procedural requirements and deadlines.

VI. POTENTIAL CONTRACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL CLAIMS

The City's termination raises separate questions concerning its contractual authority and compliance with the governing tenancy documents.

RBR requests the contractual provisions, inspection records, notices, and other materials supporting each stated termination ground.

Potential issues for legal review include:

- Whether the City complied with contractual notice and cure requirements.
- Whether alleged deficiencies were adequately documented.
- Whether the City's stated grounds are consistent with its prior communications and conduct.
- Whether any representations, course of dealing, or contractual commitments bear upon enforcement of the termination.
- Whether the termination implicates rights concerning RBR-owned infrastructure and improvements.
- Whether the City complied with applicable requirements governing public property and municipal decision-making.

Depending upon the governing agreements and established facts, counsel may evaluate claims for breach of contract, declaratory relief, equitable relief, or other available remedies.

RBR does not concede the validity of the termination or waive any contractual objection.

VII. FORMAL SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

This correspondence constitutes a supplemental request under the California Public Records Act and should be associated with Request No. 0047452.

RBR requests all existing records from January 1, 2024, through the date of this request, within the following categories:

1. The original September 8, 2026 meeting minutes and all attachments, exhibits, and supplemental correspondence.
2. Every retained draft, revision, correction, or republication of those materials.
3. All letters concerning RBR previously included in or linked to the September meeting materials.
4. Existing publication histories, audit logs, modification records, and communications concerning removal or replacement of the attachment.
5. All complaints and correspondence received by City officials concerning RBR, its management, operations, tenancy, trainers, or facilities.
6. Communications distributing, evaluating, investigating, summarizing, or discussing those complaints.
7. Records concerning RBR's prior requests that complaints be provided to its Board of Directors.
8. Records identifying complaints considered in connection with the termination decision.
9. Records establishing when termination was recommended, approved, authorized, or communicated.
10. Existing nonexempt records concerning the September 8 closed session and any publicly reportable action.

11. Communications involving Jeffrey Hernandez concerning RBR's requests for meetings.
12. Records concerning the October 6 Parks and Recreation agenda removal and references to pending litigation.
13. Applicable records-retention schedules and policies governing meeting minutes, public correspondence, and electronic publication histories.

RBR requests electronic production, including existing metadata and version information where legally disclosable.

This request does not demand that the City create documents that do not exist.

VIII. NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED LITIGATION — PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

The City is hereby placed on express notice that litigation concerning the termination, records disclosure, and related governmental actions is reasonably anticipated.

The City is requested to issue appropriate preservation instructions covering:

- Original and revised meeting materials.
- Removed attachments and correspondence.
- Website and document-management audit logs.
- Emails, text messages, calendars, and telephone records.
- Complaints concerning RBR.
- Records concerning the termination decision.
- Records concerning RBR's previous requests for disclosure.
- Relevant communications involving City management, elected officials, and employees.

Preservation must encompass available original files, retained versions, and relevant electronically stored information—not merely the documents currently visible on the City's website.

The City should suspend routine deletion practices affecting potentially relevant evidence.

Where a legally enforceable preservation duty exists, destruction or loss of relevant evidence may give rise to evidentiary sanctions or other remedies, depending upon the circumstances and applicable law.

RBR requests written confirmation that preservation instructions have been issued.

IX. DEMAND FOR STANDSTILL AND PROTECTION AGAINST PREJUDICIAL DELAY

The City has imposed a termination deadline while retaining records necessary for RBR's attorneys to evaluate the factual and legal basis for that action.

The resulting imbalance is substantial: the City controls the evidence, controls the termination timetable, and has not provided the substantive responses repeatedly requested by RBR.

RBR therefore demands that the City agree in writing to a reasonable standstill preserving the status quo while material records are produced and reviewed.

The requested agreement should suspend enforcement of the termination and efforts to recover possession during the agreed period, without waiving either party's rights.

No extension or tolling is assumed absent an express written agreement.

X. POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES AND JUDICIAL REMEDIES

The City Attorney is formally advised that RBR reserves the right to pursue all remedies supported by the evidence and applicable law.

These may include:

1. CPRA enforcement: A petition seeking disclosure under Government Code § 7923.000 et seq., including § 7923.100.

2. Attorney's fees and costs: Recovery under Government Code § 7923.115 where RBR qualifies as a prevailing requester.

3. Brown Act remedies: Appropriate declaratory, injunctive, or corrective relief under Government Code §§ 54960 and 54960.1, if a violation is established and statutory prerequisites are satisfied.

4. Contractual remedies: Claims arising from any established breach of the governing tenancy agreements.

5. Equitable relief: Temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, or other relief where an independent legal basis and the required evidentiary showing exist.

6. Evidence-preservation remedies: Appropriate sanctions or evidentiary relief if relevant evidence is lost or destroyed in violation of an applicable preservation duty.

7. Declaratory relief: Judicial determination of disputed rights concerning the tenancy, termination, and infrastructure where legally available.

RBR will evaluate whether the City's handling of the omitted correspondence, changes to published meeting materials, and termination decision warrants judicial scrutiny.

Nothing in this notice should be construed as asserting that a particular violation has already been conclusively established.

XI. FINAL DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE WRITTEN RESPONSE

Five days have elapsed without a substantive response. The City has not produced the requested complaints, has not explained the apparent removal of correspondence from its September meeting materials, and has not provided the evidentiary foundation requested for the termination.

RBR requests a written response from the City Attorney within 24 hours addressing:

1. The reason the September attachment is absent from the subsequently published materials.
2. The identity of the official responsible for the modification.
3. Whether the original materials and all retained versions have been preserved.
4. When the omitted correspondence and other responsive complaints will be produced.
5. The specific statutory basis for withholding any records.
6. Whether complaints were considered in the termination decision.
7. Whether the City will agree to a written standstill.
8. Whether appropriate preservation instructions have been issued.

RBR additionally requests initial voluntary expedited production within three business days, followed by rolling disclosure and compliance with all applicable CPRA deadlines.

The City should not expect RBR to defend itself against allegations it has not been permitted to examine, while leaving unexplained changes to the public record and allowing the termination deadline to advance.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, objections, and remedies. Nothing in this correspondence waives, tolls, or extends any applicable deadline.

I expect your immediate written response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick > wrote:

Dear City Attorney:

This constitutes my fourth formal communication within 72 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Seventy-two hours have now passed without a substantive response to our demands for the documentary evidence and legal justification supporting the termination.

Although the City has issued an administrative acknowledgment assigning Public Records Request No. **0047452**, no responsible official has identified the evidence supporting the City's decision, addressed the factual discrepancies previously raised, or agreed to expedited production.

This latest failure to communicate follows a recurring pattern of unanswered correspondence, unsuccessful requests for meetings, and administrative delays affecting RBR's continued operation.

The City has imposed a termination deadline upon RBR while retaining control over the records necessary for RBR and its legal counsel to evaluate and challenge that decision.

The City Attorney is hereby placed on formal notice of the legal obligations and foreseeable prejudice arising from this situation.

I. REPEATED NONRESPONSE

JEFFREY HERNANDEZ

During the preceding 30 days, RBR's President has repeatedly emailed Jeffrey Hernandez requesting a meeting and clarification concerning RBR's future at the Pasadena Equestrian Center.

The President has also placed multiple telephone calls.

Based upon RBR's records, these repeated emails and telephone calls to Jeffrey Hernandez have received no substantive response.

Instead, the City issued its termination notice.

The documented sequence raises legitimate questions regarding whether RBR's repeated attempts to obtain a meeting were considered in connection with the City's decision to terminate its tenancy.

While chronology alone does not establish retaliation, it provides a sufficient basis to demand existing records concerning the timing of the decision and the handling of RBR's communications.

Accordingly, RBR requests all nonexempt emails, telephone logs, calendar entries, memoranda, meeting notes, and internal communications concerning these requests and the subsequent termination.

II. STATUTORY RIGHT TO ACCESS PUBLIC RECORDS

The City Attorney is specifically directed to the following provisions of California law.

Government Code 7922.500 Prohibition Against Delay or Obstruction

The California Public Records Act expressly provides that nothing in the Act permits a public agency to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records.

RBR requests that the City evaluate its handling of Request No. 0047452 in light of this prohibition.

Government Code 7922.525 Right to Inspect Public Records

Public records are generally open to inspection during agency office hours, subject to applicable exemptions. Reasonably segregable nonexempt portions must be made available.

RBR therefore requests immediate inspection access to readily identifiable, nonexempt records relating to the termination.

Government Code 7922.530 Prompt Production of Records

This section requires public agencies to make reasonably identified, nonexempt records promptly available upon request, subject to applicable duplication fees.

The City must not treat the statutory period for making an initial disclosure determination as an automatic justification for delaying production of records that are ready for release.

Government Code 7922.535 Mandatory Determination and Response Deadlines

The City generally must determine within 10 calendar days whether the request seeks disclosable records and notify the requester of its determination and reasons.

If records are disclosable, the City must provide an estimated date and time when they will be available.

Any extension must comply with the statute's requirements concerning unusual circumstances, written notice, and the applicable maximum extension.

Government Code 7922.000 and 7922.540 Burden of Justifying Withholding and Written Denials

The City bears the burden of justifying withheld records under applicable law.

Any denial, in whole or in part, must comply with the statutory requirements for written notice, including identification of the responsible officials.

Government Code 7922.570 Electronic Records

Nonexempt public records maintained electronically must be made available electronically upon request, subject to the statute's conditions.

RBR expressly requests electronic production of responsive emails, correspondence, reports, spreadsheets, memoranda, and other electronically maintained records in formats authorized by this section.

Government Code 7922.600 Duty to Assist Requesters

The City must provide reasonable assistance in identifying responsive records, explaining where relevant records are maintained, and suggesting ways to overcome practical obstacles to disclosure.

If the City believes clarification is necessary, it should identify the specific issue promptly rather than allow avoidable uncertainty to delay processing.

III. CITY-CREATED PREJUDICE AND DEMAND FOR EXPEDITED DISCLOSURE

The City has imposed a fixed termination deadline affecting RBR's possession, operations, members, horses, contractual relationships, and substantial infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the City retains records directly relevant to whether the termination was factually supported, contractually authorized, and procedurally proper.

Every day of unnecessary delay diminishes the time available for RBR's attorneys to review the evidence, assess potential claims, and determine whether judicial intervention is necessary before the termination becomes effective.

RBR therefore demands the following voluntary expedited timetable:

1. **Within 24 hours:** Written identification of the official supervising Request No. 0047452 and confirmation of whether expedited handling has been approved.
2. **Within three business days:** Initial production of readily available, nonexempt records supporting the City's termination allegations.
3. **On a rolling basis:** Production of additional nonexempt responsive records as they become available.
4. **Promptly:** A written schedule identifying the anticipated dates for remaining production.
5. **Within 24 hours:** A written response concerning the requested termination extension or standstill agreement.

These accelerated deadlines are requested in light of the termination's urgency; they do not replace the statutory CPRA timetable.

IV. PRIORITY RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE

RBR reiterates its request for the following categories of existing records:

Maintenance and insurance: Inspection reports, deficiency notices, correspondence, insurance requirements, alleged violations, and records concerning opportunities to cure.

Public-benefit programming: Records identifying RBR's alleged contractual obligations, missed lessons, the City's Ride On purchase order, and related communications.

Termination decision: Staff recommendations, reports, memoranda, approvals, and communications reflecting the decision-making process.

Jeffrey Hernandez: Communications concerning the RBR President's repeated requests for meetings, including internal discussion of those requests and any relationship to the termination decision.

Barry Glockson: Communications involving Glockson and City officials concerning RBR's RFP, tenancy, or termination, including existing records of any conflict-of-interest or Brown Act compliance review.

October 6 agenda removal: Records concerning the removal of RBR from the Parks and Recreation agenda and the City's reference to "pending litigation."

RBR requests that all reasonably segregable nonexempt material be produced even where portions of a responsive record may be lawfully withheld.

V. DEMAND FOR WRITTEN STANDSTILL AGREEMENT

Because the City has imposed a termination deadline while controlling the requested records, RBR formally requests a written agreement to:

1. Extend the termination deadline for a reasonable period permitting disclosure and legal review.
2. Refrain from enforcing the termination or pursuing possession during that agreed period.
3. Preserve the parties' respective rights and positions.
4. Permit RBR's legal counsel a meaningful opportunity to evaluate the records and determine appropriate next steps.

No extension or tolling is assumed absent an express written agreement.

VI. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Litigation concerning RBR's termination is reasonably anticipated.

The City is therefore requested to preserve all potentially relevant evidence, including emails, text messages, call logs, calendar records, meeting notes, reports, drafts, electronic files, and communications involving Jeffrey Hernandez, Barry Glockson, the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City management.

The City should suspend routine deletion practices affecting relevant records and communicate appropriate preservation instructions to responsible personnel.

VII. STATUTORY ENFORCEMENT AND CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Government Code 7923.000 and 7923.100 Judicial Enforcement

Where a requester alleges that a public agency has improperly withheld public records, California law provides procedures for seeking judicial relief in Superior Court.

RBR reserves the right to pursue such relief if the City fails to comply with its statutory obligations.

Government Code 7923.115 Attorney's Fees and Costs

A requester who prevails in qualifying CPRA litigation is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and court costs under the statute.

If the City improperly withholds records or engages in legally actionable delay, RBR reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement and recover fees and costs where authorized.

RBR further reserves the right to seek appropriate injunctive, declaratory, or other relief concerning the termination where an independent legal basis exists.

Any demonstrated prejudice resulting from the City's handling of the records request may be presented in subsequent proceedings to the extent legally relevant.

VIII. FINAL DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Seventy-two hours have passed without a substantive response. Based upon RBR's records, its President has also spent the preceding 30 days repeatedly attempting to communicate with Jeffrey Hernandez without receiving a substantive reply.

The City has nevertheless imposed a termination deadline without providing the requested evidentiary foundation for its decision.

I request that the City Attorney respond within 24 hours confirming:

1. Who is responsible for expedited processing of CPRA Request No. 0047452.
2. When the first responsive records will be produced.
3. Whether the City will agree to a written extension or standstill.
4. Whether relevant preservation instructions have been issued.
5. Whether the City Attorney will review the unanswered meeting requests and the timing of the termination.

The City cannot reasonably impose a deadline that threatens the continued existence of an 80-year-old Pasadena institution while allowing avoidable administrative delays to diminish the time available for meaningful legal review.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, objections, and remedies. Nothing in this correspondence waives or extends any applicable deadline.

I expect your immediate written response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick n> wrote:

To the Mayor of Pasadena, Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services:

This constitutes my third formal correspondence within 48 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Forty-eight hours have passed without a single acknowledgment, substantive response, or identification of the evidence supporting the City's decision to terminate an institution that has served Pasadena for 80 years.

The City's continued silence is unacceptable from a standpoint of governmental transparency and public accountability, particularly given the substantial factual discrepancies, documented communications, and potential conflicts of interest that have now been brought to its attention.

I. FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CITY'S TERMINATION ALLEGATIONS

The City's termination cites alleged deferred maintenance, failures to provide public-benefit riding lessons, and insurance deficiencies.

Despite repeated written demands, the City has failed to produce the contemporaneous inspection reports, notices of violation, correspondence, contractual provisions, or other records substantiating these allegations.

Of particular concern is the City's January 30, 2026 correspondence from Enrique Arroyo expressly confirming that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons, with the

Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City has provided no explanation reconciling that arrangement with its subsequent allegations concerning RBR's failure to provide public-benefit programming.

The City must identify the specific contractual obligations allegedly breached, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the evidence relied upon in reaching its decision.

II. DOCUMENTED COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE BARRY GLOCKSON

Newly presented documentary evidence raises serious concerns regarding the possibility of improper influence upon the City's decision-making process.

In March 2026, Pasadena Police Department employee Barry Glockson was notified that his stall privileges at RBR would be terminated following repeated delinquency in boarding and feed payments.

RBR's records establish that Glockson owed $2,370 as of March 2026. Although the outstanding balance was subsequently paid, the RBR Board maintained its decision to terminate his stall privileges.

On March 24, 2026, Glockson responded from his official City of Pasadena email account, stating:

"I was speaking with the mayor this week regarding your RFP…"

He further stated:

"I will be sure to share the news you've evicted a member of the city's mounted unit from city property…"

This communication is significant for several reasons.

First, Glockson expressly represented that he had been discussing RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

Second, he indicated his intention to introduce his personal dispute with RBR into those discussions.

Third, the correspondence originated from an official City email account and referenced Glockson's supervisory responsibilities involving City parks.

These facts warrant investigation into whether a City employee attempted to use his governmental position and access to an elected

official to influence official action involving an organization with which he had a personal financial dispute.

The subsequent termination of RBR does not, by itself, establish a causal connection. Nevertheless, the City must disclose the relevant communications and determine whether this dispute influenced any recommendation, deliberation, or decision affecting RBR's tenancy.

III. POLITICAL EARWIGGING, POTENTIAL IMPROPER INFLUENCE, AND BROWN ACT CONCERNS

The March 24 correspondence also raises questions regarding what may be characterized as political earwigging: the use of private access to an elected official to advance a personal grievance concerning governmental business.

The City should investigate whether Glockson communicated allegations or recommendations concerning RBR to Mayor Victor Gordo, whether those communications were subsequently conveyed to other officials, and whether they influenced any City action.

The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code § 54950 et seq., including § 54952.2, restricts certain serial communications through which a majority of a legislative body discusses, deliberates, or takes action on public business outside an authorized meeting.

A private conversation between the Mayor and one employee does not independently establish a Brown Act violation. However, the City must determine whether that conversation became part of a prohibited serial discussion or other decision-making process inconsistent with applicable open-meeting requirements.

The following questions require examination:

1. What communications occurred between Glockson and Mayor Gordo concerning RBR, its RFP, or its tenancy?
2. Did Glockson raise his personal boarding dispute with the Mayor or other City officials?
3. Were any allegations, recommendations, or requests from Glockson transmitted to other Councilmembers or City decision-makers?
4. Did any such communications contribute to collective deliberation outside a properly noticed public meeting?
5. Did any official disclose or evaluate the potential conflict between Glockson's personal interests and his governmental position?

6. Were Glockson's communications considered in connection with the decision to terminate RBR?

The City cannot simply dismiss these questions as unrelated private matters when a City employee's own correspondence expressly connects his personal dispute to discussions concerning RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

IV. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE MAYOR'S POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

These issues also carry substantial implications for public confidence in the Mayor's administration and the City's decision-making process.

The Mayor's involvement in discussions concerning a longstanding nonprofit organization, particularly where a City employee has identified a personal dispute with that organization, warrants transparency and careful examination.

Any elected official pursuing higher public office in California remains accountable for the manner in which governmental authority is exercised, including the handling of potential conflicts of interest, open-government requirements, and the treatment of organizations operating on public property.

The public is entitled to determine whether decisions affecting an 80-year-old Pasadena institution were made through an impartial and properly documented governmental process, rather than influenced by private grievances or undisclosed communications.

RBR does not presume misconduct by the Mayor. It demands the records and explanations necessary to evaluate the facts.

V. FORMAL DEMAND FOR RECORDS AND WRITTEN RESPONSES

The City is hereby requested to:

1. Immediately acknowledge receipt of all three formal communications and identify the official responsible for responding.
2. Produce all nonexempt responsive records substantiating the termination allegations, including maintenance reports, inspection records, notices, insurance correspondence, and public-benefit programming records.
3. Identify the contractual provisions allegedly breached by RBR and explain the relationship between those obligations and the City's Ride On agreement.

4. Identify the factual and legal basis for removing RBR from the October 6 Parks and Recreation agenda under the designation of "pending litigation."
5. Produce all nonexempt responsive communications between Barry Glockson, Mayor Gordo, City Councilmembers, City management, and other City personnel concerning RBR, its RFP, boarding operations, tenancy, or termination.
6. Produce any existing records concerning conflict-of-interest reviews, ethics referrals, Brown Act compliance evaluations, or internal investigations involving these communications.
7. Identify the City personnel involved in recommending, reviewing, authorizing, or approving the termination and produce existing records reflecting their roles.
8. Confirm that potentially relevant records are being preserved.

VI. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND NOTICE TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE

This correspondence reiterates and supplements the prior formal requests under the California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.

The City is expected to comply with Government Code § 7922.535, including its statutory obligation to make a timely determination regarding disclosure, subject to any legally authorized extension.

The City is also formally requested to preserve all potentially relevant evidence, including emails, text messages, electronic communications, meeting notes, staff reports, internal memoranda, and correspondence involving City officials or third parties.

Given the disputed termination and reasonably anticipated litigation, the City should immediately suspend routine deletion or destruction of potentially relevant records and ensure that appropriate preservation instructions are communicated to all relevant custodians.

Any withholding of responsive records must be supported by an applicable legal exemption. If no responsive records exist following a reasonable search, the City should expressly state that determination.

VII. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The combination of disputed termination allegations, unanswered requests for evidence, unexplained governmental actions, and documented communications involving a City employee with a personal dispute against RBR raises substantial questions concerning

the factual foundation and integrity of the City's decision-making process.

These matters warrant prompt examination by the City Attorney and appropriate independent reviewers.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, and remedies available under California law, including the right to challenge the termination, seek enforcement of public-records obligations, and pursue any other appropriate administrative or judicial relief.

Nothing in this correspondence constitutes a waiver of any applicable right, remedy, objection, or deadline.

VIII. FINAL REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The City has exercised its authority to terminate an organization that has served the Pasadena community for eight decades.

It must now account for the evidence, communications, and governmental process underlying that decision.

Forty-eight hours have passed. Three formal communications have been sent. Not one acknowledgment has been received.

The City is requested to immediately acknowledge this correspondence, identify the responsible official, and provide a written timetable for addressing the outstanding demands.

The City of Pasadena cannot reasonably demand accountability from its nonprofit tenants while declining to provide basic transparency concerning its own actions.

The public deserves answers. Rose Bowl Riders deserves a documented explanation. The City must account for its decision.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

<2025 - 2026 email chain Barry Glockson.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick
' rote:

To the Pasadena Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services:

I am following up on my prior correspondence demanding the documentary evidence and legal justification supporting the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

The City's continued failure to acknowledge or substantively address these requests is deeply concerning, particularly given the significant factual discrepancies between the City's stated grounds for termination and its own written communications.

Of particular concern is the City's allegation that RBR failed to provide required public-benefit riding lessons during 2026.

On January 30, 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo expressly confirmed in writing that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons to City participants, with the Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City's subsequent reliance upon RBR's alleged failure to provide public-benefit lessons raises a material and unresolved inconsistency in the stated factual basis for termination.

The City cannot reasonably rely upon an alleged failure of contractual performance without identifying the specific obligation, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the contemporaneous evidence supporting that allegation.

Accordingly, I formally demand that the City:

1. **Identify the precise contractual provisions** allegedly breached by RBR, including an explanation of how those obligations operated alongside the City's existing Ride On agreement.
2. **Produce the complete documentary record** supporting the City's allegations concerning deferred

maintenance, unperformed repairs, public-benefit programming, participation, and insurance deficiencies, including all notices, inspection reports, correspondence, and records of alleged noncompliance.

3. **Provide a detailed accounting** of every allegedly missed public-benefit lesson, including the date, scheduled time, responsible provider, and documentation establishing RBR's obligation to provide that lesson.
4. **Identify the legal and factual basis** for removing RBR from the October 6, 2026 Parks and Recreation agenda under the characterization of "pending litigation," including whether any litigation has been filed or formally threatened.
5. **Confirm preservation of all relevant records**, including internal communications, emails, text messages, staff reports, and correspondence with third parties concerning the termination decision.

To the extent this correspondence requests identifiable public records, it is also intended as a formal request under the **California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.** Please process it accordingly, including the statutory determination required by Government Code § 7922.535. Any withholding must identify the applicable statutory exemption or other legal basis.

If the City possesses records substantiating its allegations, produce them. If responsive records do not exist following a reasonable search, state that expressly. If records are withheld, identify the statutory justification.

The termination of an 80-year-old Pasadena institution is a consequential governmental action that warrants a demonstrable factual foundation, transparency, and accountability.

The City's failure to reconcile these discrepancies raises legitimate questions regarding the accuracy and completeness of the information relied upon in reaching its decision.

RBR expressly reserves all rights and remedies available under applicable law, including the right to

challenge the factual and legal grounds for termination and seek judicial review or other appropriate relief.

Please immediately acknowledge receipt and confirm that this request has been referred to the appropriate records custodian. We expect the City's statutory response within the time prescribed by California law.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

EXHIBIT A — CITY OF PASADENA CORRESPONDENCE

From: Arroyo, Enrique earroyo@cityofpasadena.net
Date: Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 4:12 PM
Subject: RE: Meeting request from RBR
To: Hernandez, Jeffrey jehernandez@cityofpasadena.net, James, Kenneth kjames@cityofpasadena.net
Cc: Rose Bowl Riders rosebowlriders@gmail.com, Panossian, Koko kpanossian@cityofpasadena.net, Perez, Ruben rPerez@cityofpasadena.net

Hi Everyone,

The City/PRCS is happy to meet with RBR. With regards to the proposed agenda, the City/PRCS currently has a purchase order in place with Ride-On to provide horse riding lessons to our participants. For the sake continuity, the Department hopes to continue with Ride On through the end of the contract, June 30, 2026.

Please note that all program service providers must meet City insurance requirements and submit the appropriate certificates at the time of a contract award.

If RBR still wishes to meet, please send meeting availability starting with the week of February 9.

Have a good weekend!

Enrique

On Oct 7, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Katherine Ginzton. I am the current Operations Manager for Rose Bowl Riders ("RBR") and the owner of Myrtle Hill Farm.

After reviewing RBR's records, correspondence, and communications with the City, I am requesting clarification and supporting documentation concerning several factual assertions contained in the City's termination correspondence.

Deferred Maintenance and Lack of Repairs

The City's termination references deferred maintenance and/or a failure to make necessary repairs. After reviewing the records presently available to me, I have been unable to locate correspondence in which the City identified specific deferred maintenance, demanded particular repairs, established deadlines for corrective action, or notified RBR that its maintenance of the property constituted a material concern.

Please provide:

- The specific items of deferred maintenance and repairs upon which the City relied in reaching its decision;
- The dates on which each condition was identified;
- Copies of emails, letters, inspection reports, photographs, notices, or other communications notifying RBR of those conditions;
- Any deadlines provided to RBR for corrective action; and

- Any documentation establishing that RBR failed to correct an identified condition after receiving notice.

2025 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination states that the City's required public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2025.

RBR contracted with a service provider to provide those lessons. Please explain the City's factual and contractual basis for concluding that lessons furnished through a contracted service provider did not satisfy RBR's obligation.

If the City's position is that particular required lessons were not provided, please identify the specific dates and times on which lessons were required but allegedly not provided and provide the records supporting that determination.

2026 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination similarly states that the City's public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2026.

However, in April 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo advised RBR by email that the City had contracted with Ride On to provide the public-benefit lessons for 2026.

Please explain how RBR could subsequently be cited for failing to provide lessons that the City had informed RBR would be provided pursuant to the City's own contract with Ride On.

If the City nevertheless contends that RBR remained responsible for providing particular lessons, please identify the contractual provision supporting that position and provide the dates, times, and records identifying each lesson the City contends RBR failed to provide.

2022–2023 Public Benefit Participation

The termination also characterizes the public benefit provided during 2022–2023 as limited and refers to limited known participants.

Please provide the records supporting that assertion, including the participant information or participant counts relied upon by the City, the dates of the applicable programs, and the methodology used to determine that participation was insufficient.

Insurance

The termination further states that required insurance was not provided "at times."

That statement is insufficiently specific for RBR to meaningfully evaluate or respond to it. Please identify each period during which the City contends RBR lacked required insurance, including:

- The beginning and ending dates of each alleged lapse;
- The particular insurance coverage allegedly missing or deficient;
- The applicable contractual insurance requirement;
- Copies of communications notifying RBR of the alleged deficiency;
- Copies of requests from the City for certificates, endorsements, or other insurance documentation; and
- The date upon which the City contends each deficiency was corrected, if applicable.

These questions concern factual assertions the City itself relied upon in taking the extraordinary step of terminating RBR's tenancy after decades of operation at the Pasadena Equestrian Center. RBR is entitled to understand the factual record supporting those assertions.

If the City possesses documentation substantiating these statements, please provide it. If documentation does not exist, or if any statement in the termination was based upon incomplete, inaccurate, or subsequently contradicted information, please identify and correct the record accordingly.

I respectfully request a written response addressing each issue individually rather than a generalized response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager
Rose Bowl Riders

Owner
Myrtle Hill Farm

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2026 8:51 AM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine
Subject: FW: Rose Bowl Riders
Attachments: Enrique and C Sieffert talking during RFP process May-June 2026.pdf

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From: Greg Hedrick
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2026 8:32:02 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Hernandez, Jeffrey <jehernandez@cityofpasadena.net>; Arroyo, Enrique <earroyo@cityofpasadena.net>; Panossian, Koko <kpanossian@cityofpasadena.net>; crimeandsafety@scng.com <crimeandsafety@scng.com>; news.star-news@sgvn.com <news.star-news@sgvn.com>; sgowen@scgn.com <sgowen@scgn.com>; Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>; Hampton, Tyron <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Cole, Rick <rcole@cityofpasadena.net>; Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jrivas@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Jones, Justin <jjones@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Derderian, Lisa <lderderian@cityofpasadena.net>; Hawkesworth, Matthew <mhawkesworth@cityofpasadena.net>; Rose Bowl Riders <rosebowlriders@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Rose Bowl Riders

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Dear Mayor Gordo, Members of the City Council, and City Attorney:

This correspondence constitutes a formal addendum to our previous notices concerning the City's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), the disputed legal basis for that termination, the ownership of substantial equestrian infrastructure, and the City's handling of public records.

Newly reviewed correspondence raises serious questions concerning the impartiality, integrity, and administration of the City's process for determining the future operator of the Pasadena Equestrian Center.

The attached five-page email chain, dated May 13 through June 3, 2026, documents communications between Cornelia Seiffert and personnel using the City's official Equestrian Center RFP email account. The correspondence also identifies Koko Panossian and Jeffrey Hernandez as recipients of communications concerning the matter.

These records are particularly significant because Ms. Seiffert simultaneously expressed interest in organizing a prospective competing bid, advocated for an alternative operator, and communicated allegations against RBR and Myrtle Hill Farm.

The issue is not whether a resident may criticize RBR or express interest in competing for a City contract. Both are legitimate activities. The issue is whether City personnel maintained a fair and consistently administered procurement process while receiving such communications—and whether those communications subsequently influenced the termination of the existing operator.

I. THE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

The attached correspondence establishes the following chronology.

May 13, 2026 — Inquiry Concerning Competing Proposals

Ms. Seiffert contacted the City's Equestrian Center RFP account requesting access to bids for operation of the facility.

The City responded that a contract had not been awarded and that the requested information was unavailable to the public, describing that position as consistent with the Public Records Act and supported by the City Attorney.

Ms. Seiffert subsequently asked about the anticipated award or reissuance of the RFP.

The City responded that no timeline had been established.

These exchanges demonstrate that City personnel understood the correspondence to concern an active or prospective operator-selection process.

May 14, 2026 — Expression of Interest in a Competing Bid

Ms. Seiffert informed the City that she had a group of experienced equestrians and professionals potentially interested in forming a nonprofit organization, raising capital, and submitting a bid.

She simultaneously criticized RBR's existing leadership and Myrtle Hill Farm, alleging exclusion of other trainers and conflicts of interest.

This is a material distinction.

The City was not merely receiving commentary from a member of the public. It was receiving advocacy from an individual who had expressly identified a potential interest in competing for operation of the facility.

May 21–22, 2026 — Direct Communication With City Personnel

On May 21, the City's RFP account offered to arrange a telephone conversation with Ms. Seiffert.

Later that day, Ms. Seiffert indicated that she was available to speak on Friday.

On May 22, Ms. Seiffert thanked Enrique for speaking with her that day and stated that she had provided material to the United States Equestrian Federation concerning what she considered animal-welfare issues.

The documents therefore support that a conversation occurred, although they do not establish its full content.

June 2, 2026 — Advocacy for an Alternative Operator and Removal of Myrtle Hill Farm

Ms. Seiffert again contacted Enrique and urged the City to consider an alternative to RBR's current leadership and Myrtle Hill Farm.

She specifically suggested Ride On as an alternative operator, alleged deficiencies in oversight and compliance, and advocated for Myrtle Hill Farm's removal.

She also referred to individuals who she believed could assist Ride On in managing boarding operations.

These were Ms. Seiffert's allegations and proposals. Their truth is not established by their inclusion in the email.

June 3, 2026 — Internal Distribution to Senior City Personnel

The City's RFP account forwarded Ms. Seiffert's June 2 correspondence to Koko Panossian and Jeffrey Hernandez, with the message:

"FYI….."

The forwarding email was signed Enrique.

This establishes that advocacy favoring an alternative operator and criticizing the incumbent was circulated internally to additional City personnel.

It does not establish that those officials agreed with the allegations or relied upon them. That is precisely why the City must disclose the subsequent decision-making record.

II. THE CITY MUST EXPLAIN WHETHER THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS WAS IMPARTIAL

Public procurement requires more than the appearance of an open competition.

Where applicable procurement rules, solicitation terms, or City policies require equal treatment, consistent access to information, or restricted communications, those requirements must be applied uniformly.

The attached correspondence raises questions about whether prospective bidders and the existing operator were afforded equivalent opportunities to communicate with City decision-makers.

RBR requests identification of all applicable procurement rules and communication protocols, including whether interested parties were permitted to discuss the merits of competing operators privately with City personnel.

If the City provided a potential competitor with individualized access to personnel involved in evaluating the future of the facility, the City must explain whether comparable access was available to other interested parties and how those communications were documented.

A private conversation is not inherently unlawful. Nor is receiving criticism of an incumbent.

However, **undocumented or inconsistently managed bidder communications can compromise the defensibility of a procurement when they affect evaluations, access to information, or the treatment of competing proposals.**

III. THE CONNECTION TO RBR'S TERMINATION REQUIRES INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

The timing and substance of these communications are relevant to the City's subsequent decision to terminate RBR's tenancy.

The record now reflects that City personnel received allegations concerning RBR, proposals for alternative management, and requests to remove Myrtle Hill Farm months before the termination notice.

The City must determine whether those allegations or proposals were considered in connection with termination.

Specifically:

- Were Ms. Seiffert's allegations investigated or independently verified?
- Were they incorporated into staff reports, recommendations, or communications with decision-makers?
- Did City personnel discuss replacing RBR or Myrtle Hill Farm with Ride On or another operator?
- Were RBR representatives given an opportunity to respond to factual allegations if those allegations were relied upon?
- Did any City employee involved in the communications subsequently participate in preparing or recommending termination?
- Were any prospective bidders given nonpublic information or procedural advantages?

If the termination was influenced by unverified allegations or a predetermined preference for a successor operator, those facts could materially affect the evaluation of the City's contractual conduct, the credibility of its stated rationale, and any claim that the decision-making process was impartial.

The correspondence does not yet prove that outcome. It establishes a factual basis for demanding an explanation and the underlying records.

IV. POTENTIAL LEGAL THEORIES AND CONSEQUENCES

A. Breach of Contract and the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

If the City's conduct violated enforceable provisions of RBR's governing agreements, RBR may pursue contract remedies.

Evidence that officials sought to favor a successor operator could become relevant to the City's conduct, particularly if the lease imposed obligations that the City failed to honor.

However, a preference for another operator would not independently invalidate an otherwise lawful termination right.

B. Procurement Rules, Equal Treatment, and Administrative Fairness

If Pasadena's municipal procurement rules or the governing RFP prohibited unequal bidder access, unauthorized communications, or undisclosed evaluation criteria, a violation could support an appropriate administrative or judicial challenge.

RBR demands disclosure of the actual rules applicable to the 2026 communications.

The City should not be permitted to rely upon general assurances of fairness where the underlying communications and evaluation records can be examined.

C. California Public Records Act

The May–June correspondence identifies additional categories of records potentially responsive to RBR's existing requests.

RBR requests all nonexempt communications concerning Ms. Seiffert, prospective competing operators, Ride On, RBR, Myrtle Hill Farm, and the City's decision concerning the facility.

This includes available records of the May 22 conversation, subsequent internal discussions, and communications involving the officials to whom the June 3 email was forwarded.

D. Injunctive and Declaratory Relief

If evidence establishes an enforceable legal right that is threatened by termination or successor implementation, RBR may seek declaratory relief under Code of Civil Procedure § 1060 and appropriate injunctive relief under § 526.

An injunction is not automatic, and litigation alone does not prohibit a new RFP.

Nevertheless, a court order protecting possession or disputed infrastructure could materially restrict the City's ability to implement a successor operating agreement.

V. HOW THESE COMMUNICATIONS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT A FUTURE RFP

The City should be concerned not only about whether the prior process was fair, but also whether prospective operators will trust the next one.

A qualified applicant considering operation of the Pasadena Equestrian Center would reasonably evaluate the consistency of the City's procurement procedures, the reliability of information provided, the legal status of the facility, and the likelihood of litigation.

If City personnel are perceived as privately entertaining advocacy from prospective competitors while the incumbent's future is being determined, serious applicants may question whether the process is genuinely open.

That perception could have several consequences.

Reduced participation. Qualified organizations may decline to incur legal, financial, and consulting expenses preparing proposals if they lack confidence that published criteria will determine the award.

Increased bid costs. Applicants may need additional legal review and due diligence to assess the City's handling of communications, disputed infrastructure, and potential litigation.

Conditional proposals. Sophisticated applicants may condition their offers on clear title or rights to improvements, uncontested possession, litigation resolution, or indemnification.

Higher operating costs. Applicants may price legal uncertainty, infrastructure replacement, delayed access, and transition risk into their proposals.

Potential challenges to an award. If the City fails to follow binding procurement rules or offers property rights it cannot lawfully deliver, a successor award may become subject to judicial challenge.

Damage to procurement credibility. The City's ability to attract experienced operators may suffer if applicants believe decisions are influenced by undisclosed advocacy rather than published evaluation criteria.

These are foreseeable risks, not proof that any applicant has already withdrawn or that a future RFP would necessarily fail.

A City seeking qualified, financially capable, long-term operators must demonstrate that its selection process is transparent, impartial, and governed by objective criteria.

VI. THE CITY'S ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT MAY BE RESTRICTED

The procurement concerns are compounded by the existing dispute over RBR-owned infrastructure.

RBR maintains that the City has acknowledged ownership of substantial improvements in prior leases and RFP documentation.

The City must establish which improvements it can lawfully make available to a successor operator.

If litigation establishes RBR's ownership and a threatened violation of its rights, RBR may seek relief preventing unauthorized transfer, alteration, removal, or use of those improvements.

Such an order could affect the practical implementation of a successor agreement, even if the City remains free to publish an RFP.

The City cannot eliminate contractual or property disputes simply by awarding operation of the facility to a third party.

Nor should it make commitments to prospective bidders without adequately identifying disputed property interests and litigation risks.

VII. INDEPENDENT REVIEW IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE

The City should not assign sole responsibility for reviewing these communications to the same personnel whose conduct is being examined.

RBR requests an independent assessment by the City Attorney or appropriately independent outside counsel of:

1. The applicable procurement and communication rules.
2. The May 22 conversation and any related notes or follow-up communications.
3. Whether Ms. Seiffert or any associated prospective operator received preferential information or access.
4. Whether comparable opportunities were provided to RBR and other interested applicants.
5. Whether the allegations against RBR were verified before any official reliance upon them.
6. Whether the June 3 forwarded correspondence influenced termination recommendations or future procurement planning.
7. Whether any actual financial or organizational conflict requiring disclosure or recusal existed.
8. Whether personnel involved in the disputed communications should participate in a future RFP evaluation.

The appearance of possible partiality is sufficient to justify an independent review. A legal finding of improper favoritism would require additional evidence.

VIII. FORMAL DEMANDS AND PRESERVATION NOTICE

RBR requests that the City:

1. Preserve the complete May–June email chain in native electronic form, including available attachments and metadata.
2. Preserve records of communications with Ms. Seiffert, Ride On, and any other prospective operator concerning the Pasadena Equestrian Center.
3. Produce all nonexempt records of the May 22 telephone conversation and any subsequent discussions.
4. Identify the City personnel responsible for evaluating potential operators and recommending termination.
5. Disclose the procurement rules, evaluation criteria, bidder-contact policies, and conflict-of-interest procedures applicable during the relevant period.
6. State whether Ms. Seiffert's allegations were relied upon in recommending or approving termination.
7. Explain whether any future RFP will be administered by personnel independent of the communications under review.
8. Agree to a written standstill on termination enforcement and successor implementation while the parties evaluate the contractual and property issues.
9. Preserve all records concerning the previous unsuccessful RFP and any contemplated successor procurement.

10. Provide a substantive written response concerning the proposed independent review and standstill within five business days.

These records requests supplement CPRA Request No. 0047452. Applicable statutory deadlines remain unchanged.

IX. FINAL NOTICE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

The City cannot credibly ask the public or prospective operators to trust the integrity of its next RFP while leaving substantial questions about the administration of the previous process unanswered.

The attached communications do not, standing alone, prove unlawful favoritism, a predetermined termination, or an improper agreement with a prospective competitor.

They do establish that City personnel received direct advocacy from an individual interested in a competing operating arrangement, engaged in a telephone conversation with that individual, and forwarded her allegations and proposals to additional officials.

Those facts warrant examination.

The City Council must now determine whether Pasadena's decisions concerning an 80-year-old nonprofit were based upon documented contractual grounds and consistently administered procedures—or whether outside advocacy was allowed to influence a process that should have been conducted impartially.

Failure to address these questions may expose the City to additional litigation, procurement uncertainty, increased operating costs, and diminished confidence among the qualified organizations it may later seek to attract.

RBR requests that the Mayor and Council direct an independent review, require preservation and production of relevant records, and reconsider proceeding with termination or successor implementation before these matters are adequately addressed.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, and remedies. Nothing in this addendum constitutes a waiver of any statutory or contractual deadline.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

Reference: CPRA Request No. 0047452

Attachment A: May 13–June 3, 2026, email correspondence between Cornelia Seiffert and the City of Pasadena Equestrian Center RFP account, including the June 3 internal forwarding email to Koko Panossian and Jeffrey Hernandez.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick [redacted] wrote:

Dear City Attorney:

This constitutes my fourth formal communication within 72 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Seventy-two hours have now passed without a substantive response to our demands for the documentary evidence and legal justification supporting the termination.

Although the City has issued an administrative acknowledgment assigning Public Records Request No. **0047452**, no responsible official has identified the evidence supporting the City's decision, addressed the factual discrepancies previously raised, or agreed to expedited production.

This latest failure to communicate follows a recurring pattern of unanswered correspondence, unsuccessful requests for meetings, and administrative delays affecting RBR's continued operation.

The City has imposed a termination deadline upon RBR while retaining control over the records necessary for RBR and its legal counsel to evaluate and challenge that decision.

The City Attorney is hereby placed on formal notice of the legal obligations and foreseeable prejudice arising from this situation.

I. REPEATED NONRESPONSE

JEFFREY HERNANDEZ

During the preceding 30 days, RBR's President has repeatedly emailed Jeffrey Hernandez requesting a meeting and clarification concerning RBR's future at the Pasadena Equestrian Center.

The President has also placed multiple telephone calls.

Based upon RBR's records, these repeated emails and telephone calls to Jeffrey Hernandez have received no substantive response.

Instead, the City issued its termination notice.

The documented sequence raises legitimate questions regarding whether RBR's repeated attempts to obtain a meeting were considered in connection with the City's decision to terminate its tenancy.

While chronology alone does not establish retaliation, it provides a sufficient basis to demand existing records concerning the timing of the decision and the handling of RBR's communications.

Accordingly, RBR requests all nonexempt emails, telephone logs, calendar entries, memoranda, meeting notes, and internal communications concerning these requests and the subsequent termination.

II. STATUTORY RIGHT TO ACCESS PUBLIC RECORDS

The City Attorney is specifically directed to the following provisions of California law.

Government Code 7922.500 Prohibition Against Delay or Obstruction

The California Public Records Act expressly provides that nothing in the Act permits a public agency to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records.

RBR requests that the City evaluate its handling of Request No. 0047452 in light of this prohibition.

Government Code 7922.525 Right to Inspect Public Records

Public records are generally open to inspection during agency office hours, subject to applicable exemptions. Reasonably segregable nonexempt portions must be made available.

RBR therefore requests immediate inspection access to readily identifiable, nonexempt records relating to the termination.

Government Code 7922.530 Prompt Production of Records

This section requires public agencies to make reasonably identified, nonexempt records promptly available upon request, subject to applicable duplication fees.

The City must not treat the statutory period for making an initial disclosure determination as an automatic justification for delaying production of records that are ready for release.

Government Code 7922.535 Mandatory Determination and Response Deadlines

The City generally must determine within 10 calendar days whether the request seeks disclosable records and notify the requester of its determination and reasons.

If records are disclosable, the City must provide an estimated date and time when they will be available.

Any extension must comply with the statute's requirements concerning unusual circumstances, written notice, and the applicable maximum extension.

Government Code 7922.000 and 7922.540 Burden of Justifying Withholding and Written Denials

The City bears the burden of justifying withheld records under applicable law.

Any denial, in whole or in part, must comply with the statutory requirements for written notice, including identification of the responsible officials.

Government Code 7922.570 Electronic Records

Nonexempt public records maintained electronically must be made available electronically upon request, subject to the statute's conditions.

RBR expressly requests electronic production of responsive emails, correspondence, reports, spreadsheets, memoranda, and other electronically maintained records in formats authorized by this section.

Government Code 7922.600 Duty to Assist Requesters

The City must provide reasonable assistance in identifying responsive records, explaining where relevant records are maintained, and suggesting ways to overcome practical obstacles to disclosure.

If the City believes clarification is necessary, it should identify the specific issue promptly rather than allow avoidable uncertainty to delay processing.

III. CITY-CREATED PREJUDICE AND DEMAND FOR EXPEDITED DISCLOSURE

The City has imposed a fixed termination deadline affecting RBR's possession, operations, members, horses, contractual relationships, and substantial infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the City retains records directly relevant to whether the termination was factually supported, contractually authorized, and procedurally proper.

Every day of unnecessary delay diminishes the time available for RBR's attorneys to review the evidence, assess potential claims, and determine whether judicial intervention is necessary before the termination becomes effective.

RBR therefore demands the following voluntary expedited timetable:

1. **Within 24 hours:** Written identification of the official supervising Request No. 0047452 and confirmation of whether expedited handling has been approved.
2. **Within three business days:** Initial production of readily available, nonexempt records supporting the City's termination allegations.
3. **On a rolling basis:** Production of additional nonexempt responsive records as they become available.
4. **Promptly:** A written schedule identifying the anticipated dates for remaining production.
5. **Within 24 hours:** A written response concerning the requested termination extension or standstill agreement.

These accelerated deadlines are requested in light of the termination's urgency; they do not replace the statutory CPRA timetable.

IV. PRIORITY RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE

RBR reiterates its request for the following categories of existing records:

Maintenance and insurance: Inspection reports, deficiency notices, correspondence, insurance requirements, alleged violations, and records concerning opportunities to cure.

Public-benefit programming: Records identifying RBR's alleged contractual obligations, missed lessons, the City's Ride On purchase order, and related communications.

Termination decision: Staff recommendations, reports, memoranda, approvals, and communications reflecting the decision-making process.

Jeffrey Hernandez: Communications concerning the RBR President's repeated requests for meetings, including internal discussion of those requests and any relationship to the termination decision.

Barry Glockson: Communications involving Glockson and City officials concerning RBR's RFP, tenancy, or termination, including existing records of any conflict-of-interest or Brown Act compliance review.

October 6 agenda removal: Records concerning the removal of RBR from the Parks and Recreation agenda and the City's reference to "pending litigation."

RBR requests that all reasonably segregable nonexempt material be produced even where portions of a responsive record may be lawfully withheld.

V. DEMAND FOR WRITTEN STANDSTILL AGREEMENT

Because the City has imposed a termination deadline while controlling the requested records, RBR formally requests a written agreement to:

1. Extend the termination deadline for a reasonable period permitting disclosure and legal review.
2. Refrain from enforcing the termination or pursuing possession during that agreed period.
3. Preserve the parties' respective rights and positions.
4. Permit RBR's legal counsel a meaningful opportunity to evaluate the records and determine appropriate next steps.

No extension or tolling is assumed absent an express written agreement.

VI. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Litigation concerning RBR's termination is reasonably anticipated.

The City is therefore requested to preserve all potentially relevant evidence, including emails, text messages, call logs, calendar records, meeting notes, reports, drafts, electronic files, and communications involving Jeffrey Hernandez, Barry Glockson, the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City management.

The City should suspend routine deletion practices affecting relevant records and communicate appropriate preservation instructions to responsible personnel.

VII. STATUTORY ENFORCEMENT AND CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Government Code 7923.000 and 7923.100 Judicial Enforcement

Where a requester alleges that a public agency has improperly withheld public records, California law provides procedures for seeking judicial relief in Superior Court.

RBR reserves the right to pursue such relief if the City fails to comply with its statutory obligations.

Government Code 7923.115 Attorney's Fees and Costs

A requester who prevails in qualifying CPRA litigation is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and court costs under the statute.

If the City improperly withholds records or engages in legally actionable delay, RBR reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement and recover fees and costs where authorized.

RBR further reserves the right to seek appropriate injunctive, declaratory, or other relief concerning the termination where an independent legal basis exists.

Any demonstrated prejudice resulting from the City's handling of the records request may be presented in subsequent proceedings to the extent legally relevant.

VIII. FINAL DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Seventy-two hours have passed without a substantive response. Based upon RBR's records, its President has also spent the preceding 30 days repeatedly attempting to communicate with Jeffrey Hernandez without receiving a substantive reply.

The City has nevertheless imposed a termination deadline without providing the requested evidentiary foundation for its decision.

I request that the City Attorney respond within 24 hours confirming:

1. Who is responsible for expedited processing of CPRA Request No. 0047452.
2. When the first responsive records will be produced.
3. Whether the City will agree to a written extension or standstill.
4. Whether relevant preservation instructions have been issued.
5. Whether the City Attorney will review the unanswered meeting requests and the timing of the termination.

The City cannot reasonably impose a deadline that threatens the continued existence of an 80-year-old Pasadena institution while allowing avoidable administrative delays to diminish the time available for meaningful legal review.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, objections, and remedies. Nothing in this correspondence waives or extends any applicable deadline.

I expect your immediate written response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick [redacted] wrote:

To the Mayor of Pasadena, Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services:

This constitutes my third formal correspondence within 48 hours concerning the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.

Forty-eight hours have passed without a single acknowledgment, substantive response, or identification of the evidence supporting the City's decision to terminate an institution that has served Pasadena for 80 years.

The City's continued silence is unacceptable from a standpoint of governmental transparency and public accountability, particularly given the substantial factual discrepancies, documented communications, and potential conflicts of interest that have now been brought to its attention.

I. FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CITY'S TERMINATION ALLEGATIONS

The City's termination cites alleged deferred maintenance, failures to provide public-benefit riding lessons, and insurance deficiencies.

Despite repeated written demands, the City has failed to produce the contemporaneous inspection reports, notices of violation, correspondence, contractual provisions, or other records substantiating these allegations.

Of particular concern is the City's January 30, 2026 correspondence from Enrique Arroyo expressly confirming that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons, with the Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City has provided no explanation reconciling that arrangement with its subsequent allegations concerning RBR's failure to provide public-benefit programming.

The City must identify the specific contractual obligations allegedly breached, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the evidence relied upon in reaching its decision.

II. DOCUMENTED COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE BARRY GLOCKSON

Newly presented documentary evidence raises serious concerns regarding the possibility of improper influence upon the City's decision-making process.

In March 2026, Pasadena Police Department employee Barry Glockson was notified that his stall privileges at RBR would be terminated following repeated delinquency in boarding and feed payments.

RBR's records establish that Glockson owed $2,370 as of March 2026. Although the outstanding balance was subsequently paid, the RBR Board maintained its decision to terminate his stall privileges.

On March 24, 2026, Glockson responded from his official City of Pasadena email account, stating:

"I was speaking with the mayor this week regarding your RFP…"

He further stated:

"I will be sure to share the news you've evicted a member of the city's mounted unit from city property…"

This communication is significant for several reasons.

First, Glockson expressly represented that he had been discussing RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

Second, he indicated his intention to introduce his personal dispute with RBR into those discussions.

Third, the correspondence originated from an official City email account and referenced Glockson's supervisory responsibilities involving City parks.

These facts warrant investigation into whether a City employee attempted to use his governmental position and access to an elected official to influence official action involving an organization with which he had a personal financial dispute.

The subsequent termination of RBR does not, by itself, establish a causal connection. Nevertheless, the City must disclose the relevant communications and determine whether this dispute influenced any recommendation, deliberation, or decision affecting RBR's tenancy.

III. POLITICAL EARWIGGING, POTENTIAL IMPROPER INFLUENCE, AND BROWN ACT CONCERNS

The March 24 correspondence also raises questions regarding what may be characterized as political earwigging: the use of private access to an elected official to advance a personal grievance concerning governmental business.

The City should investigate whether Glockson communicated allegations or recommendations concerning RBR to Mayor Victor Gordo, whether those communications were subsequently conveyed to other officials, and whether they influenced any City action.

The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code § 54950 et seq., including § 54952.2, restricts certain serial communications through which a majority of a legislative body discusses, deliberates, or takes action on public business outside an authorized meeting.

A private conversation between the Mayor and one employee does not independently establish a Brown Act violation. However, the City must determine whether that conversation became part of a prohibited serial discussion or other decision-making process inconsistent with applicable open-meeting requirements.

The following questions require examination:

1. What communications occurred between Glockson and Mayor Gordo concerning RBR, its RFP, or its tenancy?
2. Did Glockson raise his personal boarding dispute with the Mayor or other City officials?
3. Were any allegations, recommendations, or requests from Glockson transmitted to other Councilmembers or City decision-makers?
4. Did any such communications contribute to collective deliberation outside a properly noticed public meeting?
5. Did any official disclose or evaluate the potential conflict between Glockson's personal interests and his governmental position?
6. Were Glockson's communications considered in connection with the decision to terminate RBR?

The City cannot simply dismiss these questions as unrelated private matters when a City employee's own correspondence expressly connects his personal dispute to discussions concerning RBR's RFP with the Mayor.

IV. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE MAYOR'S POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

These issues also carry substantial implications for public confidence in the Mayor's administration and the City's decision-making process.

The Mayor's involvement in discussions concerning a longstanding nonprofit organization, particularly where a City employee has identified a personal dispute with that organization, warrants transparency and careful examination.

Any elected official pursuing higher public office in California remains accountable for the manner in which governmental authority is exercised, including the handling of potential conflicts of interest,

open-government requirements, and the treatment of organizations operating on public property.

The public is entitled to determine whether decisions affecting an 80-year-old Pasadena institution were made through an impartial and properly documented governmental process, rather than influenced by private grievances or undisclosed communications.

RBR does not presume misconduct by the Mayor. It demands the records and explanations necessary to evaluate the facts.

V. FORMAL DEMAND FOR RECORDS AND WRITTEN RESPONSES

The City is hereby requested to:

1. Immediately acknowledge receipt of all three formal communications and identify the official responsible for responding.
2. Produce all nonexempt responsive records substantiating the termination allegations, including maintenance reports, inspection records, notices, insurance correspondence, and public-benefit programming records.
3. Identify the contractual provisions allegedly breached by RBR and explain the relationship between those obligations and the City's Ride On agreement.
4. Identify the factual and legal basis for removing RBR from the October 6 Parks and Recreation agenda under the designation of "pending litigation."
5. Produce all nonexempt responsive communications between Barry Glockson, Mayor Gordo, City Councilmembers, City management, and other City personnel concerning RBR, its RFP, boarding operations, tenancy, or termination.
6. Produce any existing records concerning conflict-of-interest reviews, ethics referrals, Brown Act compliance evaluations, or internal investigations involving these communications.
7. Identify the City personnel involved in recommending, reviewing, authorizing, or approving the termination and produce existing records reflecting their roles.
8. Confirm that potentially relevant records are being preserved.

VI. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND NOTICE TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE

This correspondence reiterates and supplements the prior formal requests under the California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.

The City is expected to comply with Government Code § 7922.535, including its statutory obligation to make a timely determination regarding disclosure, subject to any legally authorized extension.

The City is also formally requested to preserve all potentially relevant evidence, including emails, text messages, electronic communications, meeting notes, staff reports, internal memoranda, and correspondence involving City officials or third parties.

Given the disputed termination and reasonably anticipated litigation, the City should immediately suspend routine deletion or destruction of potentially relevant records and ensure that appropriate preservation instructions are communicated to all relevant custodians.

Any withholding of responsive records must be supported by an applicable legal exemption. If no responsive records exist following a reasonable search, the City should expressly state that determination.

VII. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The combination of disputed termination allegations, unanswered requests for evidence, unexplained governmental actions, and documented communications involving a City employee with a personal dispute against RBR raises substantial questions concerning the factual foundation and integrity of the City's decision-making process.

These matters warrant prompt examination by the City Attorney and appropriate independent reviewers.

RBR expressly reserves all rights, claims, defenses, and remedies available under California law, including the right to challenge the termination, seek enforcement of public-records obligations, and pursue any other appropriate administrative or judicial relief.

Nothing in this correspondence constitutes a waiver of any applicable right, remedy, objection, or deadline.

VIII. FINAL REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The City has exercised its authority to terminate an organization that has served the Pasadena community for eight decades.

It must now account for the evidence, communications, and governmental process underlying that decision.

Forty-eight hours have passed. Three formal communications have been sent. Not one acknowledgment has been received.

The City is requested to immediately acknowledge this correspondence, identify the responsible official, and provide a written timetable for addressing the outstanding demands.

The City of Pasadena cannot reasonably demand accountability from its nonprofit tenants while declining to provide basic transparency concerning its own actions.

The public deserves answers. Rose Bowl Riders deserves a documented explanation. The City must account for its decision.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

<2025 - 2026 email chain Barry Glockson.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick
> wrote:

> To the Pasadena Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services:
>
> I am following up on my prior correspondence demanding the documentary evidence and legal justification supporting the City of Pasadena's termination of Rose Bowl Riders (RBR), Pasadena's fifth-oldest nonprofit organization.
>
> The City's continued failure to acknowledge or substantively address these requests is deeply concerning, particularly given the significant factual discrepancies between the City's stated grounds for termination and its own written communications.

Of particular concern is the City's allegation that RBR failed to provide required public-benefit riding lessons during 2026.

On January 30, 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo expressly confirmed in writing that the City had an existing purchase order with Ride On to provide riding lessons to City participants, with the Department intending to continue that arrangement through June 30, 2026.

The City's subsequent reliance upon RBR's alleged failure to provide public-benefit lessons raises a material and unresolved inconsistency in the stated factual basis for termination.

The City cannot reasonably rely upon an alleged failure of contractual performance without identifying the specific obligation, the dates of alleged nonperformance, and the contemporaneous evidence supporting that allegation.

Accordingly, I formally demand that the City:

1. **Identify the precise contractual provisions** allegedly breached by RBR, including an explanation of how those obligations operated alongside the City's existing Ride On agreement.
2. **Produce the complete documentary record** supporting the City's allegations concerning deferred maintenance, unperformed repairs, public-benefit programming, participation, and insurance deficiencies, including all notices, inspection reports, correspondence, and records of alleged noncompliance.
3. **Provide a detailed accounting** of every allegedly missed public-benefit lesson, including the date, scheduled time, responsible provider, and documentation establishing RBR's obligation to provide that lesson.
4. **Identify the legal and factual basis** for removing RBR from the October 6, 2026 Parks and Recreation agenda under the characterization of "pending litigation," including whether any litigation has been filed or formally threatened.
5. **Confirm preservation of all relevant records**, including internal communications, emails, text

messages, staff reports, and correspondence with third parties concerning the termination decision.

To the extent this correspondence requests identifiable public records, it is also intended as a formal request under the **California Public Records Act, Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.** Please process it accordingly, including the statutory determination required by Government Code § 7922.535. Any withholding must identify the applicable statutory exemption or other legal basis.

If the City possesses records substantiating its allegations, produce them. If responsive records do not exist following a reasonable search, state that expressly. If records are withheld, identify the statutory justification.

The termination of an 80-year-old Pasadena institution is a consequential governmental action that warrants a demonstrable factual foundation, transparency, and accountability.

The City's failure to reconcile these discrepancies raises legitimate questions regarding the accuracy and completeness of the information relied upon in reaching its decision.

RBR expressly reserves all rights and remedies available under applicable law, including the right to challenge the factual and legal grounds for termination and seek judicial review or other appropriate relief.

Please immediately acknowledge receipt and confirm that this request has been referred to the appropriate records custodian. We expect the City's statutory response within the time prescribed by California law.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager, Rose Bowl Riders
Owner, Myrtle Hill Farm

EXHIBIT A — CITY OF PASADENA CORRESPONDENCE

From: Arroyo, Enrique earroyo@cityofpasadena.net
Date: Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 4:12 PM

Subject: RE: Meeting request from RBR
To: Hernandez, Jeffrey jehernandez@cityofpasadena.net, James, Kenneth kjames@cityofpasadena.net
Cc: Rose Bowl Riders rosebowlriders@gmail.com, Panossian, Koko kpanossian@cityofpasadena.net, Perez, Ruben rPerez@cityofpasadena.net

Hi Everyone,

The City/PRCS is happy to meet with RBR. With regards to the proposed agenda, the City/PRCS currently has a purchase order in place with Ride-On to provide horse riding lessons to our participants. For the sake continuity, the Department hopes to continue with Ride On through the end of the contract, June 30, 2026.

Please note that all program service providers must meet City insurance requirements and submit the appropriate certificates at the time of a contract award.

If RBR still wishes to meet, please send meeting availability starting with the week of February 9.

Have a good weekend!

Enrique

On Oct 7, 2026, at 12:09 PM, Greg Hedrick wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Katherine Ginzton. I am the current Operations Manager for Rose Bowl Riders ("RBR") and the owner of Myrtle Hill Farm.

After reviewing RBR's records, correspondence, and communications with the City, I am requesting clarification and supporting documentation concerning several factual assertions contained in the City's termination correspondence.

Deferred Maintenance and Lack of Repairs

The City's termination references deferred maintenance and/or a failure to make necessary repairs. After reviewing the records presently available to me, I have been unable to locate correspondence in which the City identified specific deferred maintenance, demanded particular repairs, established deadlines for corrective action, or notified RBR that its maintenance of the property constituted a material concern.

Please provide:

- The specific items of deferred maintenance and repairs upon which the City relied in reaching its decision;
- The dates on which each condition was identified;
- Copies of emails, letters, inspection reports, photographs, notices, or other communications notifying RBR of those conditions;
- Any deadlines provided to RBR for corrective action; and
- Any documentation establishing that RBR failed to correct an identified condition after receiving notice.

2025 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination states that the City's required public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2025.

RBR contracted with a service provider to provide those lessons. Please explain the City's factual and contractual basis for concluding that lessons furnished through a contracted service provider did not satisfy RBR's obligation.

If the City's position is that particular required lessons were not provided, please identify the specific dates and times on which lessons were

required but allegedly not provided and provide the records supporting that determination.

2026 Public Benefit Lessons

The termination similarly states that the City's public-benefit lessons were not provided in 2026.

However, in April 2026, City employee Enrique Arroyo advised RBR by email that the City had contracted with Ride On to provide the public-benefit lessons for 2026.

Please explain how RBR could subsequently be cited for failing to provide lessons that the City had informed RBR would be provided pursuant to the City's own contract with Ride On.

If the City nevertheless contends that RBR remained responsible for providing particular lessons, please identify the contractual provision supporting that position and provide the dates, times, and records identifying each lesson the City contends RBR failed to provide.

2022–2023 Public Benefit Participation

The termination also characterizes the public benefit provided during 2022–2023 as limited and refers to limited known participants.

Please provide the records supporting that assertion, including the participant information or participant counts relied upon by the City, the dates of the applicable programs, and the methodology used to determine that participation was insufficient.

Insurance

The termination further states that required insurance was not provided "at times."

That statement is insufficiently specific for RBR to meaningfully evaluate or respond to it. Please identify each period during which the City contends RBR lacked required insurance, including:

- The beginning and ending dates of each alleged lapse;
- The particular insurance coverage allegedly missing or deficient;
- The applicable contractual insurance requirement;
- Copies of communications notifying RBR of the alleged deficiency;
- Copies of requests from the City for certificates, endorsements, or other insurance documentation; and
- The date upon which the City contends each deficiency was corrected, if applicable.

These questions concern factual assertions the City itself relied upon in taking the extraordinary step of terminating RBR's tenancy after decades of operation at the Pasadena Equestrian Center. RBR is entitled to understand the factual record supporting those assertions.

If the City possesses documentation substantiating these statements, please provide it. If documentation does not exist, or if any statement in the termination was based upon incomplete, inaccurate, or subsequently contradicted information, please identify and correct the record accordingly.

I respectfully request a written response addressing each issue individually rather than a generalized response.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ginzton
Operations Manager
Rose Bowl Riders

Owner
Myrtle Hill Farm