

**Testimony of Mindy Tarlow, Director  
Mayor's Office of Operations**

**Before the  
New York City Council Committee on Transportation**

Good Morning Chairman Rodriguez and Members of the Committee, colleagues in government, and members of the public. My name is Mindy Tarlow, and I am the Director of the Mayor's Office of Operations ("Operations"). On behalf of the Administration and the expert colleagues I am here with today, I would like to thank you, Chairman Rodriguez and Councilmember Dromm, for introducing this legislation and for inviting me to testify at this hearing.

We are pleased today to support legislation that reflects this Administration's firm commitment to the health and safety of all animals as part of our vision of an equitable City.

Before the advent of trucks and automobiles, horses dotted the New York City streetscape and served several important economic and practical functions: they hauled goods, they pulled trolleys and they were a means of transportation for people throughout the City.

While horses have always been part of the New York City landscape, they no longer serve these practical functions and are instead now largely used for leisure purposes. Over the last 40 years, the number of horses licensed to provide leisure carriage rides throughout Manhattan has continued to increase, and now stands at approximately 180. Horses now operate on Manhattan streets alongside taxicabs, private cars, buses, and pedestrians. Potholes, manholes, traffic,

impatient drivers, construction sites and loud noise contribute to their challenging working environment.

Today, carriage horses are stabled in four locations on the far west side of Manhattan between 37th and 52nd Streets and 11th and 12th Avenues. To get to and from the stables, the carriages are compelled to travel up and down Manhattan's busy West Side avenues and streets. At times this requires them to travel in the vicinity of the heavily trafficked Lincoln Tunnel and West Side Highway.

As has been well documented, Manhattan is one of the most heavily trafficked cities in the world. Slow moving horse-drawn carriages add to this already complex traffic climate.

These conditions have negatively impacted public safety and quality of life in our City. Since 2009, the New York Police Department (NYPD) and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) have reports of 15 incidents and collisions involving horses and motor vehicles outside of Central Park.

The proposed legislation that we are here to discuss today will first, start reducing the number of **horse licenses** so that by **December 1, 2016, there will be 110 horse licenses down from the current number of 180.**

Second, this legislation will remove horse-drawn carriages from New York City streets. By removing horses from the streets and confining their operations to Central Park, the City can take a big step towards protecting the horses from potential harm while preserving the ability for carriage rides to continue. Moving these horses inside Central Park will minimize the potential for conflicts between horses and motor vehicles and will create a safer environment for pedestrians, horses, drivers and tourists.

In order to ensure that horses used in the operation of horse-drawn carriages are no longer worked outside of Central Park, the City will build a stable in Central Park, with stalls measuring 100 sq. feet. Moving the horse-drawn carriage industry within Central Park warrants both a reduction in the number of licensed horses and in the number of hours per day a carriage may operate. As such, once a stable is operational in Central Park, the City will reduce the number of horse licenses again, down to 95, with 75 housed and working at any given time inside Central Park.

As a stable within Central Park is not expected to be operational until October 2018, beginning June 1, 2016, this legislation will prohibit the operation of horse-drawn carriages on City streets unless they are traveling directly to or from a stable and Central Park. That is, **horses will soon *only* be permitted to carry passengers inside Central Park.**

In addition, beginning June 1, 2016, horse carriages will only travel on routes between existing stables and the Park that are designated by the Department of Transportation after consulting with the Police Department. Further, horse carriages will not be permitted to travel on City streets on weekdays between 7am-10am or 4:30pm-7pm.

Moreover, horse carriages, like horses, will not be able to work for more than 9 hours in any 24 hour period once a stable is operational in Central Park. In an effort to further protect horses, the proposed legislation also requires an owner of any horse in New York City to certify that he/she will not sell, donate or transfer a horse for purposes of slaughter, resale for slaughter or holding or transport for slaughter, and if the horse owner is found to have violated this provision, there will be increased monetary penalties.

Additionally, there will be a minimum of 5 weeks furlough for each horse with access to paddock or pasture turnout. Horses may not work while on furlough and a certificate to this effect must be provided to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The bill requires a locational device to be attached to the horses' halters or bridles so that furloughs and work hours can be tracked. This will also ensure that horses are not traveling on unauthorized City streets or working during a declared weather emergency or when there are dangerous park conditions.

Finally, the proposed bill will create additional opportunities for current license holders, horse-drawn cab operators and stable hands by providing for displaced worker training.

### Pedicabs

As a result of this legislation, horse carriages will be limited to Central Park. In order to achieve an appropriate balance among the multitude of parks users and interests, it is appropriate to limit pedicab operations in Central Park to the areas north of the 85<sup>th</sup> Street transverse. It should also be noted that the legislation has no effect on pedicab operations in other areas of the City.

### Conclusion

In sum, limiting the operation of horse-drawn carriages to Central Park will eliminate the potential for dangerous interactions between horses and vehicles; and it will allow for the continuation of the horse-drawn carriage industry. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and now my colleagues and I are happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Hearing before the NYC Council Committee on  
Transportation on Int 573-A**

**Held on Friday, January 22, 2016**

My name is Jane Hoffman. I have been involved in this issue for 30 years in one capacity or another. I am, for identification purposes only, a member of the Animal Law Committee of the NYC Bar Association and the President of the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals. I am not testifying on behalf of either of those organizations.

I am here to testify in SUPPORT of this compromise bill.

In the immortal words of the Rolling Stones: "You don't always get what you want, but sometimes you get what you need."

The NYC Carriage Horses need this compromise bill.

I would like to thank the Mayor's Office and the City Council and the industry for working together to come up with this bill, which will in essence:

1. Remove horses from NYC traffic while they are waiting on the hack line and while providing rides by keeping the horses in Central Park and
2. Create a wonderful addition to the attractions of Central Park...a stable with working horses that provides the kind of housing these working horses deserve...large stalls with turn out inside Central Park.

I am, however, concerned about the date for certification of the operational status of the stable in Central Park. The date specified in the bill is October 1, 2018. However, language in the bill allows the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation to provide a timeline for the establishment of the stable... a virtually open ended "deadline."

Until the stable is operational the horses are still left making their way back and forth from the Park to the west side stables in dangerous traffic and conditions. I would ask that the bill be amended to provide for a more definite date for the establishment of the Central Park stable.

While I understand and support the need to reduce the number of horses between now and the date the new CP stable is certified as operational, perhaps a more gradual timetable might be devised to accommodate the retirement of the horses for whom licenses will not be renewed as a result of the proposed cap on the number of licenses issued and/or renewed. My concern is that the prohibition against selling or transferring for the purpose of slaughter applies only to licensed horses. Additional provisions could perhaps be made to accommodate the disposition of multiple horses owned by individual carriage horse owners.

Thank you.



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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

*Hearing before the New York City Council's Committee on Transportation*

January 22, 2016

Good morning. I am Michelle Villagomez, New York City Legislative Director for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). On behalf of the ASPCA and its nearly 70,000 New York City supporters I would like to thank Chairman Rodriguez, Councilmember Dromm, Mayor de Blasio and the Transportation Committee for the opportunity to testify today in support of Intro. 573-A, which amends the administrative code in relation to the operation of horse drawn cabs in the City of New York.

Since its founding in 1866, the ASPCA has worked to protect and aid horses. This legacy of responsibility to the plight of horses working in an urban environment is one the ASPCA continues to take extremely seriously to this day. Like many other animal welfare organizations, we have supported legislation and regulatory changes in the past to improve carriage horses' living and working conditions, ban carriage horse operations, or restrict operations to Central Park.

Currently, however, neither their working environment nor the current law can provide horses with the fundamental necessities to ensure their safety and well being. There are many unique distractions for horses on New York City's streets which create an unnatural, unnecessary and undeniable strain on the horses' quality of life. Under the existing system, carriage horses must travel through crowded city streets, breathing in fumes from buses, trucks, and cars; they must navigate potholes, open manholes, traffic and impatient drivers; they are wary and fearful of noise from construction sites, car horns and the sheer volume of city life generally. These situations create a dangerous working environment, and are even highlighted in the official training manual for carriage operators as factors that alarm horses.

Intro. 573-A will provide a number of meaningful improvements to carriage horse welfare in New York City, led by greatly reducing the total number of licensed horses to 95, while limiting the number of working horses to 75. The bill will also restrict operations to Central Park, requiring the construction of new stables in Park proper with a mandatory stall size

of at least 100 square feet – a significant increase over the 60 square feet required in current stables. We are also encouraged by the measure's improved restrictions on time and areas of operation, and its humane disposition and furlough requirements for the horses. The measure also reflects a strong intent to offset financial repercussions with workforce training programs and resources available not only to drivers, but to owners, license holders, and horse stable employees. Taken together, these amendments to existing law are a strong step forward on this long-standing issue, and the ASPCA supports these efforts to remove horses from many of the perils inherent in working in the harsh New York City environment.

That said, we continue to urge City Council to include additional improvements here to more fully promote carriage horse welfare. Additional reforms, like the inclusion of adjustments for humidity and wind chill to current law – which allows horses to be worked in temperatures up to 90° F and in temperatures as low as 19° F –as well as lowering the retirement age from 26 years old, must not be cast aside lightly, as they remain essential to fully ensuring the safety and well-being of these majestic animals. Intro. 573-A as it stands, however, offers meaningful improvements to their welfare and we urge councilmembers to support this effort.

Over the years, we have devoted tremendous effort and resources to equine welfare, and in recent times this work has become focused on bringing a permanent end to both domestic horse slaughter and the export of American horses for slaughter abroad. The importance of the humane disposition requirements proposed in this bill cannot be overstated, and our public commitment to help re-home horses in need bears repeating here. Should any carriage horse operator require assistance in finding new homes for their horses, the ASPCA will gladly assist, tapping into our national network of rescue partners to help find and facilitate humane placement options for any horse in need of a home.

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today, and will continue to work for change to improve the health, welfare and safety of New York City's carriage

horses. We stand ready to assist you toward bringing this proposed law to fruition, and urge the City Council to pass Intro. 573-A and work with the relevant City agencies to ensure that the rules and regulations promulgated provide measurable and meaningful improvements for our working horses.

Thank you.

## **PETA's Testimony in Support of Intro 573-A**

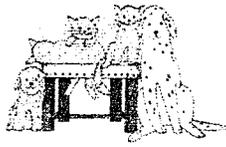
I'm Dan Mathews, senior vice president of PETA, representing our 71,000 members and supporters in New York City. PETA works with lawmakers on the carriage issue around the world. City leaders care, because horses don't have anti-lock brakes—when they are spooked, they panic—and their massive size and strength endanger both them and the public. As you consider Intro 573-A, keep in mind how your counterparts on transportation committees in other cities have addressed this issue.

London, England, reined in the carriage trade decades ago, reasoning that easily skittish large animals don't mix with the chaos of a metropolis. London's transport office reaffirmed this last year, writing, "The police force have advised us of the risks to public and animal safety that would be created by horse drawn carriages." Now, one small stable with half a dozen horses, kept outside London, rents carriages for special occasions on limited routes.

There are similar restrictions in Paris and in Toronto, which pulled carriages from the city center in 1998. In 2014, the Salt Lake City Council voted unanimously to ban horse-drawn carriages after a horse dropped dead on the street—which happens in New York, too. Last spring, San Juan, Puerto Rico, outlawed the carriage trade, and last fall, an Indian high court banished carriages from the streets of Mumbai.

Now this issue is before you. The NYPD reports that the carriages have been responsible for dozens of accidents involving spooked horses, smashed cars, and wounded people. It's time to act.

Intro 573-A is not the sweeping bill pushed by animal activists. It simply gets the horses out of traffic and into the park. That shouldn't be controversial to anyone, given the global trend toward making cities safer and more humane. I respectfully urge each of you to vote in favor of Intro 573-A.



## Humane Society of New York

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The Humane Society of New York supports efforts to protect carriage horses. Ideally, New York City carriage horses would be retired. After all, many cities have already done just that. Intro. 573-A does not accomplish this but it is a big step in the right direction.

Numerous carriage horse accidents have been reported in our city streets resulting in horses sustaining serious injuries and death. Intro. 573-A, by restricting the working of the horses to Central Park, will help to significantly reduce the risk of harm and death. Because the horses will be working in a more confined area, Intro. 573-A should also help to facilitate enforcement of laws protecting the horses, such as overwork laws and laws restricting work during adverse weather conditions.

We believe that carriage horses deserve a humane retirement and suggest that the disposition language in Intro. 573-A be tweaked so that horse sanctuaries and humane organizations will have the first right to adopt or purchase the retiring horses.

The Humane Society of New York believes that confining the horses to Central Park in larger stables and reducing the number of working horses will be much safer and more humane for the horses than working amidst traffic in our city streets.

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New York City Council Committee on Transportation Hearing  
January 22, 2016  
Testimony of Eric McClure, Executive Director, StreetsPAC

On behalf of my colleagues at StreetsPAC, thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

I'm here to express our deep disappointment that the compromise agreement reached by the City Council and the Mayor regarding the operation of horse-drawn carriages in New York City, as outlined in Intro 573-A, includes a wholly unwarranted ban on pedicabs in Central Park below the 85<sup>th</sup> Street Transverse. We strongly urge the members of the Council to oppose such a ban.

To ban pedicabs in the southern half of Central Park while still allowing motor vehicles to operate on the park drives below 72<sup>nd</sup> Street just doesn't make sense. As the purpose of the carriage horse compromise is ostensibly to protect the welfare of the horses, we don't see how it's possible to justify continuing to expose them to motor-vehicle traffic in a portion of the park while barring the operation of pedicabs in that same location. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to amend Intro 573-A, or the relevant portion of the Administrative Code, to render Central Park completely, and permanently, car-free.

We should be redesigning our streets to accommodate a diversity of human and lightly power-assisted vehicles. Banning pedicabs or other innovative means of transportation anywhere only serves to maintain or even increase our dependence on the fossil-fueled motor vehicles that are overwhelmingly responsible for congestion, traffic injuries, and worse, on New York City's streets.

Furthermore, significant expenditures of public funds for reasons of safety should be allocated to saving human lives. The estimated \$25 million it will cost to provide a stable in Central Park could go a long way toward making streets safer for all users – carriage horses included – in Astoria, Harlem, Tottenville, the South Bronx, Bensonhurst, or any number of New York City neighborhoods.

January 22, 2016.

Alison  
Clarke

To Mayor de Blasio and the members of the New York City Council:

As Past President of the New York State Horse Council I remain deeply concerned about the continued efforts to ban and/or severely restrict the number of carriage horse licenses issued by the City of New York and remove the carriage horses from the streets. The horses currently licensed in the city protected by the extensive regulations put in place by the New York City Council. Limiting the number of carriage horses in the city and total number of licenses available to horses working in the city and on vacation on the farm is detrimental to the welfare of the carriage horses. Currently, because carriage owners have multiple horses, no horse is overworked. It is easy and convenient to give horses a day off in the stable or an extended lay up on the farm. Maintaining 2 or more horses allows them to be rotated so that no horse is in danger of being overworked; it also allows for horses to have days off when necessary. If the number of horses that remain licensed in the city is reduced, the horses that remain will have to work more than before.

The current bill, if passed, seems to be aimed at slowly squeezing the carriage horses and their owners/drivers out of New York City and out of business. Having fewer horses to do the work that is now done by multiple horses will give fuel to the misplaced concerns of the animal rights activists who would have you believe that horses pulling carriages is cruel and inhumane, when presently nothing is further from the truth. Currently, New York's carriage horses are some of the best cared for horses in the world, thanks to the City Council and the conscientious stewardship of the carriage owners.

I urge the members of the New York City Council to vote against this bill in its current form. Statistics have proved that the carriage horses are NOT a significant safety hazard; carriages are among the safest vehicles on the road in NYC. Please do not force owners to part with their horses and do not enshrine in legislation a date by which the horses must move to new stables to be built in Central Park. We all know that construction delays of various kinds could make such a date unfeasible. No date for moving to new stables in Central Park should be established until AFTER those stables are built.

These horses are "family" to their carriage driver owners; they are well cared for and loved. They are guaranteed quality feed, farrier and veterinary care and have significant protections limiting working conditions and hours. It would be a travesty if these horses are removed from New York City. It will also be a significant loss for tourists who visit NYC, for whom the carriage horses have been an iconic emblem for decades.

Respectfully,

**Marsha Himler**

**Past President, New York State Horse Council**

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# The New York State Horse Council

**NEW YORK STATE HORSE COUNCIL, INC.  
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR  
THE NEW YORK CITY CARRIAGE HORSE/CARRIAGE HORSE INDUSTRY**

New York State Horse Council, Inc. has just released the following Statement of Support regarding the New York City carriage horses:

It is not a question of whether the carriage trade is necessary to New York City or not. The carriage horses are an iconic symbol of NYC; they are part of the cultural heritage not only of NYC, but also of America. They provide economic benefits to the City through tourism and tax revenues. Today's carriage horses provide a presence and exposure to rural animals not available to many anywhere else.

Some people have labeled the carriage horse industry as "inhumane." It is not. While the word "inhumane" is not mentioned in the law, cruelty is. NYS Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 26 and more specifically, Section 353, defines cruelty as "failure to provide proper sustenance, such as food, water, shelter and veterinary care.

All the NYC carriage horses are well taken care of and have better than average stabling available to them. Each horse is provided food and water (each carriage carries food and water for the horses so they may eat/drink during working hours); the stables are warm, well ventilated and have spacious stalls for resting during non-working hours; veterinary care is required and provided annually and on call; each horse also has a mandatory minimum of 5 weeks' vacation annually at nearby farms. The NYC carriage horses are probably the most regulated horses in the country, if not the world. They are covered by approximately 144 pages of regulations; they are watched over very closely by multiple city agencies, including the Health Department and the NYPD.

It is the opinion of the Board of Directors of the New York State Horse Council that the NYC carriage horses and their owners should be allowed to continue to operate their small businesses without fear of reprisal or loss of livelihood. The horses are a great tourist attraction because they ARE horses not cold, impersonal pieces of metal.

**"The mission of the New York State Horse Council, Inc. (NYSHC) is to create a strong, unified voice for all interests toward the preservation of a future for horses in New York State. "**

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## **Testimony of Elizabeth Forel at Transportation Committee – January 22, 2016**

My name is Elizabeth Forel and I am the president of the Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages, a not-for-profit all volunteer organization started in 2006. Our supporters are citywide, national and international.

We oppose Intro 573-A. This so called compromise preserves the carriage trade, with giveaways at the expense of the horses and hurts the pedicab business, which has allowed people to choose them over the horse carriages.

Why does this tiny, tiny so called industry have so much clout in this city? They are fewer than 200 people and are not a union shop. What is their power? They take temper tantrums if they can't get their own way and can bring the city and the administration to its knees?

Prior to 2013, every poll showed about 75 percent in favor of a ban. But after the primary, the Daily News ramped up and began a campaign of lies and deception, never allowing the truth to see the light of day. Most of the rest of the media followed suit. The Mayor and his administration turned the other way and allowed this faction to control the dialogue. When those questionable Quinnipiac polls were done, people only had lies on which to base their vote.

Street traffic was never the sole reason we advocated for a ban. There are many other reasons including the sensitive, nervous nature of the horses; the very high turnover, which leads us to believe many of the unwanted go to the kill auctions, and punishing working conditions. Putting the stables in Central Park, which may be illegal, is not going to relieve this and may just exacerbate it because all the abuses will now be within the park and not so noticeable. Besides there is no requirement for turnout to pasture in this bill – a basic requirement for horse welfare.

The same number of drivers will remain while using fewer horses, reduced by about half -- still working 9 hours a day, 7 days a week between the shafts of their carriages in the very congested Central Park, where horses have also spooked.

The owners have the right to sell their horses to whomever they want, which could mean to an Amish farm that keeps the horse for a period of time before sending him to the auctions, frequented by kill buyers who may well purchase that horse and ship him on to Canada or Mexico for slaughter. The new law will not prevent this.

The microchip doesn't make sense because the horse isn't going to be wanted at an auction. Likewise, it's a mistake to get rid of the 4-digit hoof number because it's an important identifying mark. In 2010, I found Bobby II Freedom, a discarded NYC carriage horse, at the New Holland auction, one day away from being returned to the slaughter pen – He was identified by his hoof number. This has also allowed us to report horses who appear to be suffering because we can see this number.

The age of the horses to retire remains at 26, but this is past the life expectancy of many, especially drafts.

The temperatures for weather suspension remain at 18 and 90 degrees and there is no consideration for a humidity or wind chill factor – something we have been asking for years.

**Testimony from Sharon Discorfano, Esq.  
at Hearing to be held on January 22, 2016  
Regarding Proposed Intro No. 573-A in relation to Horse-Drawn Cabs**

My name is Sharon Discorfano. I'm a member of the NY State Bar and NYC Bar Association's Committee on Animal Law. I'm here today to testify in a personal capacity, as a resident of the Upper West Side. Today, I voice my support of 573-A with some recommendations, as it stands to benefit NYC's horses and its citizens.

I'm heartened to see the bill reduces the number of horses put to work; that it ensures horses on vacation or furlough will not be put to work elsewhere during that time, and that those retiring will not be sent to slaughter. Also: limiting the working hours during a 24-hour period; and restricting rides to the parameters of Central Park. Getting the horses out of NYC traffic will benefit the horses and also be a win for public safety.

Finally, a new single stable in Central Park visible to the public creates greater transparency, which will help ensure proper treatment and care of the animals.

**Recommendations:**

I recommend more clearly defining a plan for oversight and enforcement. By using location devices as proposed, it would be easy enough to have an online, real-time snapshot of each horse's whereabouts at all times, similar to what's already in use for tracking city buses, trains, and taxis.

Second, the proposed increase in the minimum fine is still relatively negligible for drivers, when horse-drawn cabs are charging \$50 for the first 20 minutes. A more substantial increase will provide greater incentive for compliance.

**Conclusion:**

Admittedly, I'd like to see a complete ban of horse-drawn cabs in NYC. Several other cities around the world already have bans in place: Paris, London, Beijing, Toronto; and, here in the US, cities including Santa Fe and Las Vegas.

That said, the changes proposed here would improve the situation of the horses considerably and also promote public safety. 573-A is a significant but very reasonable compromise between opposing views, so that what happens in our city better reflects our sensibilities as a modern society. As such, I close by again voicing my support of 573-A.



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## Testimony of Demos P. Demopoulos

### Proposed Int. No. 573-A - In relation to in relation to the operation of horse drawn cabs

January 22, 2016

Good morning. My name is Demos Demopoulos and I am Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 553. Since 2009, Teamsters Local 553 has represented the horse-drawn carriage industry and worked to defend the good jobs this industry provides.

The Teamsters are pleased that the Council is moving forward with legislation that will keep horse-drawn carriages in New York City permanently. The proposed ban has hung over this industry for too long.

To be clear, we saw no problem with the status quo. There is no evidence that this industry is any danger to the horses that work in it or to the people of New York. This industry provides good jobs and comfortable, safe lives for its horses. But with change happening, I am pleased that it will make this industry stronger in the long-term.

Our priority has been to preserve the industry, defend the jobs, and protect the horses. I would like to thank everyone who has stood behind us in those goals. Many Council Members went out on a limb to defend these workers. We are also grateful to all of our brothers and sisters in labor who had our back. Thank you to the editorial boards, the horse community, and all the New Yorkers who stood up and said no to banning this industry.

The people who have always cared for these horses, who have been securing their safety for decades, will continue to do so. No one cares more for the horses than the people who own them.

Any lost job is a tragedy and we negotiated to minimize job losses. There are 68 carriages now. There will be 68 in the park. But we always knew that the entire industry and every horse was not going to fit into a Central Park stable.

The Teamsters and the City will work together to find good jobs for anyone displaced by the industry's transition into Central Park.

While we support legislation moving the industry into Central Park and preserving it long into the future, the bill should be improved to give the industry the flexibility necessary to thrive in the smaller location and under these new restrictions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee.

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### **Friends of Animals' statement on carriage horse 'compromise' bill Intro 573-A**

Friends of Animals, an international animal advocacy organization founded in 1957 in New York, opposes Mayor De Blasio's "compromise" carriage horse bill 573-A because it will not make them safer and does nothing to put an end to an industry that is not held accountable for what happens to horses when it's done exploiting them. We object to sacrificing Central Park's land for the carriage horse trade and know that NYC carriage horses may end up in a New Jersey slaughterhouse, Bravo Packing, Inc., which slaughters privatized older, abandoned horses by shooting them in the head and then selling the meat to zoos for big cats.

The well-being of horses is lost in this compromise bill, Intro 573-A—it only serves the carriage horse industry at the city's expense. Friends of Animals insists on a full ban on this antiquated industry.

It's appalling that the mayor plans to seize precious Central Park public land and buildings to create new stables for the carriage industry while taxpayers are left to foot the estimated \$25 million bill. Central Park, with limited resources, should not be carved up to accommodate this private commercial business. We expect litigation to block this land grab.

For almost six decades, Friends of Animals' New York City office has been in Columbus Circle, where we've had a front row seat to the hellish existence of the carriage horses both inside and outside Central Park. FoA has documented horses working in violation of the law during heatwaves, blizzards and other hazardous weather. The horses will suffer the same exploitation by greedy drivers inside the park as outside. And this misguided plan to permanently have 68 carriages loitering inside Central Park will only put visitors to the park and the horses more at risk. The park roads are already clogged with vehicular traffic, cyclists and runners, babies in strollers, pedestrians and tourists. Many crashes and spooked, runaway carriage horses have already occurred inside the park. Just this past summer a young tourist was injured and hospitalized after a carriage horse crashed into her while she was riding her bicycle in the park.

Mayor De Blasio's plan to kill the humane, environmentally sensible pedicab industry—seen as competition for the carriage drivers—by banning them from below 86<sup>th</sup> Street in Central Park, is also backward. Many visitors to the park choose to take a pedicab instead of a horse-drawn carriage ride to tour the park—this contemptible plan to give the carriage drivers a monopoly over tourists by putting pedicab drivers out of business must be defeated. Why are carriage driver jobs more important than pedicab jobs?

Mayor De Blasio and the City Council must have the courage to end the carriage horse industry once and for all. The horses have suffered enough. Sanctuary homes are available to provide lifelong care for the carriage horses and Friends of Animals is willing to be a part of that process in securing homes for each horse.

**STATEMENT BY LEWIS GOLDSTEIN, MEMBER,  
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COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL TITLED  
OPERATION OF HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES**

As an official in the Democratic Party on both the State and local level I am proudly supporting this compromise legislation. It is the Democratic Party, on all levels, that has stood for the humane treatment of all living creatures. In 2007 and again in 2009 THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE passed resolutions in support of animal rights and in favor of humane education. This was done through leaders such as John Phillips who worked closely with the leaders in all parties. This bill has detractors within all of the stakeholders. That by definition is what a compromise is all about. Could the bill be improved? Of course it can. I do not agree with all of its provisions. I feel that pedicabs should be allowed in all sections of Central Park. But, there has to be rules and regulations to guarantee the safety of all who use the park. I feel that our horses and pedicabs can co-exist. I feel that the rules regarding weather conditions under which our horses have to work needs some tweaking. Personally I agree with the drivers, many of whom consider the horses they work with as family members, that monies for the new stable be in place immediately. I feel that animal rights individuals should be part of teams which observe and report any

issues regarding the safety and security of the horses, the drivers and and the tourists.

This bill protects the drivers, provides tourists with what they want and most importantly protects our horses. If this compromise does not pass horses get "BUBKIS" If anybody does not know the meaning of the word please ask David, Steve or other distinguished members of this Committee. I give special thanks to Bronx Council Member Cabrera for his long time support of animals. I also give special thanks to Bronx Councilmembers Palma, Torres and Speaker Viverito for their support of this legislation. I also thank Mayor Bill de Blasio, Hus hear has always been with appropriate legislation to protect animals from possible abuse.



# New York City Pedicab Owners' Association

*A 501(c)6 trade association*

Friday, January 22, 2016

## **Intro 573-A – First Hearing Bulletin**

The New York City Pedicab Owners' Association ("NYCPOA") is a 501(c)6 trade association established in 2006 that is dedicated to maintaining best practices for the NYC pedicab industry and representing its membership in the marketplace.

The NYCPOA is implementing its strategy to ensure continued pedicab access to Central Park roadways in opposition to Intro 573-A and protecting nearly 800 licensed pedicab driver jobs and hundreds of pedicab-owning small businesses.

At the same time, NYCPOA is calling needed attention to the city's gaps in its enforcement of certain regulations, leading to the industry's current disheveled state and mixed reviews. Such lack of enforcement (e.g., pedicabs with missing or obscured rate cards, pedicabs with expired permit tags) tends to leave the industry vulnerable to behind the scenes political deals by the Administration, as evidenced by Intro 573-A, wherein, in concert with another industry, it works to destroy lawful business activity by licensed pedicab drivers.

And yet, it is easy to observe that the public enjoys pedicab rides through Central Park and that the service fulfills a need that 68 well-maintained horse carriages cannot meet.

However, the tide is turning, and carriage and pedicab industry members are realizing together that this is a bad bill. And with the stock market's volatility and increasing numbers of workers out of work, why would the city endorse a measure that takes away jobs from people who actually get up in the morning and make their own livelihood as entrepreneurs?

We find it interesting that the city council members sponsoring this bill are mostly unaffected by the proposed measures, with districts mostly far from Central Park. Most of the bill's sponsors are not on the Transportation Committee, even though traffic issues are high on the list of reasons why the carriages must be moved off-street. And while combined, all five sponsoring council members serve on a total of 33 committees in addition to their roles as council members, not one made any effort to reach out to the pedicab industry in advance. The same is true of the entire City Council, as it is widely reported in the media that the Mayor sought support of this bill from every member. Instead, the pedicab industry was met with radio silence.

Intro 573-A is deeply flawed. It should not leave the Transportation Committee in its current state.

By: Peter Meitzler, for The New York City Pedicab Owner's Association

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January 22, 2016

The Transportation Committee  
City Hall Chambers  
New York, New York

Re: Proposed Intro 573-A

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Intro. 573-A. I appreciate that my comments will be put on public record.

My name is Ruth Moore and I am a member of the New York State Horse Council which is committed to the welfare of horses alongside preserving a future for horses in New York State.

I have concerns about the bill as it stands currently, because it is punitive to both the carriage drivers and their horses. Without modifications, it has the potential to destroy the drivers' business on the strength of a promise to build stables in Central Park that may never materialize. It is doubtful that any building in the Park could be accomplished by 2018; 5 to 10 years is a more realistic time frame, if at all.

In the meantime, the drivers are being asked to cut their number of carriage shifts to one, and severely reduce their number of horses. Their current business practice is based on rotation of around 3 horses, which ensures horses are not overworked. Too few horses means more pressure on those left.

It is also unreasonable to move the location of the hack line for picking up fares and limit it to Central Park. Such action blames the drivers for "traffic congestion" that they are not responsible for. Statistics also show that carriages are one of the safest modes of transport in the City.

The time frame requiring no carriage transport to and from their stables between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. is also damaging, cutting into the single 9 hour shift a driver would be allowed, and interfering with peak demand times for business.

These elements of the bill make it a job killer. The fixed expenses of maintaining the current barns will not go away over the next 5 years, but the reduced number of horses and shifts will not provide sufficient means to pay for them. This will also economically impact other groups such as stable hands, farriers, etc.

From a horse welfare point of view the proposal to reduce horses is very bad news. It is cruel to force drivers and owners to get rid of their partners; and in these times when 150,000 horses a year are going to unregulated foreign slaughter houses, the valued horses of the carriage community are the lucky ones, and in the best position not to meet this fate, which is the real equine crisis of the day.

Many fear that the bill, as it stands, is an attempt to destroy the carriage horse community by attrition, in the hopes that the promise to build stabling need never be kept. Dictating that sweeping sacrifices be made by the carriage community BEFORE the promise is delivered does not look like good faith negotiation.

To sum up, the working men and women of the carriage horse community have run a well loved business in a highly regulated manner, with an excellent safety record, and legions of experts have testified to the good care of their horses. They deserve to be respected in the negotiating process.

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

Ruth Moore

# NYCLASS

WE LOVE ANIMALS AND WE VOTE!

Testimony in support of Intro 573A

January 22, 2016

Thank you, Chairman Rodriguez. And thank you to the members of the Transportation Committee. I understand how much work the Council has put in to help us arrive at this moment. We still have a lot of work for animals ahead of us, but thank you all for your time and attention to this issue.

My name is Allie Taylor and I am the Executive Director of NYCLASS.

NYCLASS and its thousands of humane voters have a singular goal: to help protect all animals across New York City.

Today's discussion of Intro 573A is personal to me. I got involved in this cause when I rented my first apartment with three other roommates in Hell's Kitchen and was saddened by seeing the horses constantly working in traffic. My love of animals and politics brought me to NYCLASS, where I found thousands of other advocates who felt the same way about the horses and shared the vision of creating a more humane city for all New Yorkers, two legged and four legged. For more than 7 years, our members from all five boroughs – many from your own districts – have worked to protect carriage horses from cruel working conditions in dangerous, chaotic city traffic.

Our commitment to this cause has always been and will always be driven by our goal of protecting the well-being of carriage horses.

After careful consideration of the legislation, we support its passage. While not perfect, the proposed compromise enacts a series of common sense protections that today do not exist at all, and that, when considered as a complete picture, means safer lives for these horses.

This compromise would remove the horses from their current nose-to-tailpipe existence, improve their safety and mean better lives for them – and that's something we should all want.

Consider the following:

First, the bill would retire nearly half of the horses this year.

Second, it would wipe out the worst cruelties by:

- Limiting the horses to working only within Central Park, and prohibiting them from working on city streets, where they can be spooked by frightening traffic

- By building new stables for the horses where their stalls would be 100 square feet, nearly twice the size they are now.
- And by guaranteeing that the horses will be retired to safe homes, which is a protection that they don't currently have.

We have also been assured that the plan for the new stable will include reasonable space for daily turnout – a component essential to the mental and physical well-being of horses. It also takes steps to ensure that horses only work one shift per day, the enforcement of which today remains murky at best.

While we would prefer an outright ban – remember, this is 2016, not 1816 – this compromise will help us protect the greatest number of carriage horses right now. We urge the members of this committee and the Council as a whole to support it.

That said, we hope you will strengthen the legislation. Specifically, we ask that you consider going slightly farther when it comes to protecting the horses from working in extreme temperatures and also cap the working age of all horses at 20 years. We believe that these additional provisions are humane, common sense, and at the core of anyone who claims to love animals.

NYCLASS in partnership with the other organizations with us today such as the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States remain ready and willing to provide sanctuary for all horses as they are retired from this industry to ensure that they can spend their final years as they were meant to live in peace. We make this good faith gesture at our own expense because we love these horses and want to help protect them.

We join with animal rights organizations across New York and the country to ask that you support Intro 573A

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about improving this legislation and ensuring that we protect animals living in New York City.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 22, 2016

## CATSKILL ANIMAL SANCTUARY'S STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED CARRIAGE HORSE BILL, INTRO-573

Catskill Animal Sanctuary has always believed that horses should not be pulling carriages in today's New York City. We have advocated for their retirement and stand ready to help the horses find sanctuary.

While the bill before the Council seems to be an encouraging first step in that direction, we believe it falls far short of providing the life the horses deserve, and that it fails to address the underlying cruelty of the carriage horse industry.

Even if the bill's problems are addressed — if cars were banned from the park, if the horses were turned out, if they were retired at an earlier age — the underlying problem remains. It is cruel to force an easily spooked animal to work in city streets. Period. For a city that leads the world in so many areas, we lag embarrassingly behind as cities around the nation vote to abolish this anachronistic and inhumane industry. There are a million other ways tourists can enjoy their visit — none involves animal abuse. We do not use that term lightly. Better regulation of the industry — if it is enforced — is simply better regulation of abuse.

We are further concerned about the use of a public space and public funds to subsidize a private industry whose time has passed. And we stand with pedicab drivers who should not have their jobs taken away.

Therefore, we respectfully ask the Council not to support the bill. But please do not misunderstand us. Standing against the bill should not be seen as supporting the status quo. We request that the Council take an honest look at the horses' lives and abolish the carriage industry once and for all.

**About Catskill Animal Sanctuary:** The Sanctuary is a 110-acre refuge in New York's Hudson Valley for twelve species of farmed animals rescued from cruelty, neglect, and abandonment. Over 3,500 animals have been rescued since its founding in 2001; between 250 and 350 reside with us at any given time.

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If you would like more information, please contact Thomas Negrón at 917-405-0733 or email at [thomas@casanctuary.org](mailto:thomas@casanctuary.org).

Hello my name is EiLeen DEE,

I often wondered about the treatment of the carriage horses because all I ever herd in the media was that they were being mistreated. I have since learned that all of the horses are rescues and if they were not here....

having a second chance at life they would most likely end up in slaughterhouse.

These horse have had a healing effect on me. They have helped me get my edge and self-confidence back, which I lost due to and accident and an a illness.

I remember the first time I started coming around 59<sup>th</sup> ST. I asked driver if I could pet the horse. The driver could tell I was a little scared. He told me that I have to be confident when I approach a horse, otherwise they won't trust you. He was right. After that I have always walked the carriage strip on 59<sup>th</sup>ST.

I have had the privilege of getting to know the men and women that work in this industry. They're the best. I'm an outsider from CT not a New Yorker and they have shared with me their knowledge about their horses and the history of the industry. Each horse has an amazing story. When these noble souls get to know you and trust you.... It's pure love.

The first horse I got to know really well is Prince, who is owned by and, works along side Robert Rosenberg. Prince made me giggle like a little girl the first time we met, and still does to this day.

So YOU the City Council Members, YOU the Members of NYClass and YOU Mayor DeBalsio by asking of the New City Carriage Drivers to **reduce the amount of horse is a crime and animal abuse. You are asking 1 horse to do the work of 2.**

**NYClass You claim to care about the welfare of the horses, and yet you want to work all of these horses to death without any sufficient breaks....?**

**All this in the Name of GREED AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Your asking the owners to get rid of some their horses. This is equitable to asking you... to pick which one of your children that you would like to be put out to pasture...**

**So I am asking YOU the Members of the Council, YOU the members of NYClass and, YOU Mayor DeBlasio which one of your children would pick out to pasture???**

Good morning esteemed Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you and voice my opinion about the new proposal for the carriage horses. As a former Senior Executive at the ASPCA, I have been directly involved for several years in efforts to promote the well being of our city's carriage horses. While I believe a ban needs to ultimately be put in place, I recognize that the proposal you are considering to limit the number of horses by nearly 2/3 to 75 to live and work Only inside Central Park is a step in the right direction.

While the proposal does promote building a new stable in Central Park that will set stall sizes at 100 square feet, provide pasture space and daily turnout and has other requirements being posed to have GPS tracking requirements, along with humane law enforcement to ensure horses are only working one shift per day, I remain concerned that the legislation needs to go further to include the following provisions:

1. Increase the temperature limits to be more humane so that the horse will not be working in extreme weather conditions
2. Horses should stop working no later than 20 years of age, rather than the proposed 26 years of age
3. The retired horses Must be provided sanctuary and this should be overseen by the reputable animal welfare organizations that have willingly offered to do this at their own expense.
4. Mandate veterinarian visits and hire vets who are not affiliated in any way with the carriage horse industry- they need to be impartial to ensure that the best care is provided to all the horses

As council members, you have the unique opportunity and privilege to become the voice for our carriage horses and give them their well deserved due by voting in favor of the proposed legislation and additional provisions.

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January 22, 2016

**Testimony Presented to the New York City Council  
Transportation Committee for Int. 573a**

Good morning Chairman Rodriguez and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Joyce Friedman, New York City Coordinator for The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protection organization with significant membership in New York City.

On behalf of The HSUS, I am submitting this testimony in support of Int. 573a, which would bring about significant changes to the horse carriage industry and enhance both public safety and animal welfare. The HSUS supports provisions which would confine carriage horse operations within Central Park, require that housing be built for the horses within the park with larger stalls than those currently in use, reduce the number of carriage horse licenses and require that owners of licensed carriage horses notify the department of the proposed disposition of a horse prior to disposition, and certify that no horse will be sent to slaughter or sold or transferred to anyone for that purpose. We applaud the collective efforts of the committee, city council members and mayor's office to bring this bill to fruition.

With the intent of strengthening this legislation, we respectfully offer the following recommendations for consideration.

We believe the term "adverse weather," should be clearly defined and expanded to include street level temperature, humidity, road surfaces that are slippery, ice-covered, or otherwise incompatible with the safety of the horse and passengers. We also recommend that temperature levels of 85 degrees in the summer and 25 degrees in the winter be codified as the levels at which the horses must return to the stables.

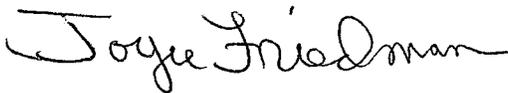
We ask that pasture space and requirements for daily turnout be provided for every horse, and that the age limit of horses pulling carriages be dropped from 26 to 20 years old.

Lastly, we urge the City Council to specify the individuals or agencies responsible for enforcement of the 9-hour limit on working any one horse, and to clarify exactly how this process will be monitored. For example, what agency will monitor the signing in and out of horses from the stables and the horses' GPS devices and how will this monitoring be carried out? This is very important in light of the reduction of the number of horses in the industry and the potential to overwork the smaller pool of horses to compensate for that reduction.

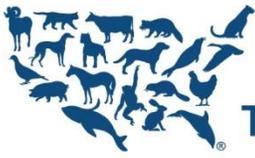
Once again, The Humane Society of the United States thanks city leaders and we strongly support Int. 573a. We ask the committee and councilmembers to take a hard look at the aforementioned recommendations which will improve the health and well-being of New York City carriage horses.

We look forward to working with the Mayor, the City Council and other stakeholders to ensure that conditions for the horses are improved and that every retired horse finds a safe, humane retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Friedman".

Joyce Friedman  
New York City Coordinator,  
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January 25, 2016

**Addendum Testimony to the New York City Council  
Transportation Committee for Int.573a**

The Humane Society of the United States submits this addendum to testimony presented to the Transportation Committee in support of Int.573a at the January 22, 2016 public hearing.

The HSUS opposes removal of requirements for all licensed carriage horses to bear unique identification number inscriptions on their hoof, and the amending of this requirement to microchipping. We support the hoof number inscription requirement as it currently exists in law.

Hoof number identification is openly visible to inspectors and law enforcement, while a microchip is not. Elimination of the hoof number requirement reduces protection for these horses.

NYC law enforcement and inspectors do not currently carry microchip scanners and are not trained in their use. If a horse is witnessed being mistreated, used in adverse weather, or even seen on an auction floor being sold to slaughter, the hoof number is a proven means by which the case may be reported to and the horse identified by law enforcement. In fact, it was the hoof identification number that saved the life of a NYC carriage horse in June 2010 as he was being sold to slaughter at an auction house in New Holland, PA, prior to being purchased by an equine rescue group.

(<http://www.equineadvocates.org/EquinesBlog/?p=1>)

The visibility of hoof identification numbers provide a safe-guard against switching horses among carriages and provides law enforcement and inspectors with a valuable and effective tool.

We urge that provisions requiring hoof identification numbers remain in the law for the aforementioned reasons.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information.

Sincerely,

*Joyce Friedman*

Joyce Friedman  
New York City Coordinator  
The Humane Society of the United States

FOR THE RECORD

TESTIMONY OF ZELDA PENZEL – TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – JANUARY 22, 2016

Carriage Horse bill

This bill represents a back room deal, with developers ready to cash in and the industry people laughing all the way to bank! They get to have their cake and eat it too!

The Mayor has tried to save face with this so-called “Compromise”, the new euphemism for Betrayal, while people lose jobs, horses remain indentured slaves, and our own homeless fellow citizens are sleeping in the subway and on the streets

So, after more than a decade of working to ban this hideous industry,

☒ Activists are screwed!

☒ Pedicab drivers who will be put out of business are screwed!

☒ Park lovers and preservationists with the stable, horses and more traffic and congestion in the park will be screwed!

☒ Taxpayers having to foot the bill for more than \$25 million in renovations and all the lawsuits that will be trotted out are totally screwed!

☒ The general public, tourists and the hundreds of thousands who signed petitions demanding an end to this cruel anachronism are hoodwinked and screwed!

☒ But most of all, the horses who will continue to suffer and get short shrift by a continued lack of oversight and enforcement of laws are screwed - by elected officials, special interests and those who are ready to take half a loaf and give up on them.

☒ So this is a Win/Win for whom? We ask the members of the NY City Council to do the right thing and ban this industry as has been done in other major civilized cities around the world.

## **Carriage Horse Bill: Testimony of Zelda Penzel, Presented to NY City Council Transportation Committee – Jan 22, 2016**

**My name is Zelda Penzel, President of People for the End of Animal Cruelty and Exploitation~ PEACE, and I'm here to speak against Intro 575A and in support of a total ban of carriage horses in NYC.**

**Studies, research, knowledge about animals have brought about great changes in our understanding and perceptions of animals; it's called education and, evolution. You have heard more than enough reasons here today, to justify a total ban of this inhumane industry. There are certain principles that should never be compromised and this bill assures the continuation of an inhumane and archaic industry.**

**After more than 100 years, Ringling Brothers is about to remove all elephants from its circuses; SeaWorld and the suffering Orcas are on their way out. Industries change and go out of business. What do you think happened to vinyl records, gas lamps and telephone operators?**

**This "compromise" is like trying to preserve slavery, by providing better housing for the slaves, because the plantation owners might be put out of business.**

**Do the right thing! Pass a ban! No compromise!**

**From:** Zelda Penzel [zpenzel@twcmetrobiz.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** Testimony for the record re Intro 575A

Dear Speaker Mark-Viverito,

As a New York taxpayer, voter and citizen, I was both outraged and appalled by the disorganized manner in which the Public Hearing on the Carriage Horse Bill, held by the Transportation Committee on January 22, 2016, was conducted.

After more than two years of waiting for indication that the Mayor would keep his word and ban horse-drawn carriages from the streets of New York City, I was especially disappointed not only by the "compromise" bill that has been offered, but by the failure of the Mayor's representatives to come *fully* prepared to answer pertinent questions. This Bill is a terrible sell-out that will compromise the welfare of the horses and pedicab drivers while propping up an archaic and inhumane industry, at the expense of New York taxpayers and horses. And while I commend Chairman Rodriguez, for his efforts to control a very contentious discussion, principles of good governing were not observed and this resulted in a major disregard for a fair and thorough presentation of testimony and information:

**1. Testimony given by spokespersons of certain "select" groups (NYClass, PeTA, ASPCA, HSUS etc) was entirely one-sided**, (a "stacked deck"), thereby giving the erroneous impression that most "animal rights people" support this bill. Elizabeth Forel, founder of the Coalition to Ban Horse Drawn Carriages, a principal player in bringing accurate information about this matter before the Administration and the public, and *the most knowledgeable source about every aspect concerning the industry*, was omitted from the "Big Table" at which the "heavy hitters" were heard; she was shamefully relegated to a one minute slot at 4:00 P.M. Her knowledge and expertise in this area, based on years of research and dedication to the issues involved, are unequalled and yet she was shamefully ignored by those who organized the Hearing.

**2. Testimony time was unbalanced** - certain "privileged groups" and individuals spoke with no time limit whatsoever while others in a position to offer expert, significant and relevant testimony, e.g.: Elizabeth Forel, Edita Birnkrant of Friends of Animals, as well as other members of the public, were given ONE minute to speak.

**3. Testimony was unfairly distributed in terms of who got to speak and when**; certain members of the public who arrived mid/late afternoon, among them two individuals presuming to speak for "native Americans", (one in "costume"), a "rodeo rider", who is known to be pro "horse slaughter" and who was accorded undue "reverence", by the Chair, were allowed to speak before those who arrived at 9:00 A.M and had waited many hours to offer testimony.

**4. Most of the Committee members were clearly unprepared and uninformed and their pro-industry bias was reprehensible.** They displayed shocking ignorance about important concerns re the history and welfare of the Carriage horse industry, an industry that they are charged with overseeing and regulating. As a result, questions to industry representatives concerning injuries, deaths, income, etc. were

answered with evasive responses and outright lies but went unchallenged. They were therefore allowed to submit misinformation to the Committee which appeared ready to accept what they said at face value. (for accurate information see: <http://banhdc.org/ch-acc.shtml>; <http://banhdc.org/ch-art.shtml> )

**5.All but one member of the Transportation Committee (Carlos Menchaca, kudos to him) and Chairman Rodriguez, left the room before the public was given the opportunity to testify**, thereby indicating a cynical indifference to information and opinions offered by the public, some of which differed greatly from information already presented. It was moreover clear, that certain Council Members used their speaking time and bully pulpit to shamefully grandstand on behalf of the Carriage Horse Industry at *an information gathering hearing*; one such member was not even a member of this Committee. Speeches, "loaded" questions, and biased opinions, expressed by these members, only added to the lack of trust and disdain that the public already feels for so many who are "elected to serve", and our dysfunctional "democratic" process.

For all these reasons, and more, I urge you not to bring this bill to a vote until another Public Hearing is held which *fully addresses* all the questions and issues raised above, as well as the many items still "under negotiation" as indicated by the representative who spoke on behalf of the Teamsters Union.

Thank you for including my testimony and for your attention to the complaints above about the conduct of this hearing. I look forward to your response.

Zelda Penzel, President

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## **Mary Culpepper, Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages**

I oppose Intro. 573-A. As a compromise, it falls flat, failing to achieve any of its stated goals. It is likely to end any discussion of a ban, now or ever. Under the pretense of progress, it hurts horses, perpetuating the inherently inhumane carriage trade. It makes outrageous concessions to the trade and leaves open the door for even more giveaways.

It is disingenuous to portray this as a win for horses. They will continue to work day in, day out, 9 hours per day, in temperatures ranging from 18 to 90 degrees (and worse), with no consideration for wind chill and humidity. There will be no turnout, though experts recommend an acre per horse.

Worst of all, with the bill leaving unchanged the number of medallions, the eventually remaining 75 horses would be worked harder than ever. Others would end up at auctions attended by kill-buyers who are in the horsemeat business.

It is absurd to suggest to the public that the city of New York will parcel out land in a historic landmark—Central Park—and give it to horses, if only to placate the entitled carriage trade.

The legality of putting stables in Central Park has yet to be established. Costs would be exorbitant, with architectural, historic, and logistical requirements to be met. The \$25 million price tag that's been floated should not be a taxpayer burden.

This backroom deal between the union and mayor has a very poor chance of being implemented even if passed, but prospects for a ban would end.

It would destroy the pedicab industry, an eco-friendly and popular tourist attraction preferred by many visitors. *A pedicab driver summed it up beautifully, saying "Instead of the promised ban, the carriage trade been given a monopoly of the most tourist-rich sections of Central Park."*

This legislation fails to satisfy any stakeholders, most especially the horses.

To praise it as progress is perverse.

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*January 22, 2016*

**Chris DeRose Testimony**  
**For NYC Intro 573, Operation of Horse Drawn Carriages**  
**Committee on Transportation Hearing Friday, 1/22/16**

I've always said: "Is *some* slavery OK? Is *some* child molestation acceptable? Is *some* abuse to women OK?"

Of course, the answer is no. It should all be abolished.

If the New York City Council passes this new, watered-down version of Intro 573, they will be allowing *some* cruelty to horses, which is not acceptable to me or to my organization, Last Chance for Animals.

If this partial ban on horse-drawn carriages passes, it will only be a partial victory, in the sense that we, the city, see that the carriages are cruel enough to ban more than half of them.

But because of the powers that be, we the city are afraid to take the entire step of abolition.

I, as an abolitionist, cannot support this legislation, although it may be a small improvement.

Last year, Last Chance for Animals released an investigation that clearly demonstrates the cruelty and safety hazards of horse-drawn carriages.

I am sure we will be revisiting this issue one day in the near future when a New York resident or tourist has been injured – or worse – by this archaic practice. And I will make sure that those of us who supported horse-drawn carriages will be held responsible.

January 22, 2016  
To the Transportation Committee  
Re: Intro 573-A

I own a small business in NYC and am a member of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, a group which speaks out on behalf of small business. I have also owned horses for decades and have rescued a number of them at my own expense. I am not, never have been, and never will be a carriage driver, nor am I related to any carriage drivers whatsoever.

This new bill is disturbing to me on several levels.

- As a NYC small business owner, I am taken aback at the dangerous precedent for all small business to have government step in to dictate to private businesses such wide sweeping regulations that are clearly not in the best interest of either the animals or of the workers. As a minority business owner, it is also deeply disturbing that NYC would intentionally create a situation where hundreds of minority workers will lose their jobs and livelihoods. This would not seem to fit with the “progressive” image the Mayor has attempted to create. The reality is that Spanish, African American, Russian, Italian, Israeli, Irish and American workers will rightly fear becoming among the growing ranks of jobless and homeless in NYC. It is unconscionable that a government would actively seek to persecute and destroy jobs of hard working, blue collar people. This proposal is aggressive, offensive, insulting and unjust to hard working people everywhere. I can find no rationale for the severity of these actions and the consequences to so many families are so dire that it defies words harsh enough.
- As a horse person, the notion that government is limiting the number of horses one can own is not only inhumane but it is abusive. If someone owns four horses and can only keep one, how are they to choose? It becomes a Sophie’s Choice. Which one horse is the lucky one and which get sent to uncertain futures? How would you feel if

you had two dogs and the government demanded you get rid of one? How could you choose? It is also cruel to suggest that half the horses do twice the amount of work, which is what would occur by downsizing the amount of horses. If this bill was about animal welfare, you would be adding the number of horses not cutting them, thereby allowing more shifts, more rest periods and more vacations so that more horses could be rotated in and out.

- The travesty of being dictated to by a powerful and wealthy animal rights lobby is also ludicrous since most of them never owned a horse and know nothing about horse welfare, as I would presume no one on the Transportation Committee has either. I have owned horses and cared for them when they were sick and injured. Have you? Has anyone from NYCLASS or PETA who want horses to “run free”? How can non horse people possibly regulate for horse people? Kind of like asking a dentist to perform open heart surgery. It’s dangerous and irresponsible. Equine professionals are the only ones who should be listened to regarding the realities of this bill.
- Unless this bill is amended to allow the carriage industry to continue as status quo with the current amount of horses until a purported stable is built (if ever), I urge you to vote no on Intro 573-A. It is the just and humane thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration.

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# Speaking Disable

My name is Yuki Endo, resident of Jackson Heights, Queens, members of Citizen Defending Libraries, Long Island Bus Riders Union, Transit Photographer, and Animal Rights Activist.

I have concern regarding Mayor Bill de Blasio's proposal bill to relocate stables in Central Park and restrict pedicab access south of 85th Street. I don't think stables will be built because there are Central Park and Flushing Meadow Park NIMBYS will oppose stables from being built in our historical landmark public park. There use to be former stable in 80s on west side, but due to neighborhood complaint, that stable was shut down.

If stables are built for all carriage horses, residents and tourists will not be able to enjoy scenic views, hang out or picnics because we could lose Great Lawn, Sheep Meadow.

I do not trust real estate developer because they could make stables illegally unsafe for horses and block the views like developers blocking view of Brooklyn Bridge with Pierhouse construction.

Please leave Central Park and pedicabs alone!

I support all animal rights organizations for banning horse-drawn carriage permanently and sent to safe sanctuaries where horses could have freedom.

I also support pedicab and tourism industry, but not horse-drawn carriage because it's cruel and not romantic. It not safe for everyone.

I am also ashamed for Mayor Bill de Blasio, City Council members, New York Taxi Alliance, Working Families Parties, New York Daily News for supporting inhumane carriage industry because they never been to hack line during freezing or heat wave temperatures where carriage drivers illegally operates and works carriage horse illegally in Times Square until 3am everyday.

On Christmas Day 2015 around 7:20pm at 6th Av entrance at 59th St, I almost witness two horse drawn carriages with tourists onboard had close call accident which I caught on video.

I was filming and taking picture of buses, then hot dog vendors were hooking up their cart to his cart when I saw a carriage horse was waiting to make illegal left turn from 59th St, then I saw another carriage horse making legal right turn went first, then 2nd carriage driver made illegal left turn and block the entire westbound traffic because hot dog vendor was blocking their access and carriage drivers were cursing at hot dog vendor for blocking the entrance. I did not want tourists, horses or drivers to get hurt by crazy traffic, so I did the right thing by opening up the gate wide enough for horse carriage to go thru.

As I did that, 2nd carriage almost CRUSHED INTO 1st CARRIAGE, risking lives of tourists!

Central Park do not have enough grass for horses.

I support totally ban on inhumane carriage horse rides because it's not safe for everyone.

I support Antique Vintage Car, pedicabs and tour industries.

New York City do not need Carriage horses ride because we have wonderful attractions, shopping malls, museums, public transportations, bike rentals, CitiBike, sightseeing buses, ferries and helicopters.

If people want to learn history about Horse-Drawn Carriage, they could take Long Island Railroad to Stony Brook for Long Island Museum of American Art, and Carriage History or do research at public libraries.

Carriage Horses should be remain as history in books, not in real life of New York City.

Please don't built stables in Central Park because it will ruin our public park.

Ban horse-drawn carriage, leave Central Park and pedicabs alone.

We already have great entertainment without carriage horses.

Banning NYC Carriage horses WILL NOT STOP TOURISTS FROM COMING because majority of tourists comes for attractions such as museums, musicals, shopping spree and trying out restaurants and steakhouses.

Thank you for your cooperation.

My name is Linda Ann Gray.

I vehemently oppose Intro 573A.

What we have here is a bill which *appears* to benefit everyone – EXCEPT THE CARRIAGE HORSE HIMSELF.

Fewer horses - yet *he* will still work a 9 hour day.

He will work in extreme temperatures - wind chill and humidity won't count.

There won't BE any turnout for him – his life will be spent dragging a heavy carriage laden with vacationers.

This is NOT an acceptable life for ANY horse.

A BAN is what we sought.

A BAN is what the Mayor promised.

And a BAN is what we shall continue to strive for.

Remember this date: January 22, 2016

HISTORY will judge:

those who have sold out the carriage horses,

those who made deals and sought their own gain.

EVERYONE still remembers MY fellow countryman - Neville Chamberlain - and HIS appeasement.

It truly betrays the carriage horses to even consider Intro 573A.

All your deals and all your lies/WE will never compromise.

**Jill Carnegie**  
**NYC Resident, Zip Code 10019**  
**Testimony to the New York City Council**  
**Opposing the Revised Bill 573-A**  
**January 22, 2016**

Hello, and thank you Council Members for giving me to opportunity to respectfully submit testimony today regarding bill #573-A. My name is Jill Carnegie, and I am a proud resident of New York City, zip code 10019.

I support and stand with some of the wonderful organizations present today, but I choose to testify as a resident rather than as a member of a group.

I share a zip code with two of the four stables currently housing NYC carriage horses; the other two stables are close neighbors. I have also worked in the neighborhood for over 12 years. As a result, I consider myself to be an eye-witness to the horse carriage industry. I see them commuting daily in Ninth Avenue traffic, and hear their hooves on the concrete outside of my window.

The tragic injuries and collisions involving these working non-human residents make the news. What I consistently witness are the near misses and the “small” panics that these horses experience multiple times a day, every day. What I see is the blatant inconsistency of their handling; some drivers are more aggressive and rough, others more passive.

I am here today to voice my opposition to the passing of bill #573-A. It is impossible for me to voice support for anything short of plan for a 100% ban of carriage horses in New York City. I know that the human and non-human residents of this great city

deserve better than any level of continuation of this outdated and pathetic excuse for “amusement.”

I am distressed that this industry is not required to report how the horses leave the city once they are no longer suited for the antiquated work that has been forced upon them. This information is not tracked, according to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. I acknowledge that this revised bill includes language stating that owners cannot sell horses to slaughter. However, the bill fails to address how this is to be enforced, especially as similar legislation is disregarded throughout the country by several animal-based industries. I cannot with good conscience support a bill that does not guarantee a safe retirement for these non-human residents, with required reporting and tracking.

The use of our beloved PUBLIC Central Park for the proposed new PRIVATE stables is troubling. The projected \$25 million taxpayer dollars for these stables and the location’s dangerous 86<sup>th</sup> St. traffic do not add up to a winning situation for the city’s human or non-human residents. Without consultation and input from the Mayor’s parks’ commissioner, nor the Central Park Conservancy, we can only be left to severely question the integrity of this plan.

To conclude this personal testimony, I must make clear: I am here to speak on behalf of my neighbors, these carriage horses. I oppose animal use and exploitation in all of its forms, whether for entertainment, clothing, food, or experimentation. In 2016, and in the greatest city in the world, we can do better. I know, and every animal advocate testifying today knows, that any industry that exploits animals doesn’t need to be restructured. It needs to be abolished.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit my testimony today in opposition of this bill.

My name is Brad Landau, and I am a student at Pace University School of Law and member of Friends of Animals.

I am opposed to the “Compromise” bill that is being pushed through the City Council regarding horses in Central Park. I oppose this bill for the following three reasons. First, the previous and continuous abhorrent conditions and treatment of the horses is something that I cannot and will not turn a blind eye to. Second, this bill proposes to build horse stables on public land, taking away a portion of publicly designated park space to build such stables. Third, this bill affects me in my personal daily life, as well as all tourists who visit NYC and oppose profiting horse carriages, but will now have no choice but to walk on foot in Central Park rather than take peddler-cabs because peddler-cabs will not be allowed in the Central Park area due to a monopoly the Horse Carriages will not gain due to this bill. For these reasons, I am duly opposed to the “Compromise” bill that the City Council is pushing forth, and I urge you, City Council, to not pass a “Compromise” but rather ban Horse Carriages from Central Park. Thank you.

-Brad Landau

Testimony in Support of Intro 573-A

Emily McCoy & Rose McCoy

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My name is Emily McCoy. I'm a Manhattan resident and long time observer and critic of the New York City Carriage Industry. While the current legislation may not be what many of us here had hoped for, I still see it as a step in the right direction for the horses currently stuck in the system. Regularly witnessing horses wedged between cars, buses and emergency vehicles as if they were inanimate objects is troubling to say the least. Illegal u-turns, running lights, speeding down the streets when not stuck in traffic is now and has always been a recipe for disaster. And while a human hasn't been killed yet, many have been injured over the years. Several horses have been injured, or collapsed and died, and a significant percentage have dropped out of the system every year, fates unknown and no public record as to where they've gone. The life of these horses going from stall to shaft and back to the stall without daily, or any, turnout is unimaginable for these social and sensitive animals. I regularly witness horses in the heart of Times Square surrounded by drunken revelers, bright lights and loud surroundings waiting for a "fare". With all that said, I see the reduction in the number of horses, as well as being restricted to Central Park as an improvement to the current nose to tailpipe existence the horses suffer from currently. I urge the Council to provide as much relief to these overworked horses that live the last year(s) of their life on the hard New York City streets. Thank you

Hello, my name is Rose McCoy and I'm a lifelong Manhattan resident and animal activist. I have also seen the horses suffering on the New York City streets, in all weather, at all hours, around Rockefeller Center and Central Park with honking horns and sirens in unnatural settings for these flight animals. My concern for these horses inspired me to get petitions signed at my school asking for an end to the horse carriage industry, and to my pleasant surprise an overwhelming majority of kids and teachers also wanted to see an end to the industry because of their concern for the horses. I had fellow students, New Yorkers, animal lovers ask if they could help me because they felt so strongly about it. When I have expressed my concern to the drivers about the lack of water, or food spilled on the dirty street they would say things to me and my mom that I can't repeat here, or anywhere, because I would get in trouble for using many of the words they have to me. It didn't matter that these representative's of MY city shouted this in front of tourists to me as young as I was in first grade. I hope the Council can help the horses and show my fellow students that government DOES work and does what's right and shows the world that we are a forward thinking and compassionate city. Thank you.

Ashley Byrne

Testimony in support of 573-A

I'm speaking today as a proud New Yorker who had a change of heart about horse carriages after seeing firsthand what a bad idea it is to have carriages in a modern city. As a child I spent a great deal of time riding and working with horses, and anytime we came to the city to visit family my mother would take me for a carriage ride. My parents even had the wedding party arrive in carriages when they were married at St Bartholomew's Cathedral. We had an abrupt wake-up call when we were out in a carriage and found ourselves caught in an unexpected thunderstorm. The horse became frightened and stalled in the middle of rush hour traffic. I was terrified, the horse was terrified, and my mother later admitted that she was as well. Even as a child it became very evident that it was reckless and cruel to force a horse to live and work in a chaotic urban environment. We never took another carriage ride, and now my whole family supports the campaign to get these cruel, dangerous carriages off the busy streets of New York City. The inexplicable failure on the part of our otherwise modern, progressive city to address this archaic industry and the safety, sanitation, and animal welfare concerns that it brings to one of the most beautiful areas of Manhattan is baffling. I am constantly hearing from people who can't bear to walk down Central Park South because of the sight of weary horses fighting their way through traffic, and from cyclists, and taxi drivers who are face daily danger, and frustration being forced to share the road with carriages. Like other caring New Yorkers I believe that the horses should be retired and the industry banned, but this bill takes some very important steps forward by getting horses out of traffic, putting a stop to their treacherous commute from the west side, and reducing their numbers. Passing this bill would mean an end to runaway horses on west side highway and horses being spooked by tour buses in rush hour traffic. This can't happen soon enough- the drivers couldn't even keep the horses from spooking at their own rally this week. This bill takes immediate action to make the streets safer, and to provide some relief to the horses who are worked until their bodies give out by this unscrupulous industry. It is the least we can do, and it's long overdue.

Intro 573-A doesn't restrict pedicabs but it destroys them. This was done without them sitting at the table and being served on a silver platter to the horse carriage industry.

This monopoly denies consumers a choice of a humane alternative. Pedicabs have the safest record in the park. They do no harm to the environment nor to any living beings. The pedicab drivers are mostly Africans and mostly minorities I wonder if that is the reason you discarded them with no notice.

This union of carriage owners lobbied for their best interest and not for the interest of the horses nor for their drivers and to the detriment of the pedicabs.

The fact that there are still 68 carriages in operation means that there will still be gridlock since the carriages are doubled park alongside central park south from 5<sup>th</sup> avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> avenue which impedes the flow of traffic.

The no more than 9 hours in a 24 hour period work rule for horses isn't monitored or enforced (subdivision G paragraph 1 of 17-330). The horses are double shifted especially during the weekends, holiday and busy days. Again when I report it to DoH, NYPD and Consumer affairs they can only speak to the drivers. Even when I recorded it on video, their response is "they must witness the abuse themselves"

Section 17-327 paragraph 2 of subdivision d limits the licenses of horses on Dec 1, 2016 to 110. Yet the number of horse drawn cab remains at 68. Starting Dec 1, 2016 Section 20-381 subdivision f states horse drawn cab limited to one nine hour shift in 24 hour period. However Central Park is open till 1am daily. Per Section 20-381.paragraph 2, their work day begins at 10 am. Therefore the cab drivers can work between 10am and 1am within the park. That is 15 hours. This is a big concern since there is no oversight or enforcement of the double shifting occurring now. And after Dec 1 there will only be 110 horses. Many horses will be double shifted. In order to prevent this double shifting the hours of operation should be defined in a 9 hour time frame such as between 10am to 7pm.

In section 17-327 subdivision d only a certification by horse licenser that he won't dump or sell his horse for slaughter. The microchip really doesn't prevent this from happening since most slaughterhouses don't scan horses for microchips and microchips number can be duplicated. The penalty is only a fine up to 500 dollars and/or 15 days imprisonment only if there is a criminal prosecution (section 17-332 section a)

Section 17-330 subdivison f paragraph 1 in regards to adverse weather isn't enforced. The horses work still under extreme weather conditions. The horses should not work in air temperature 18 degrees or below or 90 degrees and above without allowance for

humidity or wind chill. Horses are legally working in Heat Index above 101 during the summer in traffic. Again there isn't any enforcement nor oversight. Often during the weekend or after 5 pm, the mounted unit informed me they have no notice from the DoH to suspend the hack line despite the air temperature above 90.

In conclusion

- (1) Remove pedicabs from this bill not from Central Park
- (2) Set a defined 9 hour time frame of operations to stop double shifting
- (3) Reduce the number of Horse drawn cabs
- (4) DoH should not only be notify where the horse will be disposed but also approve the person or location the horse will be disposed. If the DoH doesn't approve then the license holder should not be approved to substitute or replace that horse.
- (5) Wind chill and humidity should be taken in allowance with air temperatures.
- (6) change "upon request" to "mandatory" for proof of vacation in Subdivision G paragraph 2 of Section 17 - 330

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**Roberto Bonelli Testimony Before the Transportation Committee – 1/22/16**

My name is Roberto Bonelli and I oppose Intro 573-A. It's a terrible bill.

This new scheme by Mayor deBlasio is nothing more than a ploy to stave off activist's criticism because he never kept his promise to ban the horse-carriage trade – as he runs for reelection. The media reports that he was on the phone with Council Members to pressure them about this bill. It begs the question as to why he did not do the same thing with his promise to ban the industry. We believed him; it got him elected and it was all a lie.

The bill is bad from just about every standpoint. It will give away the store to this tiny group of carriage drivers who own the city; will ruin the pedicab industry; spend taxpayer dollars on a probably illegal and totally inadequate stable in Central Park when it should be used for the homeless who camp out around City Hall. It will ultimately hurt the horses in the long run – keeping them working until the end of time.

City Council: don't vote for this bill. It smells like horse manure.

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HORSE CARRIAGE COMPROMISE BILL (INTRO 573)**

I am one of the animal-loving, humane NYC voters who have been fighting for a carriage horse ban in NYC for many years, because I feel that having 19th century horse-drawn carriages in 21st century NYC traffic is both INHUMANE to the horses and very DANGEROUS to us all.

I voted for Mayor DeBlasio because of his promise to ban the carriage horses, and needless to say, I was very disappointed when he announced that there were not enough City Council votes to pass the original Carriage Horse Ban Bill, known as Intro 573. However, I feel that the Horse Carriage Compromise Bill is definitely a step in the right direction, because it will get the horses out of NYC traffic and into Central Park, where the fresher air, additional shade, slower pace and newer stables that will be built will undoubtedly provide the horses with a much more Humane working experience. It will also reduce the number of working horses, and hopefully help the excessed horses to go to sanctuaries upstate or elsewhere. I also hope that the final Bill will place age and temperature requirements on the horses.

It is for these reasons that I would like to urge the members of the New York City Council to become Humane Heroes and to vote in support of the Horse Carriage Compromise Bill, and I would like to thank the Mayor, the Speaker and numerous City Council Members for their efforts and support of this Bill.

Thank you.

Deborah Thomas

**Testimony of Carol Marcus, New York  
before the Transportation Committee  
January 22, 2016 concerning Intro 573-A**

FOR THE RECORD

My name is Carol Marcus and I oppose Intro 573-A.

I implore the City Council to please understand what it means when a horse spooks and bolts before someone gets badly injured or killed.

Horses are nervous, sensitive animals who weigh between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds. They can spook and bolt at the slightest provocation – running out into traffic, crashing into and trampling tourists, causing injury and death to themselves or innocent passersby. People have died in spooking accidents in other cities and it could happen here. Horses become weapons – whether on the street, Central Park or a stable. Forget the traffic issue - This is one of the major reasons why they do not belong in NYC.

In April of 2014, a horse named Spartacus spooked on Central Park South and fell. He was pinned under his heavy carriage for some time. The industry denied that it was a problem, harassing the bystander who photographed this accident.

So here it is January 2016 and on Tuesday, the NY Times reported on a rally of carriage drivers at the West Side Livery Stable. This is the excerpt:

*“Their protests were interrupted briefly when Spartacus, a stately Percheron draft horse, got spooked, sending bystanders scrambling.”*

Spooked? Bystanders Scrambling?! This was the same horse.

Please do not pass this ill-advised bill. It is a horse's nature to spook. They should not be put in situations that are obviously stressful to them.

Jacqueline St. James  
New York City

When the City Council votes on this proposed legislation regarding horse-drawn carriages, I urge them to consider the key issue:

**Is it Good for the Horses?**

Will these horses spend nine hours a day between the shafts of a carriage only to go back to the same restrictive stall day after day, week after week, month after month without access to daily pasture time where they can roam freely, interact with other horses?

Will these horses still walk on hard surfaces, which can cause leg injury and lameness, and can reach significantly higher surface temperature than the ambient air temperature in the summer?

Are these horses safe within the urban environment in New York City? Even walking within Central Park, the horses will still be exposed to emergency vehicles and cars, as well as runners and cyclists.

A horse's instinct is to run or act erratic when frightened. A case in point being the carriage horse, Spartacus, who spooked on Tuesday during a rally held by carriage drivers at a stable, according to *The New York Times*.

Is this proposal really good for the horses? Does it change their lives for the better? Are they still not deprived of everything natural to them?

There can be no compromise when it comes to cruelty. The horses deserve better.

RAPHAELLA CIAVATTA

FROM COLLECTIVELY FREE.ORG

The United States is a nation of animal lovers. And I am sure most of us here today would consider ourselves such. We all have looked into the eyes of animals and either seen love, pain or joy. But when we look into the eyes of the NY city horses, there's nothing but pain.

Justifying the violence that it is to make these horses work tirelessly, to profit from them by saying "oh, they were born to work for us, is just as wrong and offensive as saying that we, women, were born to serve men and love children. Horses want freedom, they want love, just like the cats and dogs in our homes.

Unfortunately, we are not here today to discuss the horses' freedom. We are here to talk about making their prisons prettier and bigger.

I hope in the near future we, as the animal lovers we claim to be, can discuss how to ban the horse carriage industry once and for all and how to help the displaced workers.

FOR THE RECORD

LILIYA IRENKOVA

I DO NOT ~~SUPPORT~~ <sup>SUPPORT</sup> THIS BILL AS IT STANDS.

I'M AN IMMIGRANT WHO'S LIVED IN NEW YORK FOR ALMOST 12 YEARS AND IN MULTIPLE CITIES AROUND THE WORLD BEFORE. THE ONE THING I FIND UNIQUE ABOUT NEW YORK, WHICH IS WHAT DREW ME HERE, IS THAT IT'S CONSTANTLY EVOLVING. NOTHING IS PERMANENT, AND WE SEE IT ALL AROUND US: IN ARCHITECTURE, IN THE FLOW OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF THE CITY, AND EVEN IN THE MOST TRADITIONAL THINGS LIKE THE TREE LIGHTING OR THE BAL DROP - THESE THINGS TOO, ARE ALWAYS EVOLVING. WE NEW YORKERS ARE AMONG THE MOST EASILY ADAPTABLE HUMANS IN THE WORLD. TRADITIONS IN NEW YORK CONSTANTLY CHANGE AND IMPROVE - BECAUSE OF US!

SO HERE WE ARE NOW, IN 2016, ARGUING ABOUT HORSE CARRIAGES - A TRADITION THAT IS BASED ON EXPLOITATION. WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE DEGREES IN BIOLOGY TO SEE THAT HORSES DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO

BE PULLING CARRIAGES ALL DAY ~~ON THE~~ <sup>WHILE</sup> ~~ON THE~~ <sup>THE STREETS</sup> ASPHALT, SURROUNDED BY EXHAUST, HORNS, AND MASSES OF PEOPLE <sup>OR IN THE PARK</sup> AND CARS. WE DON'T HAVE TO EVEN LIKE HORSES TO SEE THAT THIS TRADITION IS CRUEL AND ANTIQUATED. WHICH IS WHY MOST MAJOR CITIES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BANNED THE USE OF HORSE CARRIAGES.

THEY ARE ON

Why is New York BEHIND IN THE TIMES?  
Why ARE WE EVEN DEBATING THIS? I'LL  
Say IT AGAIN - WE NEW YORKERS ARE  
SOME OF THE MOST ADAPTABLE HUMANS  
IN THE WORLD. AS SUCH ADAPTABLE  
NEW YORKERS, THE TEAMSTERS WILL  
SURELY FIND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES COME  
THEIR WAY, THAT DO NOT INVOLVE THE  
EXPLOITATION OF OTHER BEINGS.

LET'S BRING NEW YORK TO THE  
FRONT LINE AND LET'S NOT FALL BEHIND  
THE TIMES AND OTHER CITIES.

NEW YORK IS A LEADER, NOT A FOLLOWER.  
PLEASE BAN ALL USE OF ALL HORSE  
CARRIAGES.

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25th January 2016

**RE: Bill 573A - Written Testimony from January 22, 2016**

To the New York City Council,

Please find herein for the record, the written account of my testimony regarding Bill 573A in the City Court on Friday January 22, 2016.

Good afternoon, my name is Michelle Laumeister, I am a resident of the Upper West Side. I have always been deeply pained and disturbed by the sighting of horse carriages in New York. I live on 68th Street and Columbus Avenue where unfortunately I often see this and now try to avoid the areas around Columbus Circle as it is simply too saddening and upsets me.

I support a full on BAN to this inhumane industry, yet support this particular Bill 573A ONLY because it is simply better than the way it is now. Any progress will due. I genuinely hope that in the near future a full on BAN will occur however and New York City will step up to the TIMES alongside the other great cities of Paris, London, Toronto, Las Vegas, etc. where horse carriages are banned.

I do not believe the horses are treated humanely at all. They look miserable and sad. The owners and it's accomplices of this business have displayed nothing but corrupt, sketchy and vulgar accounts in the social media I follow and here, today in this court. It is so clear to me that they are full of deception and will resort to any tactics to keep their profit lines in tact, caring nothing about the horses themselves.

I am here today to stand up for animal rights, just as I do for human rights, the environment, for what is right. These horse carriages in NYC- this is NOT RIGHT.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Michelle Laumeister**

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 12:42 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Testimony re: horse carriage hearing

It is extremely disappointing to hear of this compromise. Mayor DeBlasio should never have promised a total ban unless he knew he could deliver one. Regardless, I like many New Yorkers want the carriages banned outright. While it is better to have them out of traffic and confined to the park, traffic was only one of the issues. There is still the matter of how long they have to work daily, the extremes of hot and cold weather they must work in, their lack of time off (5 weeks is not sufficient), and the quality of stables in which they're kept.

There is also the issue of the manure smell which is quite frankly disgusting and which you can smell as soon as you get within a few blocks of Central Park, even in cold weather. I do not understand why there is so much concern for these few hundred people's jobs. Who else in NY is guaranteed to keep their job as long as they want it? No one seemed concerned for the loss of jobs that was caused when all the X-rated theaters and stores were shuttered in Times Square. There were moral and safety issues, so these businesses were shut down. Likewise, the carriages are a moral and safety issue, too. Progress sometimes means jobs are lost. I fail to see why the city is choosing to continue a "tradition" that is not only outdated but inhumane simply to preserve a few jobs.

Lastly, this notion that the carriages are somehow unique to or add something tremendous to this city is ridiculous. I've seen horse carriages from South Carolina to Copenhagen to Egypt. Stop acting like a ban on the carriages would be the equivalent of shuttering the Empire State building.

-Jan Karl, Manhattan

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:50 AM **To:**  
OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Testimony NY Carriage Horse Bill

**Testimony** - *archaic* a solemn protest or declaration.

With solemnity, I plead with the government to put Humane ideals in front of monetary gain. The *archaic Carriage Horse Industry* no longer has a place in American cities. With the abundance of proof of accidents involving motorist, passengers, pedestrians and equines it is blatantly obvious that there is a strong arm manipulating the system. New York City, the 6th most visited tourist destination in 2014 (Condé Nast Traveler), should take her place among the more enlightened cities and **ban Horse Carriages**.

It is passed the time for government to keep their word to the people who trust them to govern with integrity.

**BAN HORSE CARRIAGES in NEW YORK.**

Carriage Horse Trainer abuse 15  
year old tourist accident Horses  
bolting down city streets  
Tickles  
NYPD report of 25, previously “unknown” horse accidents, some Hit and Run

Submitted respectfully,  
Elizabeth Abraham

From: Gail Dickinson [[farprof@mindspring.com](mailto:farprof@mindspring.com)]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:42 PM To:  
OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Carriage Horse Bill

I am writing in opposition to the proposed reduction in the number of carriage horses working in NYC. As a recreational carriage driver and a person who has spent my life with horses, I have many concerns. 1. If there are fewer horses, will those horses have to work more hours and more days? The current ratio of horses to carriages allow for work breaks as well as the 5 weeks off a year. Reducing the number of horses is very ill-conceived. 2. What will happen to the out-of-work horses? In the U.S. there are many unwanted or poorly cared for horses in need of rescue. Taking well-cared-for working horses and adding them to the population of horses that are unwanted is irresponsible and many may end up being shipped out of the US for slaughter in the horse meat market. It is unlikely that a carriage driver can afford to support pet horses which have no job. 4. How will the unemployed drivers be compensated? 3. Will there really be stables built in Central Park? This is the heart of the proposal and reveals DeBlasio's real intention of land grabbing the very valuable land where the current stables are located.

In summary, the current number of horses and carriages is working well. "horse lanes" between Central Park South and the stables would provide an inexpensive and safe way for the horses to return to their current stabling. Keep all the healthy, happy working horses in NYC. They are iconic. Remember that these horses were bred to work and asphalt pavement as macadam was developed to make it easier for horses to pull carriages. Preserve our equine heritage.

Thank you. Please enter this as testimony in the public hearing.

Gail Dickinson, M.D.  
Woodstock, CT  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** Stella Kim [[stella.olyacademia@gmail.com](mailto:stella.olyacademia@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:05 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Testimony for hearing on revised carriage horse bill

Dear Members of the New York City Council,

I hope this letter finds you well, and thank you for meeting this Friday on the important issue of horse-drawn carriages.

I remember that as a naïve fourteen-year-old who had just arrived in New York City sixteen years ago, I found the horse carriages in Central Park fascinating. But ever since, the sight of these carriages – which I often catch on my way home on Route 9A – has generated nothing but pain, and sometimes even distress and horror. Looking around, I have often noted similar reactions by my fellow New Yorkers; we mentally share the exhaustion and fear of the restrained animals, and grimace at the sight of vehicles racing by them.

So thank you for considering the revised bill that will limit the location of horse carriages to Central Park and reduce their operating hours. It is a step forward, and I appreciate that the Council shares my colleagues' and my concern for the health and well-being of carriage horses.

However, I also implore you to consider permanently removing horse-drawn carriages from New York City in the near future. Every other New Yorker and I understand the various issues the Council must consider - commercial interests are of course at stake, and carriage drivers and stable owners will protest – but most of us are simply too sensitive to and aware of the conditions of horses, and will be happier to see the carriages disappear.

Thank you again for your consideration, and I look forward to the day when horse carriages will be no more in New York City.

Sincerely,

Stella Kim

New York, NY 10123

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**Cc:** [Helen@HelenRosenthal.com](mailto:Helen@HelenRosenthal.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Hearing this Fri. (1/22) on Carriage Horse Bill

Dear Ms. Mark-Viverito,

Following is my written testimony on the proposed agreement.

Obviously the whole struggle regarding the horse & carriages in and around Central Park has more to do with real estate than it does horses; more to do with the far west side than it does Central Park.

Politics is the art of the possible and compromise is usually needed to bridge the gap between differing positions and reach an agreement where each side gives something and gets something in return. But the proposed settlement regarding the horse carriages is totally one-sided.

The carriage operators get to maintain their business, use public facilities for private financial gain and at the same time reap huge financial gains by selling their current stables to the rapacious real estate developers who are salivating at the possibility of constructing further enticements for super wealthy oligarchs.

What does the city receive in return? At most, the preservation of fewer than 100 jobs.

The city relinquishes a section of Central Park to a new, private business, including the use of a public facility (stables), to support the private business. Are the taxes from this largely cash business so enormous as to balance this exchange? No.

If the city is to cede use of parts of Central Park to private business it should be with the agreement that no additional construction is to be permitted, other than necessary repairs or updates to existing structures, no additional land would be used or removed from public use.

The carriage operators should pay fair rent to the city for use of the space as well as additional fees for increased sewage and sanitation services at the stables.

The owners of the current stable locations should be required to share with the city a percentage (between 10% and 50%) of the sale price of the real estate and developers should be required to include 20% to 50% of the square footage of their developments as affordable housing, in perpetuity, as rent stabilized or other price-controlled units.

The restrictions on the pedicab operators seem to be a much needed control and further enforcement of existing pedicab regulations would enhance life in New York in general and Central Park in particular a great deal.

Many of the council members, the Mayor as well as other office holders look to the real estate industry and financial community for monetary support for their election or re-election campaigns. Some office holders made promises to rid Central Park of the carriage horses when they were seeking those offices. Those in office should ask themselves who they are there to represent.

Some council members and the Mayor have made proclamations as to their *progressive* approach to governance. This proposed agreement gives the lie to those claims. It implies that this council and the Mayor believe more in business as usual than they care about fairness and responsible representative government.

Respectfully,

Bill McNally

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**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Int. 0573-2014Carriage Horses Transportation Committee

I would like to submit this testimony in relation to Int. 0573-2014 :

I want Mayor de Blasio and the City Council to leave the carriage horses ALONE. I realize as a Democrat, he would prefer to have as many people on welfare as possible and by eliminating the jobs of the carriage drivers, many of them would have to sign up for welfare.

All of this blather about the horses being treated badly is simply trumped up nonsense so he can do the real estate cartel's bidding. **Leave the carriage horses and their drivers alone.** Let them cater to the tourists who SPEND LOTS OF DOLLARS in this city! What this guy doesn't get is that if you make the city safe and attractive, tourists will flock here and spend MONEY. Instead of undoing all of the productive things that Bloomberg did, he should be spending his time figuring out where he can move after his one term is up.  
Keep the Carriage Horses!!!!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 2:48 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices; Garodnick, Daniel

**Subject:** Vote No on Trojan Horse Bill -- All Carriage Horses Should Stay

"Death by a thousand cuts," as the saying goes -- or dropping a horse in a slowly heating cauldron of water.

DeBlasio's horse carriage bill, if passed, would succeed in finally getting that "gold" Hudson Yards land that current carriage horse stables sit on for his wealthy, developer friends and contributors.

It is neither the "business of the people" nor to their benefit to slowly destroy legitimate enterprises for the sake of paying off wealthy contributors. Such law will never stand up in the courts.

This bill will add many middle class workers to unemployment lines, from carriage drivers, to stable hands, to horse care providers, to pedicab operators, to park maintenance workers to even the vendors selling carrots for carriage horses every morning.

It would also double or even triple the work load for the 75 horses allowed to remain as there would be no rotation and replacement horses for them during furloughs or days off.

Such would *create* a situation of actual and *real* animal abuse.

As for the 100 or more carriage horses displaced, there are no unemployment checks or welfare programs for them.

Those utopian, " horse retirement farms" are just another "tale" that our fanciful mayor weaves.

Do the right thing and veto this ill-conceived, wasteful and destructive bill.

Carriage horses should be left alone. If you want to do something decent for them, create some grass space for them to graze on once in a while. They (and the people of NYC who care about their actual welfare) would surely appreciate that.

Patty Adjamine  
Manhattan

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OfficeofCorrespondenceServices Subject:  
Revised Carriage Horse Bill -- INPUT

Please read this into the record at the hearing on Friday.

Dear City Council Members:

I think the new bill is a good compromise, but the following conditions must be considered as part of the deal:

- a limit on the number of hours a horse can work in a day, in a week, in a month; a mandatory retirement age.
- a restriction on the temperatures under which a horse can work, including a heat/humidity index.
- the new barns having box stalls (not straight stalls) so each horse can move around and lie down to rest.
- the inclusion of a dozen paddocks so each horse can be turned out for two hours every day or every other day.
- reliable and consistent monitoring that all regulations are being met; regular veterinary review of the barns and horses.

Thank you for your time.

Bobbe Stultz  
longtime horse owner  
and advocate

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**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Council Hearing Friday, January 22, 2016 10am

Good morning, ladies and gentleman. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Richard Costella. I come, not as a politician, but as a hard-working New Yorker fighting to keep the only livelihood I have, and one I have come to love.

I am a native New Yorker and lifelong city resident who has spent the last 5 years building a successful business as a licensed pedicab driver, specializing in historic tours of Central Park.

I am the sole proprietor of one of several Central Park pedicab tour companies with an established presence on the world's largest travel website, [Tripadvisor.com](http://Tripadvisor.com). There you will find hundreds of stellar ratings and reviews of our businesses, with many customers stating that their pedicab tour of the park was the highlight of their visit to our city.

Over the past 2 years, while the Central Park carriage ban was debated, I was always supportive of the carriage drivers and sympathized with their plight. How shocked and disappointed I was last week when Mayor de Blasio's compromise plan was announced including an outrageous provision which was negotiated behind closed doors in a back room with no involvement from the pedicab community and gives the carriage industry a virtual monopoly on business in the south end of the park. According to several news reports, this provision was added as a deal-sweetener to appease them. If this is true, it is not only outrageous, but unlawful and un-American.

The park's prime tourist attractions, such as Bethesda Fountain, Tavern-on-the-Green and the John Lennon Memorial at Strawberry Fields, exist in the south end of the park, which is also central to major transportation hubs like Columbus Circle. In addition, restricting pedicab tours to the north end of the park presents logistical challenges which I explain in further detail in my written comments to the committee. There is enough work in the park to find a more just and equitable solution.

I am but one voice, and mine is but one story. But voting "yes" for this provision would effectively cause me and several hundred other pedicab drivers to go out of business and leave us unable to provide for our families.

I love my job, my city and its precious jewel, Central Park. I urge you to vote "no" on the part of the proposed bill which would prohibit pedicabs from operating south of 86th Street inside of Central Park.

And I would like to extend an invitation to all council members, Mayor de Blasio and our first lady, to take a complementary pedicab tour of Central Park. Before you vote, please come and experience first hand the important work we do for this great city. Thank you.

**My Business:** Richie's Central Park Pedicab Tours

**Website:** [www.richiecentralparktours.com](http://www.richiecentralparktours.com)

**Tripadvisor Page:** [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g60763-d6592629-Reviews-Richie s Central Park Pedicab Tours-New York City New York.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g60763-d6592629-Reviews-Richie_s_Central_Park_Pedicab_Tours-New_York_City_New_York.html)

**Logistical challenges:** In addition, the logistics of such a change would make it extremely difficult to provide any kind of tour in a timely fashion. Customers would have to be picked up near the south end of the park and driven north on Madison Avenue and then west toward the park entrance at 90th Street and 5th Avenue (the closest entrance north of 85th Street) and then after being given the tour of the north end of the park and exiting on Central Park West and 90th Street, taxied back down to midtown outside of the park. A tour such as this which would normally last for 1-Hour would now last closer to 2-1/2 hours and most of the time would be spent outside of the park. I know from experience, there would be little interest in this kind of tour.

**From:** C. White [[CWhite3333@outlook.com](mailto:CWhite3333@outlook.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 12:23 AM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Testimony Submitted For The Record: Intro 573-A, Written Testimony, Hearing January 22, 2016, Transportation Committee

To The Transportation Committee and City Council Members,

The majority of documented horse-drawn carriage accidents have occurred in Central Park and its immediate environs. Therefore, restricting horse-drawn carriages to Central Park will not make the carriages safer for the horses or the public. Accidents will continue, because all horses spook.

Because of this, and because Manhattan is a congested urban island without pasture, a complete ban is necessary for the welfare of the horses and the safety of our city. But if Intro 573-A *were* to pass, it must be amended for the sake of equine welfare.

Intro 573-A fails to provide turn out to pasture. Turn out is essential to horses' physical and mental health. Lack of turn out is a deal breaker. It is a fundamental welfare violation. Carriage horses have no opportunity to express natural behaviors. Turn out to pasture is a horse's chance to run, roll, and graze, to move naturally and freely. As herd animals, horses need turn out to engage in social behaviors and relationships with other horses. Last Chance for Animals documents that some New York carriage horses suffer from zoochosis, a mental illness of animals held captive without enrichment or the ability to express natural behaviors. Unless the bill guarantees turnout, the horses will be in Central Park, as they are now, unable to step on the grass.

Providing turn out for 75 horses in Central Park would consume too much of the park. Either a smaller area of parkland must be designated, where horses can be turned out in shifts--though this is a security challenge. Or, the horses must be trailered to a rural farm in alternating shifts of one week on, one week off.

The five-week vacation doesn't satisfy this need for turn out, because horses, including working horses, require regular turn out--ideally, daily turn out-- throughout the year for health and wellness.

The bill forbids slaughter, but fails to stipulate also that the horses must be sold or donated to homes and sanctuaries, or be cared for by the current owner, AND must not be put to work again upon retiring from the New York City carriage trade. Without this provision, the door is open for retiring horses to be put to work in agriculture or in carriage businesses elsewhere. This must be amended.

The bill reduces the number of horses--but what is inhumane for 220 is still inhumane for 95.

This bill fails, in doing nothing to alleviate welfare abuses, such as incapacitating hoof and leg injuries from long hours pounding pavement and overwork. Working daily under city conditions is too much for these horses. Horses *will* be overworked with 75 horses and 68 cabs; the bill's provision that each cab work only a single shift per day instead of the current two shifts, is necessary to keep this from becoming worse still. The bill increases stall size, but still not enough; a large horse requires 144 square feet, a large draft horse 196 square feet. The carriage horses are confined to stalls whenever not working, stressed because horses are claustrophobic. This is not right for a working animal. They are treated like cars: driven, then parked in stalls. Many carriage horses age quickly, and retire wrung out, worn, older than their years, with the marks of the harness permanently etched in their flesh. Restriction to Central Park won't change any of this.

The bill does not allow the horses a natural life, such as working horses deserve. It cannot, unless turn out is included. Only a complete ban can end this safety and welfare disgrace to our city. But if Intro 573-A must serve in the interim, it must be amended to provide turn out and a safe and secure retirement for the horses.

I question whether Intro 573-A is legal, or will survive the challenge of the courts. It creates a private business establishment in Central Park, which is dedicated to public use, at an estimated cost of \$25 million of our own tax dollars. It also decimates the pedicab business, (which offers a cruelty-free alternative to carriages), and puts its operators at risk of their jobs and livelihood, to create an unfair monopoly for the carriage horse industry.

Leaders must lead and speak out, particularly in matters of principle. The media must not govern the city. Before the media's campaign of misinformation, New Yorkers trusted their own perceptions and favored a ban. That's why leadership by Council Members is all the more important now.

An enterprise that cannot be achieved humanely ought not to be undertaken. If equine welfare is not put first, the horses should not be working. If a humane carriage business is too costly in New York City, there should be no carriage business. We need to accept that Manhattan is a congested island, just as we have to accept that horses spook, and abandon a project that cannot be pursued safely and humanely in Manhattan.

Thank you for your consideration. I ask you to reject Intro 573-A. But in the event that it is passed, the amendments concerning disposition of the horses upon retirement and turn out to pasture are essential. I also ask the City Council to work to achieve as soon as possible a complete ban on horse-drawn carriages in New York City.

Sincerely,  
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P.S. Of 98 documented carriage accidents, spooking incidents, horse collapses, horse deaths and human injuries since 1982--including 22 horse deaths and 70 human injuries, many critical-51 such accidents occurred in Central Park and its immediate environs, and 47 occurred in the stables and elsewhere. This is documented in my "Necessity To Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages in New York City," pp 490 - 655 and pp 485-6, and in an Addendum for accidents confirmed following the completion of "Necessity to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages in New York City" in August, 2015.

The 22 documented work-related horse deaths do not include horses sent to slaughter, horses who may have been euthanized for lameness or disability, horses who have died prematurely due to attrition, etc.

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**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Written Testimony Regarding Intro 573-A

I have worked at a stable on and off for over 17 years and have closely observed the NYC carriage horses for over 2 years. The horses of NYC are well-cared for, and living good lives. This proposed bill would damage the industry, put many drivers and stable hands out of work, and work the horses in the industry harder than needed. Limiting the number of horses means there will not be enough horses for all the carriages currently in demand, and fewer stablemen would be needed to care for them, putting many out of work. If there was no limit on the number of horse licenses per carriage, horses could split the amount of work and not every horse would work every day. The others could be on pastures, or stabled. If there were two shifts per day, carriage drivers could continue to make the same type of income they had been to cover all of the industry's expenses and not put so many part time drivers out of work. It doesn't make sense to make any changes to the industry regarding limiting it until a stable is built, since there are not any issues with present day conditions for the horses. How would expenses be covered with the industry cut this way until a new stable was built? There is no data to support the idea that carriage horses are a contribute to NYC traffic congestion, and they have an excellent safety record, with very few accidents in the street. There is no reason to remove them from 59th street where they are highly viable, and have lined up for many years without issue. Stopping the carriage horses from 4:30 to 7pm keeps the industry from having enough horses at peak demand time and cuts into the 9 hours each shift is allowed to work. There is no reason to "fix" an industry that has shown to have no issue. It's already highly regulated. It's a thriving tourist industry that should be preserved. I applied for and received my NYC carriage driving license just a year ago. Newcomers, like myself will never be able to get a shift under this proposed bill. Amendments need to be made to this bill, or it should not be passed at all.

Jill Adamski  
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**From:** christine macmurray [christinemacmurray@gmail.com]  
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**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Carriage Horses

Dear Council,

I am writing to weigh in on the new bill concerning the carriage horses. I would like to see a total ban. Getting the horses out of mid-town is a move in the right direction, but most of the problems relating to the horses not getting what they need would remain. Horses should have turnout to pasture, optimally every day. The 75 horses that eventually will be in the Park would still not get ANY pasture, if my understanding of the bill is correct. Also, horses have spooked and been killed in the Park. Spooking occurs anywhere, which is one of the reasons that we want them off the streets. There is lots of traffic in the Park. In addition, the building that will be refurbished as a stable for the horses is not big enough for 75 horses to allow for stalls of adequate size.

I believe that most of the problems for the horses are not addressed by this bill. A total ban is in the best interest of the horses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christine MacMurray

**From:** Ruth Eisenbud [homerific1990@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Cc:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices; Ruth Eisenbud  
**Subject:** For Horses & Dogs: Visit Mumbai not NYC

**"Always reflect on the burdens we have placed on fellow creatures, and how we can help them, not exploit them. We note with admiration how Indian rangers give a tiger mother a respectful funeral, in a pyre, with proper consternation written on their faces. How different from the usual Western exploitative attitude to so many creatures. For all her troubles and contradictions India remains a unique civilization with much to teach humanity about our place in the web of life".** —PG <http://www.greenvillepost.com/2015/10/09/tigers-revenge-videos/>

### **For Horses & Dogs: Visit Mumbai not NYC**

The following was sent to the Office of Correspondence Services as with regard to a hearing on The Carriage Horse Bill:

I will not plead with you to rescue all the horses enslaved by the carriage trade, for you will never understand the implications of reverence for life... Your view of animals is based on the judeo.christian tradition, which due to the arrogance of the exaggerated importance of human life over animal lives, you will never grasp that horses do not exist to pull carriages filled with tourists who seem to think there is nothing more that a horse would rather do than pull around a heavy load day in and day out, so that they can enjoy the ride.

***"For there is nothing inaccessible for death. All beings are fond of life, hate pain, like pleasure, shun destruction, like life, long to live. To all life is dear."*** Jain Acharanga Sutra.

***"These words of the venerable Mahavir found in the Acharanga Sutra are some of the profoundest ever found in a religious scripture. They are a result of a tremendous but simple spiritual discovery: all life is holy, sacred or God-given. Life, therefore, has intrinsic values - and all that lives has an interest in living."*** Reverend Andrew Linsey

Two major cities in India, Mumbai and Delhi have both banned carriage horses, for in India it is not judeo.christian dominion but ahimsa (*no-harm*), which determines how animals are treated.

The terrible track record of dominion is borne out by a franciscan monk, who in all his pompous humility determined that the carriage horses were not being mistreated, despite all rational evidence of brutal conditions.

**"The industry brought out a Franciscan monk who testified about St. Francis and how he loved animals and how the carriage owners love their horses. "Father Brian Jordan, whose Franciscan order was founded by the Catholic patron saint of animals, Francis of Assisi, said he had surveyed every aspect of the trade and found nothing cruel. I can tell you, if there was any cruelty I wouldn't be here..."**

And yet there he was... defending the right to subjugate horses to brutal and dangerous conditions, so that their uncaring drivers would not lose their trade... a trade of pain and suffering for horses, who have harmed no one.

### ***ahimsa***

Meanwhile in an older, wiser tradition, that of Ahimsa in India... the carriage horse trade has been successfully banned in both Mumbai and Delhi.. on the grounds that man does not have the right to profit from a trade that inflicts severe harm and cruelty on animals:

According to Indian Law an animal's life is worth more than profit for a human exploiter: **"no person has a right to carry on a trade which results in infliction of unnecessary pain and suffering on animals"** India Law quoted by Amy Mansfield, New Zealand Lawyer

The liberation of the carriage horses in India is based on a time honored tradition with reverence for life: all lives - both animal and human:

***"All things breathing, all things existing, all living beings whatever, would not be slain or treated with violence, or insulted, or tortured or driven away. This is the pure unchanging eternal law, which the wise ones who know the world have proclaimed..."*** Jain Acharanga Sutra ***therefore...***

I would rather visit Mumbai than New York City... not just because of the horses, but also because of the endless kill lists of NYC ACC, where every night healthy young animals are killed for being homeless... At least in Mumbai I will see street dogs, roaming freely, allowed to live, and I will not see any carriage horses, lugging around tourists, unaware of the misery they cause.

Until those in charge in predominantly christian nations cease destroying animal lives with the power vested in them by dominion, I will support the culture of India, which despite a ruthless british occupation manages to keep ahimsa alive and free from harm, a culture where animal lives and human lives both matter.

***"Always reflect on the burdens we have placed on fellow creatures, and how we can help them, not exploit them. We note with admiration how Indian rangers give a tiger mother a respectful funeral, in a pyre, with proper consternation written on their faces. How different from the usual Western exploitative attitude to so many creatures. For all her troubles and contradictions India remains a unique civilization with much to teach humanity about our place in the web of life"***. —PG <http://www.greenvillepost.com/2015/10/09/tigers-revenge-videos/>

**From:** Pam Chock [pechock@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 8:16 AM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Carriage Horse Issue

It is obscene that the Mayor thinks it is appropriate to spend millions of tax payer dollars to support an inhumane industry. It will continue to be inhumane even if the horses are exclusively in Central Park. Why don't the council members educate themselves about horses prior to making decisions.

Respectfully,

Pam Chock  
New York, NY 10023

**From:** Patricia Glowinski [paglowinski@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 7:12 AM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Operation of horse drawn carriages - support of passing the Bill Int. No. 573-A

Dear New York City Council:

I am a New York City resident of the East Harlem neighborhood and **I support the proposed bill (Int. No. 573-A) regarding the operation of horse drawn carriages.**

I live minutes away from Central Park and there is hardly a day that goes by that I am not in the Park at some point. I often walk through Central Park on my way home from work, getting off the F train at 57th Street and 6th Avenue where I then observe the horse drawn carriages, cars, pedicabs, cyclists, runners, and walkers, maneuver the crazy congestion within the park, particularly the East Drive between the entrance at 59th Street to the 72nd Street transverse road where cars have to exit.

I support the bill because I think **it is a fair compromise** between those of us who want to see the horse carriages banned (which I have contacted you before in support of the ban) and the carriage owners and drivers who want to keep things as they are. I would love to see the horses in Central Park and improve the quality of their lives as their current stables are not ethical. I also think the safety of the animals would also be improved. Growing up in the country side of Southern Oregon where my family had four horses, I can say horses need indoor/outdoor stables. I mentioned the above story regarding my walks because I have often observed pedicab drivers who seem to have no respect for the rules of the park. They drive in any direction that benefits their needs, often drive two or more abreast causing horse carriages and cars into the bike lane, which forces the bikes into the pedestrian lane, etc. They also stop in the road to talk to their customers, again causing everyone else to maneuver around them. I'm guessing this is why the prohibition of pedicabs below the 85th Street transverse is included in the bill.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope that you will pass the bill. It would be good for the City of New York.

Sincerely,

Patricia Glowinski  
New York, NY 10029

**From:** Rob [ut1bebe@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 2:32 AM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Solution Looking for a Problem: Please Vote NO on Bill 573A

Madam Speaker and Ladies & Gentleman of the NY City Council,

With all due respect:

**This Carriage Horse Bill is ridiculous in light of what is going on in New York City right now.**

This is a Solution in Search of a Problem.

When I voted for this administration & certain Council members, I was voting for certain values: End the Tale of Two Cities, No more \$\$ buying politics, Support small businesses, No more income inequality, Raise the minimum wage, Lower the unemployment rate & more.

Imagine how surprised I am that this Flawed proposed Carriage Horse reduction/AKA "legislative ban", (which clearly seems motivated by big real estate money), is actually going to a vote. For Shame.

Let's talk facts:

It is a fact that **NYCLASS listed the stables' square footage/benefits of rezoning in their 1<sup>st</sup> 2 pamphlets** released to the public. If they really cared about the horses why mention the real estate and tax benefits? They are **the** sponsor of this bill. This is a naked attempt to eventually acquire the expansive West Side horse stables, which are so close to the new West Side development. Money in politics? Example 1 right here. What to do?

**\*VOTE NO ON 573A!\***

We are in the midst of a homeless crises, not to mention those still homeless since **Hurricane Sandy**. Yet the Council is proposing spending upwards of 25 Million Dollars on a possibly illegal Central Park stable - when the horses already have perfectly good homes in the West Side stables? Creating unemployed people and homeless horses at the same time? Really? Why? Plus inviting at least 5 lawsuits from 5 different aggrieved parties. Council sanctioned evictions for developers? Then waste money defending flawed bills in court? Waste of \$\$! Vote No!

Here's a better solution:

**Let the Carriages Horses ride in the Bus Lanes to and from the Park.** Makes perfect sense and the recent traffic study doesn't say horses are a traffic concern. In any way. The 20 block, 5 Stoplight journey would not delay bus passengers in any way. This removes any bogus complaints of "congestion" caused by horses when we know they actually help Vision Zero. It makes sense to Vote No.

The Horse Carriage drivers and stable workers are Union Labor and overwhelmingly immigrants and minorities. The horse carriage owners and drivers are the ultimate small business owners and workers. They are gainfully and legally employed.

That said, Why is the NYC Council considering putting these small businesses OUT of business and why are we sending hard working, EMPLOYED Union workers to the unemployment line? You are raising the unemployment numbers Voluntarily for Political reasons.

Once again; why is the Council penalizing hard working small business owners for no reason? **PLEASE VOTE NO ON 573A!**

Finally - why are there no Contract Guarantees or Poison Pills? The bill *demands* reductions in horse numbers but does NOT guarantee stable construction. The Bill should allow the numbers to remain as they are **If** and **Until** the Central Park stables are built.

No guaranteed Stable? No reduction should be proposed. Vote NO until it's changed  
**PLEASE VOTE NO ON 573A**

Otherwise? This Bill is just a ploy to carry out NYCLASS' and PETA's well documented agendas to eliminate not just the Carriage Horses but every domestic animal in human proximity. Including pets. Vote NO!

Protect our heritage and our integrity. **Don't let big real estate cash buy your vote!**

Please see this horrible bill for the naked and transparent legislation it is: the beginning of the end of a legal industry:

The Beloved and already heavily regulated Carriage Horse Industry.

Stop the tyranny.

Stand up for small business owners.

**Please - Don't Penalize Union Workers.**

**Please - VOTE NO ON 573A.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rob Edwards

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:52 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices; Rodriguez, Ydanis; Garodnick, Daniel; Vacca, James; Chin; Levin, Stephen; Rose, Deborah; Van Bramer, James; Greenfield, David; Costa Constantinides; info38; District27; Reynoso, Antonio; Tauber, Lacey; Richards, Donovan

**Subject:** Please OPPOSE Intro 573-A ! Save the NYC Carriage Horses

NYC Transportation Committee Members

Dear Council Member:

Please OPPOSE and VOTE NO on Intro 573-A as written, because it will decimate and ultimately destroy the 150 plus year old New York City carriage horse industry. The horses, drivers, and support staff who will lose their jobs in an uncertain economy have done nothing wrong. Work is not abuse. Living and working in NYC is as good for the horses as it is for the people who choose to do so. Having horses in the city is good for the people who otherwise do not have the opportunity to interact with them. Banishing the horses to the confines of the park and further regulating their already well regulated industry distances them from our lives. The proposal to move these animals and these private businesses to Central Park is OPPOSED by the Park Conservancy, intelligent NYC residents, equine veterinarians and professionals nationwide, and informed tourists and others around the United States and the world. Decimating this industry is clearly a short \*and\* long term losing proposition for everyone in New York.

- Teamsters and drivers oppose bill – there was not an agreement on 573-A as currently published. As written, 573-A is a job killer and bad for horse welfare
- Limiting carriages to one shift each day on December 1, 2016 is job killer – eliminates 2nd shift drivers
- Limit on # of licensed horses is job killer – not enough horses to fully work carriages, fewer horses to care for means stablemen lose jobs
- Limiting horses to Central Park before stables are built – There is no rational reason to remove horse-drawn carriages from 59th St. The carriage industry has an excellent safety record in traffic, and 68 carriages do not in any meaningful way contribute to midtown congestion. Traffic statistics do not support this provision, which is based solely on a talking point made by the Mayor.
- No carriages to or from stables or 59th St. from 4:30 -7 pm keeps industry from having enough horses at peak demand time and cuts into the 9 hours each shift is allowed to work.
- **Proposed limit on horses and shifts will put stable owners out of business – fixed expenses for current stables will remain, but income will be halved. Businesses can't survive until new stable is built, if it ever is, and carriage owners will have no place to**

**keep their horses, so the entire industry will go out of business. This is a carriage ban by attrition.**

- Delay all punitive provisions until Central Park stables are built, if they ever are. The carriage industry is a thriving business that takes care of its horses and provides good jobs. Any changes need to support this iconic industry, not harm it.

You know the facts of the matter. Rest assured those of us who can choose to spend our hard earned funds in your city or elsewhere are also aware of the situation. Intro 573-A is pure folly. Thank you for OPPOSING it now, and any variations thereof in future.

Regards,

Donna Putnam  
Wallkill, NY

**From:** Teresa D'amico [verush@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 10:06 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Carriage Horse Bill Comments

This is from Wednesday's New York Times: "A group of carriage drivers held a defiant rally at a packed Midtown stable, denying that they had agreed to a deal. Their protests were interrupted briefly when Spartacus, a stately Percheron draft horse, got spooked, sending bystanders scrambling." Do I need to say more? This is one of numerous reasons why nothing less than a full ban of this industry should be considered! This is what the mayor originally promised and I for one am holding him to it.

I have witnessed horses collapsing on the streets. It is not a pretty sight - especially when the other carriages just pass by and do nothing because they are more interested in keeping their fares than helping even their own. I have witnessed countless violations of the law, having participated in demonstrations at the hack line every weekend for nearly 6 years.

I hope the Council will not ignore the concerns of its citizens. Please do not rush this very flawed compromise through.

Teresa D'Amico

**From:** Thomas C. Lynch [thomascharleslynch@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 10:02 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Cc:** Kate Wood  
**Subject:** Revised Carriage Horse Bill

Dear Members of The City Council:

You have chosen to dedicate yourselves to public service. Thank you for choosing this vocation of honor. Don't dishonor it by associating with Mayor de Blasio and his, at best, hair-brained and, at worst, corrupt campaign against New York's horses and carriages and drivers.

Please oppose this Revised Carriage Horse Bill because it is only the first step in Mayor de Blasio's plan to:

- cut the number of carriages from about 200 to 90 and fire the drivers.
- confine the remaining carriages to Central Park,\*
- tear down existing stables on the far west side to make way for high rise development to profit the Mayor's real estate friends.
- take scarce Central Park land and spend unknown tens of millions of dollars to build and operate a city-owned stable that will be three to four times larger than the Tavern on the Green.\*\*

\*This means they won't be allowed to take out the cancer-stricken kids at the Ronald McDonald House on the Eastside for a bit of fun. They won't be allowed to appear in film shoots or commercials around the city or get brides to the church on time.

\*\*Mayor de Blasio's allies are calling for each horse stall to be 12 x 12 feet or 144 square feet. Multiply that number by 90 horses you get 12,960 square feet. At least 50% of additional space will be needed to provide corridors in front of the stalls to allow the horses in and out and give the stable hands space to reach and care for them. So you're at 19,440 square feet. Add space for a veterinary treatment facility, offices, bathrooms, drivers locker room, heating & cooling equipment, supplies, and manure [phew!] will add another 50%—now we're at 29,160 square feet. And Mayor de Blasio's allies are insisting the horses not have to use ramps to be able to enter or leave the stable or reach their stalls. So this entire facility will have to be flat on the ground, a ranch-style, one-story affair. And don't forget there'll have to be paddock outside for the horses. Oh, did I forget the carriages, all ninety, will have to be parked inside this stable—in a space at least the size of the stall area? Sounds like this stable will be at least the size of half a football field, about 50 to 60 thousand square feet. And don't forget the expense for the infrastructure—water supply, paths, water mains, sewers and who knows what else. All paid for by the citizens of New York who, in poll after poll, want the horses left alone.

Members of The Council, *The New York Times* was right the other day when it told us no one knows how much this stable will cost. It's unaffordable housing for horses who already have housing.

Sincerely,

*Tom Lynch*

New York, NY 10023-6200

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**From:** Laurie Aron [ljaron@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:51 AM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Opposition to Carriage Horse compromise

To Speaker Mark-Viverito:

Regarding the proposed compromise on the use of horse-drawn carriages, there are several reasons to maintain steadfast opposition to any carriage horse limitations. However I would propose an entirely different compromise.

1. As has always been clear, Mayor di Blasio's desire to ban carriage horses in New York City has principally been driven by real estate interests. I believe that a stated concern about animal rights is merely a cover story, although it is also an inevitable political payoff. Real estate interests have too big a say in city policies, particularly as, compared with Rockefeller Center for example with its architectural beauty and public space, they have had an ever-decreasing sense of the public good. The principle achievement of restricting carriage horses would be to allow yet more development on the far West side, and spare new tenants the inconvenience of nearby stables. Would this open the way to truly affordable housing or any publicly available space? Unlikely, given Mayor di Blasio's record.

2. There is a fundamental misunderstanding of the role horses still play in human society. Horses were domesticated in approximately 3,000 B.C., much more recently than dogs, but still providing 5,000 years of *co-evolution* with humans. In addition, the Percherons, for example, have been bred to haul just like race horses have been bred to race. They are no more wild animals than poodles. Unless we're ready to free all of our pets, as some animal advocates maintain we should, there is no moral imperative to free horses, but every imperative to keep them working and well-cared for.

In addition, drivers take demonstrably excellent care of their horses, with limited working hours for them, time off in pastures, plenty of food and water, indoor and outdoor socialization with one another, and appropriate stabling. Assertions to the contrary are based on ignorance, willful or not.

3. So why is the horse-drawn carriage industry at full-strength good for New York City? Tourism, tourism, tourism. Local color, a chance for tourists to speak to working New Yorkers. Tourism!

So here is the compromise I propose:

Stabling should be built in Central Park for the full current complement of horses. None of the current stables may be closed until the Central Park stables are in move-in condition. There is, by the way, precedent for private development in Central Park: Tavern on the Green.

It would be reasonable, then, for private development of the current stable sites to begin, but only if it is possible to hold them to a deal to include a plurality of housing for low and moderate income families plus public facilities. Private developers who reap so much reward from the city

need to look to Andrew Carnegie and build libraries, and other wealthy benefactors of the past to give the city free of charge schools, social service centers, retail space at reasonable rents, playgrounds and public gathering areas.

Regards,  
Laurie Joan Aron

New York, N.Y. 10025

**From:** [connieviz@aol.com](mailto:connieviz@aol.com) [connieviz@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 12:24 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Intro 573-A!

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to this Bill: ( Intro 573-A) that is being proposed and a public hearing that is being held on Friday January 22, 2015...

How can this work? It is not feasible in the long term, and will actually hurt the very animals that Mayor DiBlasio and the animal rights activists pushing this think they are protecting.

I have no affiliation with the Carriage Industry.. I am an equestrian with horse knowledge, and I see nothing that wrong with the care and treatment and housing that he NYC Carriage horses currently have because there is nothing wrong.

They are well regulated, and the horses are all well fed and healthy/happy and do indeed have proper and adequate housing. Many equine professionals, veterinarians, and industries, have attested to this. Why would their professional opinions not weigh in on what is right and proper for these animals?

With that being said... you are aware that the NYC Carriage Drivers and the Teamsters Union fully oppose this bill there was not an agreement on 573-A as currently published. As written, 573-A is a job killer and bad for horse welfare  
Limiting carriages to one shift each day on December 1, 2016 is without a doubt a job killer – it eliminates 2nd shift drivers... those drivers will be out of work.. thus unemployed.

Limit on # of licensed horses is also a job killer – There will not be enough horses to fully work carriages.. translates to .. , fewer horses to care.. which means that the stablemen (the people who work inside the stables) will also lose jobs  
Limiting horses to Central Park before stables are even built – There is absolutely no rational reason to remove horse-drawn carriages from 59th St.!

The carriage industry has an excellent safety record in traffic! and 68 carriages do not in any meaningful way contribute to midtown congestion! That is absurd! Traffic statistics do not support this provision, which is based solely on a talking point made by the Mayor. Not factual.. just a talking point.

No carriages to or from stables or 59th St. from 4:30 -7 pm keeps industry from having enough horses at peak demand time and cuts into the 9 hours each shift is allowed to work....

These proposed limits on horses and shifts will put stable owners out of business – fixed expenses for current stables will remain, but income will be halved. Businesses

can't survive until a new stable is built, if it ever is, and carriage owners will have no place to keep their horses, so the entire industry will go out of business. This is a carriage ban by attrition. Which is what these radical animal rights groups that backed Mayor Diblasio are gunning for!

The way I see it... as an equine knowledgeable person.. the NYC Carriage Industry.. has done nothing wrong. All equine experts attest to this, and provided statements and studies attesting to this.. This proposal.. this bill.. is nothing more than PURE PERSECUTION FOR POLITICAL PAYBACK!.. It is a black eye on the integrity of this great city!!!! And lets face it... it really all boils down to a land grab as well.

In Mayor Diblasio and the animal rights groups that are pushing for this, zeal to ban this industry in any way possible, they are inexeplicably HURTING THE HORSES!! Their workload will increase to unsustainable levels.. and lets not forget the employees who will lose their jobs due to this!

Please oppose this Bill.. Please do not let this bill be approved.

Thank you,

Connie LoMonaco  
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**From:** Nick Anthony [nanthony@teamexos.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 1:09 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Please END all horse carriages in NYC

Good afternoon,

Please end ALL horse carriage traffic and businesses in NYC. Please ensure that all horses that are currently used in the trade are retired to reputable sanctuaries and not to the horrific horse meat trade:

[www.huffingtonpost.com/news/horsemeat-scandal](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/horsemeat-scandal).

Thank you for considering my commentary,  
Nick Anthony  
Park Slope, NY

**From:** Martha Lanzillotti [mlanzi829@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:54 AM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Re: Hearing this Fri. (1/22) on Carriage Horse Bill

Dear Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito,

Thank you for updating me on this issue. I have previous commitments that coincide with your time slot on Friday. But I will be with you in spirit.

Central Park's horse & carriage trade is part of the fabric of NYC. Let's keep the drivers' jobs intact and the horses doing what they do best. Building stables in the park is the best and most logical way to solve this.

Thank you, again. I look forward to hearing from you on this and on future issues.

Warm Regards,  
Martha Lanzillotti

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From: Jean Public [jeanpublic1@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 1:04 PM  
To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Fw: Hearing this Fri. (1/22) on Carriage Horse Bill

I WOULD REALLY LIKE THE HORSES OUT OF NYC BECAUSE I AM STILL AFRAID OF TRAFFIC IN CENTRAL PARK ON THEM. WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO MAKE THE TRAFFIC IN CENTRAL PARK REALLY REALLY LIGHT. CAN YOU KEEP SOME TRAFFIC OUT OF THE PARK?

SECONDLY, THE HOURS THE HORSES WORK NEED TO BE REDUCED. THEY ARE BEING SLAVED TO DEATH AND EXPOSED TO HORRENDOUS AIR TO BREATHE. THEIR HOURS NEED TO BE REDUCED TO 7 HOURS A DAY AT MOST. WHY ARE THEY ALMSOT 24/7? WHY DONT THEY HAVE HOURSE LIKE TYOU HAVE 35?

THIRDLY, I THINK THE DRIVERS DONT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE HORSES. THEY SEE THEM ONLY AS PROFIT CENTRES. SOMEBODY NEEDS TO KEEP STRICT RECORDS ON WHETHER THE HORSES ARE BEING DRIVEN TO DEATH. THEY VANISH MYSTERIOUSLY. NOBODOY KEEPS TRACK. YOU CAN PUT A TAG ON THEIR EARS AND MANY HAVE NUMBERS INSIDE THEIR MOUTHS THAT IDENTIFY THEM SO WE CAN TELL WHAT HORSES ARE THERE AND WHICH ARE WORKING. THE DRIVERS ARE HUMAN SCUM/SNEAKS AND DONT CAR AT ALL ABOUT THE HORSES. THEY DONT OWN THEM SO THEY DONT CARE ABOUT THEM. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBILC RECORD. JEAN PUBLIEE

**From:** Lola Hoye [lolahoye@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 1:43 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Horse Carriage Ban

Dear City Council,

Thank you for taking the time to address this important matter. On behalf of the carriage horses and the thousands that support their ban I'm concerned the proposed plan doesn't address a few key points:

- The proposed agreement doesn't mandate any time for the horses to actual graze in central park, they would be confined to their stalls
- The timeline of 2 1/2 years to build the stable seems is too long
- The retirement age for horses is currently 26 years old and should be brought down to 20 yrs of age
- Horses are still required to work when it's 89 degrees out
- Harsher penalties should be put in place for drivers found guilty of abuse

Thank you!  
Lola Hoye  
Manhattan Resident  
NY, NY 10001

**From:** Alison Braver [abraver@csg.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 1:44 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Carriage Horses

Dear New York City Council,

Please leave the carriage horses alone. The horses who do not end up in the final number allowed in the park will likely end up euthanized and the proposal threaten the livelihoods of some of the horsemen. Why? I cannot believe that this city doesn't have more important things to discuss and resolve. The Mayor, the Speaker and my councilperson Helen Rosenthal don't know enough about the horses or the men who care for them and work with them every day. I understand your proposal will also jeopardize the livelihood of the pedi-cab drivers as well. It does not appear that they were consulted based on the news reports. You are misguided in this effort. You've already received a great deal of resistance, leave the carriage horses alone.

Alison Braver, life-long horseback rider and horse enthusiast  
Manhattan Resident, District 6

**From:** Mollica, Andrea M [amollica@chubb.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:06 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Horse Carriage Bill

Council Members,

I am unable to attend the Horse Carriage meeting Friday but appreciate the opportunity to write and express my views. I'm fully in support of keeping our horse drawn carriages in Central Park. I'm pleased to hear that we will take these majestic animals off of our city streets by housing them in stables in the park. That move is long over due. The horses do not belong in midtown traffic, they belong in the park, in a safe environment. The horses are vital to our history, culture, and tourist economy. I am an animal lover. I donate to several animal rights charities. So while one would think I would support banning the carriages going forward, I do not. I live near Central Park and I run in the park 4 times per week. I see first hand that these horses are not being abused or maltreated in any way. In fact, anyone who loves animals should recognize that if we take these horses out of the park, the vast majority of them will be sent to slaughter. How can anyone say that is humane for the horses? And anyone who thinks they will all find sanctuary is dreaming.

That brings me to my last point. I am **not** in support of reducing the number of horses by about 70 in one year unless there is a sanctuary that can take 70 horses. I'd rather see this city retire horses over time to reduce the overall number, if that is the goal. In addition, I think it is critical that 100% of the horses are given their vacation time each year. It is my understanding that each year they are given time off and spend time on a farm in Pennsylvania but that some drivers do not send their horses. That is unacceptable. These animals work hard every day to help keep our city the greatest tourist city in the world and the least we can do as New Yorkers is to make sure their lives are not at risk and that they receive the vacation days they earn!

Finally, I would actually love to see us take one more step. Remove all cars from the lower loop at all times and make a section of the bottom loop roadway an unpaved section. It would be better for the horses' health and actually better for the knees of all the runners!! I know this part is wishful thinking but I can dare to dream!

Sincerely,

Andrea Mollica  
Vice President

**From:** Robert Goldman [robertgoldmanbobbyg@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:34 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Revised Horse Carriage Bill

To the Council

I am unable to attend the Friday hearing on the Revised Horse Carriage Bill because I will be out of town while it is taking place. Perhaps in the future the public could have more than a few days notice so they might have the opportunity to adjust their schedule. My hope is that the hastily called hearing is a fair one with all sides of the issue equally represented.

I strongly support the position of the carriage drivers and stable owners.

It is untrue to claim that the horses are abused. I presume that the hearing will have qualified expert testimony to refute that hyperbolic claim.

It was a year ago that NYClass was found GUILTY of making illegal campaign contributions to two Council Members, Laurie Cumbo and Mark D. Levine. Because NYClass's purpose is to ban horse carriages in Central Park, Ms. Cumbo and Mr. Levine should be recused from any discussion or vote on the horse carriages. Otherwise the Council will be perceived as corrupt. That would very bad for the Council and for governance in New York City. Please protect the integrity of the New York City Council.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/12/nyregion/new-york-panel-approves-fine-for-group-against-carriage-horses.html>

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Robert Goldman  
Citizen of New York City

From: Denise [empiredals1@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:24 PM  
To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Carriage Horses

I think that it is so unfortunate that, although there has been no evidence that the carriage horses are at risk or are a risk to the public, but rather provide a valuable service to the community, including giving those who otherwise would not have exposure to these remarkable animals (especially children), they continue to be targeted.

Many carriage drivers will be forced out of their livelihood with the creatures that they care for & many horses will have to be surrendered to less than desirable living conditions, or worse & more likely, to be euthanized. In spite of what the bleeding hearts, & grossly uneducated "do-gooders" profess, there just aren't the number of wonderful rescue farms out there who have the unlimited funds necessary to care for these horses. I am confident that not one of these "concerned" citizens will volunteer to step up to either provide the horses new homes or to support them financially for the rest of their natural lives.

While I appreciate that there is at least an attempt at compromise by building new stables in the park & not eliminating all of the horses, the whole situation is just so sad. The drivers never hurt anyone. All they've ever done is to work hard providing a service in difficult circumstances for meager income doing what they loved with the partners (the horses) that they loved in a country that claims to give its citizens the freedom to live as they wish without unsubstantiated persecution.

I feel so badly for the drivers, the horses, the industry, and the children who will miss out on witnessing such an amazing relationship.

Shame on all those who contributed to this situation!

Denise McGinnis  
retired veterinary technician

**From:** Peter Collins [Peter.Collins@lpinsure.co.uk]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:10 AM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** NEW YORK CARRIAGE HORSE BILL (1/22) HEARING 22 JANUARY 2016

As a lawyer with contacts in the media, I know that the vast majority of people, when learning of the cruelty involved in this trade as they continue to do from the vast negative publicity it attracts, feel very angry towards cities which perpetuate it in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Many cities including London, Vienna, Toronto and Beijing have all banned horse-drawn carriages.

It is only a question of time before people suffer serious injuries as a result of accidents involving horses, and then a city will be successfully sued for a great deal of money having knowingly continued the trade despite their knowledge of accidents and injuries. <http://www.care2.com/causes/10-reasons-why-you-should-never-ride-a-horse-carriage.html>

NEW YORK-ALDF has acquired shocking new records about horse-drawn carriage accidents documented by the New York Police Department (NYPD). In April 2014, the New York Supreme Court validated ALDF's concern about the mistreatment of horses in the carriage industry and ordered the NYPD to produce the public documents ALDF had requested more than a year and a half previously under New York's Freedom of Information Law. Those NYPD records show that keeping carriage horses on the streets of New York isn't safe for anybody

Specifically:-

1. People are deeply concerned at the prospect of horses ending up being sent for slaughter, often in primitive slaughterhouses, having suffered horrendous journeys to their final destination. It is believed that many horses now end up being slaughtered judging by the high turnover of horses.
2. It is highly likely that even if there are less horses involved into the trade those that are will end up being worked harder, further accentuating the high turnover.
3. The Bill makes no mention of adverse weather conditions, only temperature.

Ultimately the Mayor and the council have failed to comply with their promise to end this antiquated trade, and that breach of trust reflects very badly on both parties.

Peter Collins  
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From: Christine Miniman [christineminiman@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:29 AM

To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

Subject: Horse-Drawn Carriages

I would like to express my strong objection to limiting the number of, or eliminating, horse-drawn carriages in New York City. A carriage ride is a wonderful, iconic, treat in a great city, especially in Central Park, one of the world's outstanding public parks. Horses have been used as work animals for an untold number of centuries and generally are well treated by owners who understand their value, whether it is running in a race, carrying a rider, or pulling a plow, a sleigh, a Budweiser beer wagon, or a carriage in New York City. A car ride through the Park is nothing like a carriage ride and no substitute for it. If a horse is mistreated, the owner should be individually addressed and disciplined, but the institution should not be limited or eliminated. I sincerely hope that the Council of the great City of New York will preserve this industry.

Christine Laicher Miniman

**From:** Simba92 . [laura.fleischer7@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 3:48 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Testimony for Bill #573-A

To the NYC Council Members:

My name is Laura and I'm a resident of Queens, NY. I am reaching out to all of the council members present today on behalf of Bill #573-A, also known as the Compromise bill, that would put the carriage horses in Central Park. For many factors, I must stress that I am against this designated bill. I am for a complete ban of this industry, as we were promised by the mayor himself. I will list briefly the reasons as to why this proposed bill is neither in favor of the horses or the city as a whole.

First, horses are prey animals, which means they become frightened easily. Central Park is just as congested as the streets it is surrounded by in many other ways. Joggers, bikers, and playing children just to name a few could easily spook a horse. Furthermore, just recently, a girl in Central Park had to be brought to the hospital because a carriage ran over her leg.

Second, if passed, this bill would prohibit pedicab workers from operating their business near Central Park, which is truly outrageous, considering that these hard working people earn their living not from the backs of other living creatures. Therefore, if this bill is indeed passed, it would annihilate these people's possibly only livelihood.

Thirdly, as many of you may know, a number of abuse and neglect cases have been known to exist in this carriage horse industry. While we were able to monitor these horses within public view from the streets of NYC, if this bill is passed, considering the vast acres of Central Park, cruelty can be made away without public knowledge.

And lastly, as I have mentioned before, we were promised a full out ban on day one of the Mayors term. We, the people of NYC, believed that the Mayor shared our views that the carriage horse industry is inhumane and denies horses the rights to live out their lives in the natural way that they were intended to live. If this bill is passed, the horses will still be pulling carriages. It is the truth, and the Mayor did not mention a compromise when he was in the midst of becoming elected. We voted for him, putting our absolute faith and trust in the one politician who might have the power to abolish an industry that denies living creatures the rights to live out their lives naturally. However, ladies and gentlemen, that is why I have put out my testimony for you all this morning. A promise made is promise to be kept. If this bill is passed, and the industry is not banned, can we truly call ourselves proud New Yorkers, inhabiting the "greatest city in the world"?

Thank you.

**From:** [garisongs@aol.com](mailto:garisongs@aol.com) [garisongs@aol.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2016 9:46 AM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Intro 573-A testimony

I did not get the chance to speak (by 3PM) My testimony was: And then there were two...I'd like to address the elephant in the room--or should I say horse. It seems the Council members have decided to go on hiatus before we even got to speak. Shameful. Now that I've alienated the City Council...Our mayor promised on Day One of his administration that he would completely ban the carriage horse industry from NYC streets. He reneged on his promise even tho he pretty much was elected because of us. The bill he has just introduced is like saying "we're only going to put the knife in a little--not all the way in." Hey, I don't want to be stabbed even a little bit. Chairman Rodriguez mentioned earlier the words 'time-honored.' 'Tradition' is often mentioned by tourists. Well, physically disciplining your children was also a time honored tradition and that been curtailed in most areas. The pedicab drivers use their legs to take tourists on a ride--not animals who cannot speak out. This 'tradition' has to stop permanently. It is completely out of date with the more humane times we live in.

Brian Gari

From: [wglickstein@nyc.rr.com](mailto:wglickstein@nyc.rr.com) [wglickstein@nyc.rr.com]  
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2016 5:02 PM  
To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Intro 573-A

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a native New Yorker and a member of NYClass for the past several years, I was pleased to be present for 4 hours at yesterday's hearing to support the Mayor's compromise for the carriage horses.

Although I filled out a slip with my name and address and returned it to the Sergeant-at-Arms, I had to leave before I had the opportunity to speak about my support for the proposed bill, I am, therefore, taking the opportunity to offer my prepared comments:

"While I would have preferred an outright ban of the carriage horse trade in Manhattan, I appreciate the consideration offered by the Mayor and members of the NY City Council to arrive at a "win-win" compromise for all parties concerned.

I was born, raised, and am still living in Manhattan. In my youth, I enjoyed horseback riding in Central Park. I used to ride out of what was then known as Manhattan Riding Stables, which was located at the venue that is presently ABC-TV on West 67th Street.

Just as that stable - along with the only only recreational riding stable in the City, Claremont Stables on West 89th Street - is long gone, a product of changing times in a changing city, I had hoped that we would see the last of carriage horses lumbering through traffic, noxious fumes, bicyclists, and pedestrians - in short, in a setting in which they do not belong.

Before we had the automobile, horses & carriages were a necessary means of transportation in Little Olde New York. But, times have changed and, it seems we should be changing with the times.

But I understand the extent to which this issue has become a contentious topic, and while I would have preferred an outright ban of the carriage horse trade in Manhattan, I appreciate the consideration offered by the Mayor and members of the NY City Council to arrive at a "win-win" compromise for all parties concerned.

I would like to add that, as a part-time dog walker in Central Park, I am constantly dismayed to see that many people are riding their bikes in the Park, despite (very) few posted signs advising that it is not allowed. This should be enforced, for the safety and enjoyment of those of us who use the park for recreational walking, for it puts pets and baby carriages in harm's way to have bicycles in their midst."

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Glickstein  
New York, NY 10028-2860

**From:** Jordon Rothstein [jordon.rothstein@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2016 12:29 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Testimony for the record -It's wrong to have horse carriages in Manhattan

Hello, my name is Jordon Rothstein and my zip code is 11357.

This is a testimony for the record -

I believe that it is barbaric to have horse carriages in Manhattan in the year 2016. It is unnecessary and inhumane, I hope to see this practice abolished quickly.

Thank you,

Jordon Rothstein

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**From:** Classicrockerone [classicrockerone@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 2:23 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Horse carriages

I think that bill isn't good enough. The industry should be banned completely. I can't be at the meeting in person so I hope my e-mail gets read. Horses do not belong in the city. It is a bad bill for a number of reasons. It's bad for the horses, it's bad for pedicab drivers & it's bad for the people who like to enjoy the park & its jogging paths.

I don't think the horses are treated very nicely to begin with. I worked across the street from Central Park & 59th St. for 43 years & I've seen the conditions those horses had to bare. First off the weather conditions. I can't tell you how many times I've had to put in a call because the horses were out there in freezing temperatures & I was told it was 20 degrees & the law says it had to be under 19 but that doesn't take into consideration that the wind chill factor was near or on zero or that in the summer it was 89 degrees but the humidity made it feel like over 100. The carriage drivers don't care about those horses. The pigeons flying near the horses & crapping in their food. The horses have to stand & wait until some tourist wants to put their fat asses in the carriage. New York has many other tourist attractions, they do not need one that is outdated & inhumane. Let them take the pedicabs around the city if they're too lazy to walk. I've seen many men willing to do that job & it isn't cruel to anyone & those drivers can make a living doing it.

How many horses have to be injured or die before this industry is banned. Is the mayor or council going to wait until it becomes a human who gets seriously injured or killed in an accident and sues this great city of ours before they open their eyes to what really needs to be done.

**BANN THIS CRUEL & INHUMANE INDUSTRY!!!!**

thank You,  
Sal Montano  
Staten Island, NY

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**From:** lisa.cardon [lisa.cardon@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:51 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Ban horse carriages

I am in favor of a ban on horse carriages in NYC they are dangerous and abuse horses. They dont belong on NYC streets or in NYC at all.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cardon  
Bridgewater NJ 08807

My name is Joel Bhuiyan and I was an employee of NYCLASS for a year and a half before March of 2015. In my time at NYCLASS I was involved in the effort to ban horse carriages in New York City because I firmly believe that it is not humane or safe to have horses pull humans in the middle of city traffic. During this time period I spent a lot of time on Central Park South observing horse carriages. I've observed dozens of times where horse carriage drivers have not followed the rules of the road and do things that endanger the public, like take illegal u-turns and disobey traffic laws. I personally sifted through hundreds of records of horses received through Freedom of Information Act Requests. I've seen the poor record keeping of taking horses to furlough and records of horses that have completely just disappeared off the city rolls. Because of these systemic abuses I think that the ultimate goal should be a ban of horse carriages from New York City, but I do believe this legislation is good compromise in the right direction.

I believe that a more comprehensive bill should include certain things:

- 1) mandatory daily turnout
- 2) a humane law enforcement protocol
- 3) increased safety for the carriages themselves- like a stronger frame and seatbelts
- 3) GPS trackers on carriages to make sure horses are not double shifted
- 4) a further restriction on the age limits of horses
- 5) Further restricting the temperatures in which they can work
- 6) And mandatory retirement to sanctuary

I urge the city council to consider these additional suggestions and to pass this bill that show the rest of the country and the world what a humane NYC looks like. Thank you.

**Date:** Jan. 25, 2016  
**To:** Transport Committee  
**From:** Jeff Pierce, Litigation Fellow, Animal Legal Defense Fund  
**Re:** Intro 573-A

On Friday, January 22, Erika Mathews represented my organization—the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF)—in testifying before your committee respecting Intro 573-A. She will have testified on behalf of ALDF and its many members who live in the NYC area and who have repeatedly expressed to us their concern about the health and welfare of the City’s carriage horses. She will also have testified on her own behalf, as a mother and as a guardian of a senior horse.

During her testimony Erika lent the qualified support of ALDF to Intro 573-A. You will have heard that our position is that although the horses deserve the full ban that Mayor de Blasio intended to implement when he took office, the compromise position now before your Committee is nevertheless a vast improvement over the status quo.

Erika enjoyed too little time Friday to have articulated the many qualifications inherent in our support. Neither is there sufficient time for me to enumerate here the several amendments and additions we might propose to shore up badly needed protections for the horses. Instead, I’d like to call your attention to just a single amendment that would be enormously simple to implement, and is at the same time urgently necessary to implement.

Specifically, Intro 573-A should retain—not eliminate—the requirement that horses engaged in the carriage industry have identification numbers inscribed on their hoofs. That horses may soon be outfitted with microchips does not overcome the need of an easy way for ordinary citizens and humane or police officers to identify horses and distinguish them one from another. Presumably only inspectors of the Department of Health will have such scanners on hand in conducting official business pursuant to their oversight responsibilities. The rest of us—residents, tourists, and officers—will necessarily and appropriately be without them. Even if such officers were to maintain scanners at the ready, situations will surely arise in which a carriage may evade the ready use of scanning.

My own organization, in poring through thousands of pages of public records that chronicle the oversight of the carriage industry, and in reviewing witness oral and video testimony, have relied on hoof numbers to identify individual horses. Indeed such inscriptions are the only way, absent a scanner, that people interacting with the horses in the streets, for example during what should be a temperature or adverse weather suspension, can ever reliably identify such horses.

Thank you for considering our testimony. We reiterate our promise to work with the Mayor, the City Council, and the City agencies to guarantee protections to the City's carriage horses.

Jeff

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From: Denise Edelson [rdhedelson@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 9:20 PM

To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

Subject: Horse Carriages

This is testimony for the record.

I strongly agree with the position of New York Class that supports the bill to reduce the number of horse carriages in New York City with the goal of eventually eliminating them all together.

Denise Edelson. 12498

**From:** Whippy, Coniferedi [Coniferedi.Whippy@fijiwater.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 8:48 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** My Testimony for the Carriage Horses

Hi

My name is Connie Whippy from Vatukoula, Fiji Islands. I would very much like to voice my concern from far away here in the Pacific Islands to abolish the use of Carriage Horses..... as this act is ancient and can be done a way with. This is selfish motive upon the people that disregard the ill treatment of these poor horses, especially in this modern day and era. I am one but I stand together with fellow animal lovers and be the voice for all the Carriage Horses that deserve good and kind treatment.

Go the Carriage Horses and I hope and pray after this rally, bill and all..... will have a new name for them Carriage Horses.....maybe Freedom Horses.... !!

Kind Regards

Connie Whippy

**From:** Dawn Casteel-Lorick [dawncasteellorick@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 5:56 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** ban carriage horses

I have witnessed horses in the heat, tired and hot, plodding along the streets, hauling tourists who, for some reason, think this a quaint activity, and I've seen them in frigid temperatures, cold and working for grain tossed in front of them mixing with asphalt and other debris.

I've seen horses attempting to maneuver through congested streets, breathing in pollution, listening to the extreme honking of horns, sirens, shouts, cabs speeding past them.

Horses are much more attuned to noise than humans, they are prey animals, and therefore on edge and much more keen to sensory input.

They are herd animals that are being forced to work as slaves under cruel conditions.

Other cities around the world have banned this archaic practice. Why are we still lagging so far behind?

This is testimony, for the record, that I am imploring you to retire these abused equine to rolling fields, on a protected farm where they may live out the remainder of their lives in peace, with other horses, the way they were intended to live.

Gratefully,  
Dawn Casteel-Lorick

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**From:** DD [success2727@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 5:54 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Record - Horse-Drawn Carriages

I think the idea of limiting the horses to the Park is only part of the solution which does not address the abuse. The horses are neglected and physically abused by the drivers [etc.?].

It is a shame that the horses have to bear the brunt of tourism dollars for the City. Surely, New Yorkers can come up with a creative; animal-less; tourist-user-friendly; green alternative?

It is a quaint/romantic idea to be in a horse-drawn carriage - but i'd rather walk around the City on my own power than to know that the animal that is pulling the carriage is being cruelly treated.

This is another form of slavery and should be abolished!

respectfully,  
DeAnna Williams  
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Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 5:38 PM

To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

Subject: Carriage horses testimony

Dear Honorable Council: For the record I would like it noted that I am strongly opposed to any legislation that does not ban horse carriages in NYC. The abuses run rampant and have for many years. This is an outdated form of 'entertainment' that can be easily transitioned into the modern horseless buggy ride which still retains the quaintness and intimacy, but does not subject these animals to the pollution, exhaustion, and wear and tear of a life pulling heavy carriages and bound by metal, bits and other associated harness gear.

There is no longer any excuse to use these gentle animals for tourist's entertainment. The outcome should be clear: retire these animals and do away with this outdated industry. Ask yourself this: If you had a horse, an animal that you know to be sensitive, gentle, and social, would you subject your animal to what these horses are subjected to? A life completely void of any opportunity to run, play, graze, or do anything 'natural?' Probably not.

Horses are not machines . They should not be considered an 'industry.'

Do what is right, and what is smart, and let NYC be the leader in this transition away from the carriage horses as entertainment. If we can create this new model other cities will follow. That would really be something to be proud of.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Ashkin  
New York 10280

**From:** Spear, Melanie [MSPEAR@elliman.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 5:22 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal for the Carriage Horses

The carriage horse industry presents a danger to people. Along with adults, I see passengers as young as babies as well as toddlers and small children who ride around in an open carriage in city traffic. None have the protection of seat belts or a helmet. New York has a seat belt law for cars and a helmet law for motorcycles, but no such legislation for passengers in horse drawn carriages. I walk past the hack line every single day. I see the horses out in all weather extremes. I see them standing in inches of icy water. I see them out in thunderstorms, driving rain, harsh wind, sleet, and snow. When the snow piles up against the curb, the horses have no place to stand except way out in the street. I also see them standing on scorching hot pavement where the temperature beneath them can rise to 200 degrees. They are out in high humidity, temperatures above 90 degrees, and in direct sun with no shade. They suffer all sorts of joint problems from constant contact with hard concrete. In addition they develop lung and respiratory ailments from chronic exposure to fumes and exhaust outside and poorly ventilated stables indoors. The drivers also withhold their water so they won't urinate on the ground and cause foul odors. It is especially brutal for them during the summer months.

The horses are never free. They have no semblance of the kind of life they would experience in nature where they can roll around in the grass, socialize with other horses, and lay down to sleep. Instead they spend the majority of their existence with a 1000lb carriage on their back. I see them expressing many repetitive behaviors which is a sure sign of boredom and frustration. They are totally exploited by an industry who only cares about them as a commodity and a cash flow. After about 4 years, which is the average life span of a carriage horse on the hack line, they are sold at auction and transported in cattle trucks to slaughterhouses in Canada and Mexico. They are given no food or water during their long journey and because of panic and overcrowding can suffer broken limbs, trampling, and having their eyes gouged out. I have seen videos of the horses being sent down the chute at the slaughterhouse plant which ends at the kill floor where they are stabbed multiple times and then hung upside down to bleed out. It's a violent ending to a tortured existence.

Make no mistake, there is no such thing as a humane carriage horse industry. The new proposal, although not ideal in that it does not ban horse drawn carriages altogether, still offers the prospect of a sanctuary for all horses retired from the industry, rather than a sentence of death by slaughter. It also offers humane enforcement of the provisions set forth by the legislation instead of no oversight at all, as is the current practice. It addresses issues such as their working conditions, including hours, temperatures, locations, and relief from traffic. It provides improved living conditions as well with larger and nicer stables and a greener environment. Best of all, it dramatically reduces the number of operating carriage horses on the hack line which is perhaps the most humane provision of any proposed by the bill.

I wear my **ban horse drawn carriages** button at all times and wherever I go. I encounter a large sector of people from security guards to cashiers to well-heeled shoppers who approach me and say they are in agreement. People recognize that the industry is a relic of a bygone era and no longer relevant in modern times.

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**From:** Ellie Adiel [eadiel@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD re BAN OF HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES

THE "SOLUTION" being debated is woefully inadequate. While it gets the horses off the street, it does not address their abuse as they stand in the freezing cold, waiting for a customer, instead of running to warm up as they do in the wild, nor does it impose a limit on the sweltering summer temperatures in which the horses have to work. If temperature limits are on the books, they are not enforced. I walk past the Central Park South stations on a daily basis, and I have yet to see a policeman ticketing a driver.

The alternative suggestion - to provide vintage cars for tourists - makes much more sense. It provides employment for displaced drivers (who among us has never looked for another job? ), it protects the passengers from the weather, and it causes no harm to anyone. The drivers can still belong to their union and pay their dues.

Other cities have dispensed with the horse and carriage. Why is New York at the end of the line?

**From:** Joel Bartlett [joelb@peta.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:56 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Horse Drawn Carriage Testimony

I spoke at the meeting on Friday but also wanted to share by statement for the record:

My name is Joel Bartlett and I'm a Vice President at PETA, but I'm sharing my thoughts here as a resident of midtown Manhattan. When I walk my dog on 10th avenue I regularly see the horse carriages coming up from their stables. This saddens me as I know they are coming from such small conditions where they can't turn around. I've heard the carriage drivers claim that they treat the horses well, but it's hard for me to believe that at all as right in front of my eyes I see the drivers on their phones or even driving the horse carriages through red lights. If I see these disregards for the law and risking of animal welfare out in the open with my own eyes, how could I ever trust the most basic decent treatment when no one is watching. Every day that we wait on this issue is another day where horses are in terrible conditions. Please act and act quickly to help horses. This compromise is the very least we can do for horses.

**Joel Bartlett, Vice President of Marketing**  
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From: J Martin [jbenme@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 4:55 PM  
To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Testimony for the record re: carriage horse ban

My name is J Martin. The following is my testimony for the record regarding removing carriage horses from the streets of New York City.

I make my home in New Jersey, zip code 07653, and was unable to get into the City to participate in a cause I have been supporting since the outset.

Progress? Really? Horses will not be on the streets of New York!  
Instead, they will use Central Park  
where there is no protection for either the horses or the public?  
Cars ride through, as well as bikers,  
runners, people walking, some pushing baby carriages. The horses will be housed  
in a yet-to-be-built stable?

Now is the time for horses to be replaced by horse-less electric vintage cars. Does it really make sense to spend what it would cost to build a state of the art stable? That money needs to be put to good use supplying electric vintage cars, sanctuary for the horses and jobs for their {former} owners. This would not only be progress, it would be humane!

The nineteenth century is over. The twentieth century is over. Let's jump into the twenty-first century with both feet, give carriage horses a life of retirement where they put their feet on a field of grass with other horses and caring people to watch over them.

Respectfully,  
J Martin

**From:** chrissy glenn [pearlartsgallery@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:43 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Carriage Horses

May this be testimony for the record that I Christine Glenn of Stone Ridge New York would like to see and end to the horse carriage trade industry. It is an eyesore and an unwelcome greeting to those who come to NY.

My in laws travel from Switzerland every year to stay in NY City and my mother in law refuses to go anywhere near the horses, she does not understand why they are forced to endure inhumane working conditions. Hence her refusal to stay in the Sherry Netherland despite it being a wonderful hotel, walking out and seeing the horses make it impossible for her to stay there.

The streets of NY are no place for a horse and carriage it is absurd. Please put an end to this horror.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Chrissy Glenn

**Chrissy Glenn**

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January 22, 2016

**Re: Proposed Int. 0573-A**

Many New York voters are disappointed that Mayor de Blasio has not fulfilled his promise to ban carriage horses, and the proposed legislation lacks several important provisions for alleviating the inhumane conditions and treatment of carriage horses.

That said, I support Int. 0573-A. In the absence of a ban—the only legitimately humane solution—I would strongly recommend the following additions to the proposal:

- Modification of the existing rules regarding extreme temperatures and the number of hours horses must work.
- Diligent enforcement of these rules, and others, such as:
  - There are been confirmed cases of falsified documentation regarding a horse's age or health status. As is done with countless other species, micro-chipping horses will prevent the sort of deception that forces elderly, sick animals to work. However, monitoring is necessary.
  - Likewise, horses often work longer, or more frequent, shifts than is allowed. A simple GPS tracking system would hold drivers accountable, if closely monitored.
- Lower the retirement age of horses to 20.
- Remove the improper restriction on Pedi-cabs. If protecting the jobs of carriage drivers is a priority, the same should be true for Pedi-cab drivers.

Related: Businesses are routinely forced to lay off employees – dozens, and even hundreds of them. While it would be unfortunate for any driver to (*potentially*) lose his job, I don't feel that it's appropriate for the City Council to make this such a prominent factor when considering this legislation, in comparison to the good that it does.

There has also been debate today about the number of accidents and deaths. (Some was inaccurate.) However, whether there have been 100 or none, it is the daily lives of the horses that justifies this legislation. In a civilized society, alleviating profound animal suffering is simply the right thing to do,

Cities all over the world have banned the use, and abuse, of animals for entertainment. If New York City is unwilling join them, and move into a more enlightened age, the minimum we should do is take a few steps forward.

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**From:** Erika Mansourian [erikamansourian@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD re: 0573-A

Earlier today I submitted my testimony from the Transportation Committee hearing on 1/22/2016, regarding Int. 0573-A.

Below is extremely important additional testimony, for the record:

I am very concerned about the proposed withdrawal from the current law the requirement that all licensed carriage horses must have a unique identification number inscribed on their hoof, and the proposed change that only a microchip will be required.

I strongly urge you to please keep the hoof number inscription in the current law and have the microchip be additional to it, not a replacement for it.

Scanners are needed to read microchips. NYC law enforcement personnel and the public do not carry microchip scanners. The hoof number, on the other hand, is visible to the human eye. The hoof number is crucial in protecting the horses' well-being. Removing the hoof number requirement will put the horses in an extremely vulnerable position and reduces the level of their current protection, which is precisely the opposite of what 0573-A is intended to do.

If a horse is seen being mistreated, used in adverse weather, or even seen on an auction floor being sold to slaughter, the hoof number is how they are reported to law enforcement by the public and identified by law enforcement. In fact it was the hoof number that saved the life of a NYC carriage horse in June 2010 who was identified by this number as being a NYC carriage horse by an onlooker as he was being sold to slaughter in New Holland, PA and a rescue group purchased him. (<http://www.equineadvocates.org/EquinesBlog/?p=1>). The onlooker would not be able to know this if an invisible microchip is embedded inside the horse's skin.

It is vital that you keep the hoof number requirement in the law so as to not decrease the existing protection of the horses. The hoof ID, along with the microchip, will make it as easy as possible for neglect, abuse, or other laws being broken to be reported by witnesses.

Thank you very much to the Mayor and the City Council in their commitment to protect the NYC carriage horses.

Best,  
Erika Mansourian

**From:** Kimberly Labor [mozfaure@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Cc:** [info@nyclass.org](mailto:info@nyclass.org)  
**Subject:** Hearing for carriage horses: from Kimberly Labor for the record

Dear NYC Council,

Please include my message here below as testimony for the official hearing record concerning banning the horse-drawn carriages here in New York City. I was not able to attend the hearing last Friday, but for years I have been an active supporter of NYClass and their efforts to get these poor horses off the streets.

Having lived in New York City for nearly 18 years now, I have seen with my own eyes over and over again the pathetic and dangerous conditions the horse-carriage horses must work in day after day, season after season. Loud, busy, and dangerous New York streets, in rain, snow, slush, and extreme summer heat, are NO PLACE for any animal to have to work. One of the main reasons I voted for Bill de Blasio was his promise to end the NYC horse carriage practice. And still today, years later, these poor horses are still being abused.

Ideally, the best solution would be to eliminate this antiquated horse-drawn carriage business entirely from NYC and substitute antique cars in its place. This has always been my hope.

If this solution cannot be found at this time, then I support relocating the horse carriages exclusively to Central Park,

with living stables for the horses right in Central Park. This way the horses will never again have to endure the abusive and dangerous urban street conditions in their work.

Please do the right thing, the compassionate thing, for these horses.

Please add this message and my name as testimony for the official hearing record for this issue. With my sincere thanks.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Labor, M.A.  
Retired administrator, Columbia University Medical Center  
New York NY 10040

**From:** PW [nativeofny1@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:12 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Carriage horse testimony for the record, please. Thank you.

My name is Peter Wood. My zip code is 10017.

I SUPPORT THE CARRIAGE HORSE "COMPROMISE" BILL!

NYC carriage horses do only two things; pull carriages and languish in stalls. They spend their days in what amounts to bondage (i.e. bits, blinders, harnesses and bags to collect their feces). During the summer, they stand on hot asphalt under the blazing sun and in the suffocating heat and humidity with no shade whatsoever. They are worked in dangerous traffic noses to tailpipes and many of them have been injured and killed. When not working for the cruel and corrupt NYC carriage horse industry, they are imprisoned in stalls inside tenement buildings that lack adequate space and ventilation. Carriage horse drivers have been charged and convicted of cruelty to animals. They have worked sick and/or injured horses. One of them even went to far as to pass off a sick and elderly horses as one who was healthy and young.

Horses are living feeling beings who should be treated as such. To that end, the following should happen:

1. The horses should be restricted to Central Park.
2. The hack-line should be moved into Central Park where hopefully the horses would have shade during the summer months.
3. New and modern stables should be built inside Central Park. The stalls should be large enough for the horses to turn around and comfortably lay down.
4. The horses should be provided turn-out so that they can socialize with each other and engage in other natural behaviors.
5. The number of horses should be reduced. The hours put in by the remaining horses must be tracked so that they are not overworked.
6. Humane law enforcement must have a presence at the stables and in Central Park to ensure the horses are getting the care they require and are not being worked while sick and/or injured.
7. The temperature limits should be altered to be more humane, and the retirement age must drop to 20 years – two provisions that anyone who claims to love horses should have no problem supporting.

**From:** Rebecca Wolf [rebwolf8@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:00 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Horse drawn carriage industry proposed legislation/Jan. 22, 2016  
Testimony for the Record

My name is Rebecca Wolf and I reside in the 11233 zip code area. This is testimony for the record!

Change is difficult, but without change there would be no progress.

Although I would prefer a complete ban on the archaic horse drawn carriage industry, which ironically operates in the city where the ASPCA was born, I recognize that the only way circumstances will improve for the horses are if this legislative compromise is met.

Please be sure the regulations are enforced and that the NYPD is vigilant in their protection of these non-unionized laborers, because that is exactly what they are. They are the tired, voiceless, unpaid victims in this scenario.

Finally, I believe the pedicab drivers should be permitted to work below 85th Street in Central Park. Why should the hansom cab drivers monopolize that area?

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Wolf

**From:** Natasha Brenner [2brenners@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 3:51 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:** Testimony for the record re horse drawn carriages

Mayor de Blasio promised to FREE THE HORSES on Day 1. He has since done nothing toward that end. He has not gone before the city council and demanded that the carriages be banned. He has not used any influence toward that end. He is a liar and a hypocrite. Now comes this bill that does NOT free the horses. If it passes, he will consider himself off the hook and the matter will be ended and horses will not be freed!

I am 94, and I went to every borough to campaign for de Blasio because of his promise. What a waste of time, money, and energy!

Please, have guts and integrity and FREE THE HORSES!]

Natasha Brenner  
10002

**From:** Linda Doria [lindadoriaactor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Feb 22,2016

For the record:

On Friday, Feb 22, 2016 I testified at the City Council meeting in support of proposal 573a.

My testimony is as follows:

I am Linda Doria, a 36 resident of NYC. I have been active in trying to get the horses off the chaotic streets of NYC since I became aware of the reality of the Carriage Horses lives on the streets of NYC.

We need a awareness of how a carriage ride is not romantic but in fact abusing the horses. When I first moved into the City, I remarked to my friend that it would be fun to go on a Horse carriage ride, she could not even look at the horses because she was aware of how it is abusive to have a horse stand for hours, not have pasture to roam, to live in a small stable, to not be treated well by the drivers and to be among the busiest traffic in the country.

That was the beginning of my awareness..

For 22 years I worked at Lincoln Center and traveled home on the M20 bus to Spring St after 11pm. I always saw the Carriage Horses at Central Park south and turning down onto Broadway originally, and now for many years, turning down 7th ave. As the bus traveled down 7th ave, I saw carriage horses along side 36,000 ton buses, cars, people bikes, roller bladders etc. I cringed and alternately felt horrible for the inherent danger and disgust for seeing vulnerable animals pulling people in the midst of chaotic traffic. This has to stop. I am embarrassed as a New Yorker that we have allowed this, it had to stop

**GET THE HORSES OFF THE STREETS, NOW.**

Thank you  
Linda Doria

NYC 10013

**From:** Jill Coletti [coletti4@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 3:25 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Carriage Horses

This is testimony for the record.

I care deeply about the carriage horses and would love to see them off the streets of NYC. As an animal advocate, I am speaking on behalf of those that cannot, please ban the carriage horses !

Thank you,

Jill Coletti  
zip code: 07436 (NJ )

**From:** Judy Sofranko [judysofranko@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 3:16 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Horse Carriage Testimony

My name is Judy Sofranko and this is my testimony for the record. I grew up in New York City and was always appalled by seeing horses lined up in the streets in extreme heat or cold, for hours and hours, and competing with traffic... ingesting terrible car pollution. This is barbaric and inhumane. There is nothing beautiful or romantic about a horse carriage ride in NYC. Please make it stop!

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Judy Esther Sofranko

From: jane Warshaw [warshawjane@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 2:48 PM  
To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Testimony for the record

I'm jane Warshaw  
175 east 74, NYC 10021

I support the mayors proposal to ban carriage horses from the streets of The city. I would ultimately want no horses on the streets even in the park but this is a reasonable first step.

I don't want our city held hostage to the teamsters union and I don't believe any tourist would ever cancel a trip to New York if we didn't have carriage horses in the streets.

Thank you.

**From:** [jkatzcreative@aol.com](mailto:jkatzcreative@aol.com) [jkatzcreative@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:43 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Cc:** [info@nyclass.org](mailto:info@nyclass.org)

**Subject:** (no subject)

To Whom It May Concern:

This is testimony for the record. Carriage horses are suffering deeply and tragically in our city, and this form of cruelty must end. Immanuel Kant said "**We** can judge the heart of a man by his *treatment* of *animals*." And Gandhi said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

The carriage horses do not belong in our postmodern city with its congested traffic, not to mention the need for these poor animals to stand immobile for all but a few short hours in the heat, the cold. imagine yourself standing still for 12 or 18 hours!

How they are treated now is cruelty beyond measure and should make any caring person broken-hearted. What have these magnificent creatures done to deserve such horrific lives? Why are they being sacrificed and punished for our greed?

I urge--no I beg you--to let them all to live out their lives in comfort, moving around freely on some preserve or farm. if you must, keep a few just for tourists to go through Central Park, but there too please reduce the hours that they need to stand still to far shorter stretches of time. And kindly keep them indoors when it is too hot or too cold.

It is the least we can do.

I so hope you agree, and that you take the only right, fair, *humane* course of action.

Respectfully,

Judy Katz

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**From:** Ken Grossberger Liz Peterson [kjg2@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:33 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:** Testimony for the official records re: NYC carriage horses

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of the proposed improvements to the living conditions of NYC carriage horses:

- Limiting carriage horses to working only inside Central Park. This means that they would no longer be allowed on dangerous city streets or in the chaos of places like Times Square and Columbus Circle.
- Building a stable inside Central Park where the horses would live. Right now, the horses live 1-2 miles away in the middle of Hell's Kitchen and have to walk through city traffic each and every day at the end of a grueling nine-hour shift.
- Reducing the number of carriage horses by two-thirds, from more than 200 horses down to 70.

**However**, I'd like to make it very clear that I am extremely disappointed and consider this proposal an attempt to stall putting an end to the industry permanently and ameliorating the thousands of people in NYC and around the world who want to see an end to the NYC horse carriage industry. It won't work. In no way does this measure ingratiate Mayor de Blasio, who campaigned on a promise to end the NYC horse carriage industry, or the legislature to myself or anyone else who has witnessed the years of abuse these horses have endured. It is not acceptable that any of them remain slave to this industry. And I am very much opposed to the spending of taxpayer dollars to build stalls in Central Park for the sole purpose of housing carriage horses when the same money could be used to support their transference to sanctuaries and install an alternate form of touring the city such as the antique cars previously proposed.

But, given the lack of backbone represented by Mayor de Blasio and the legislature, this proposal will at least make the lives of these horses somewhat better. There are many issues that this proposal does not address, including:

- Horses are forced to pull weight beyond their physical capacity.
- Drivers blatantly break the law and allow more passengers in the carriage beyond the legal limit.
- Horses are forced to work in extreme temperatures.
- Lack of water sources.
- Horses are worked more hours/day than is legally allowed (which is already too many).
- The lack of financial transparency in the horse carriage industry - a cash industry that is notorious for being under reported for tax purposes.
- The lack of veterinary attendance to the horses' health.
- The lack of true exercise (running) and social interaction.

This is not a complete list, but documents how inferior this proposal is to what is truly needed -  
**BANNING THE HORSE CARRIAGE INDUSTRY IN NYC.**

None of us will stop fighting for the end of this industry.

Elizabeth Peterson  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 (lived in Brooklyn, NY for 23 years)

Dear NYC Council Members,

This is my testimony for the record. I am Renee Binzer, 10024.

Although my preference is to eliminate all together the practice of horses in New York City dragging carriages for hours on end, in intolerable weather conditions, standing idle in traffic, housed in substandard conditions, being lied about their health conditions all of which endangers not only traffic, people, as well as the horses, I submit this my testimony to construct a suitable comfortable stable in Central Park limiting the horses only to the Park, preferrably when the Park is closed to traffic as a viable compromise.

I cannot fully believe that the drivers, horse owner and stable owners will be unable to live without this source of income. Many are parttime who could seek parttime employment elsewhere. It's not like hundreds of people will be affect by a ban or a compromise as stated above. This is a very small %age of NYC's population.

When I hear at the hearing that an old horse of 22 with asthma was given a new "identity tag" saying he was 20 and in good condition my heart bled. These innocent creatures are being exploited and made to face intolerable dangerous conditions at the mercy of a small amount of the population who only sees \$ signs.

After hearing that other US cities as well as other countries have banned this practice for the same above reasons and still can function and entertain tourism, I see no reason that NYC could not follow suit.

Please accept this testimony for the record and find a viable solution or compromise immediately.

Thank you for your time.

Renee Binzer

**From:** EllieK [elliek966@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:26 PM  
**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
**Subject:**

This is testimony for the record. Please end the horse and carriage ride. At least keep them confined to the park and out of traffic.

Thank you.

Ellen Kwait  
Staten Island, NY 10307.

Sincerely, Ellen

From: Simone Conigliaro [sconig49@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 2:16 PM  
To: OfficeofCorrespondenceServices  
Subject: Testimony for the record on carriage horses.

My name is Mr. Simone Conigliaro 11378

To whom it may concern, please do the right thing and take the horses off city streets. It is dangerous and unsafe for these poor horses to be riding around the streets of NYC!

Thank you  
Simone Conigliaro

My name is Alisa Matlovsky. I reside at ## west 86 st, zip code **10024** and this is **testimony for the record** in support of the revised horse carriage bill, Int. 5723.

Many arguments have been raised both pro and against this compromise bill. With Int. 573-A we do not have a perfect bill, but what we DO have is an excellent opportunity to **not let the perfect be the enemy of the good**. This is a good bill. And it is a good bill precisely for one major reason: it gets horses off the streets of New York---a place eminently unsuited for ANY animal to be made to work, travel, spend hours of their day. Indeed, if there is anywhere in the U.S that is LESS suited a live animal being traveled back and forth, I would be hard pressed to identify it.

It is well documented that the horses who work in New York lead lives that are less than desirable: their care is questionable, their stalls far too small, they are sometimes worked in weather conditions that are unhealthful. But, by far the most egregious ill of all is the requirement that they travel in New York City traffic.....just to get to work. Here they must compete with crowded streets, teeming with cars, buses and trucks.....not to mention pedestrians...all jostling for space and room to move----and, let's face it, ignoring lanes and lights.

The carriage industry often cites the historic and honored place of the horse carriages to New York, using this as evidence of the industry's right to continue. But New York today is not the New York of 100 years ago. This argument does not make any accommodation for the fact that today's streets ARE NO PLACES FOR LIVE CREATURES.....especially not those BEING FORCED TO HAUL A CARRIAGE behind them.

Unlike some other of my colleagues, I do not see anything *inherently* abusive about a horse pulling a carriage. The abuse happens in all that contributes to the running of a carriage industry (health care, general treatment, work hours, etc.) . In this case, the abuse is most glaring (though not exclusively) in the way horses are forced to compete with traffic. If the horses do not have to leave the Park, this is already a huge advance.

Finally, it is often mentioned that one of the principal issues at stake here is the loss of jobs if this bill passes. During the hearing it was noted that as many as 40-50 people would potentially be out of work. Can this be a serious objection?! FORTY? In a city of several million this does not seem to warrant the fight being mounted against the bill. It's not that jobs don't matter. Of course they do. But what is being asked of us is to weigh a small number of jobs against a quality of life issue, a moral issue, that says a lot about who we are as a city, a nation, a society. It is a lopsided argument in favor of getting the horses off the streets.

Can we not do the compassionate thing, the RIGHT thing by these other creatures and at the very least get them out of the congested, crazy city streets?

Horses in Central Park seems at this point to be a very sensible compromise and I urge the Council to vote in support of this revised bill.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Alisa Matlovsky  
NYC NY 10024

**From:** Monica Reynolds [gingermokey@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 2:10 PM

**To:** OfficeofCorrespondenceServices

**Subject:**

This is testimony for the record for the NYC carriage horses to be permanently released from the NYC streets.

Monica Reynolds.

Zip 08005

JANUARY 22, 2016

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JEAN KHATCHADOURIAN (ZIP CODE 10017) AND I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR NYCLASS.

I WILL BEGIN MY STATEMENT FIRST BY READING A QUOTE FROM THE WORLD-RENOWNED ANIMAL RIGHTS PHILOSOPHER, TOM REGAN, AND THEN CONCLUDE WITH A VERY SHORT STATEMENT OF MY OWN.

HIS QUOTE REFERS TO OTHERS' PERCEPTIONS OF US ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.

"THE POSITION WE HOLD IS OFTEN SAID TO BE 'EXTREME,' AND THOSE OF US WHO HOLD IT ARE SAID TO BE 'EXTREMISTS.' THE UNSPOKEN SUGGESTIONS ARE THAT EXTREME POSITIONS CANNOT BE RIGHT, AND THAT EXTREMISTS MUST BE WRONG. BUT I AM AN EXTREMIST WHEN IT COMES TO RAPE—I AM AGAINST IT ALL THE TIME. I AM AN EXTREMIST WHEN IT COMES TO CHILD ABUSE—I AM AGAINST IT ALL THE TIME. I AM AN EXTREMIST WHEN IT COMES TO SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION—I AM AGAINST IT ALL THE TIME. I AM AN EXTREMIST WHEN IT COMES TO ABUSE OF THE ELDERLY—I AM AGAINST IT ALL THE TIME. THE PLAIN FACT IS, MORAL TRUTH OFTEN IS EXTREME, AND MUST BE, FOR WHEN THE INJUSTICE IS ABSOLUTE, THEN ONE MUST OPPOSE IT—ABSOLUTELY." TOM REGAN, PHILOSOPHER, ANIMAL RIGHTS ADVOCATE

AND SO IT IS. THE INJUSTICE AGAINST OUR HORSES IS ABSOLUTE, AND MUST BE OPPOSED, ABSOLUTELY, FOR WHETHER THEY PULL THE CARRIAGES ON THE CITY STREETS OR WITHIN THE PARK, THEY ARE LIVING A LIFE OF CAPTIVITY. THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO LABOR FOR ANOTHER AGAINST THEIR WILL, AND THEIR NATURAL

**INSTINCTS ARE BEING DENIED. IN OUR EYES, THEY ARE STILL NOTHING MORE THAN A COMMODITY, A THING TO BE USED FOR MONEY.**

**ONCE AND FOR ALL, PUT ASIDE THE POLITICAL MACHINATIONS AND DO THIS ONE SMALL BUT MORAL ACT: BAN THE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES. FREE THE HORSES. FREE THEM. HAVEN'T THEY GIVEN ENOUGH? DON'T THEY DESERVE TO LIVE A LIFE ABSENT OF HUMAN EXPLOITATION?**

**WE, AS A SPECIES, SO IMPERIOUS, SO ANTHROPOCENTRIC, HOLD OURSELVES IN SUCH HIGH ESTEEM, NEXT TO GOD, ONE COULD SAY.**

**YET, WE ARE FINDING IT TOO DIFFICULT TO TAKE A SIMPLE STAND FOR JUSTICE AND COMPASSION. WHETHER IT'S FOR MONEY OR POWER, WE WOULD RATHER PARTICIPATE IN THE SUFFERING OF SENTIENT BEINGS WHO CANNOT SPEAK UP FOR THEMSELVES, AND ALLOW THEIR MISERY TO GO ON BECAUSE IT SUITS OUR OWN SELFISH REASONS, RATHER THAN BRING THE CONTEMPTIBLE AND DEGENERATE CARRIAGE HORSE INDUSTRY TO AN END.**

**SO HOW EXCEPTIONAL ARE WE. REALLY.**

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**TO OUR MAYOR, I SAY, "WE BELIEVED IN YOU, WE WORKED HARD TO HELP YOU GET ELECTED, AND YOU LET US DOWN. AND NOW THE PEDI-CAB DRIVERS. WHOSE JOBS DON'T SEEM TO MEASURE UP IN VALUE WHEN COMPARED TO THE CARRIAGE DRIVERS' . WHY DOES THIS BARBARIC CARRIAGE INDUSTRY WIELD SO MUCH POWER? THEY CRY FOR THEIR JOBS WHILE THEY DECIMATE ANOTHER'S! YOU**

ARE SUPPOSED TO BE A POPULIST MAYOR, YET YOU ARE ABLE TO THROW THE PEDI-CAB DRIVERS, WHO ALSO COUNT ON THEIR JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, UNDER THE BUS ON THE DEMANDS OF A BUNCH OF NEFARIOUS THUGS.

MR. MAYOR, PLEASE READ KENNEDY'S, "PROFILES IN COURAGE."

SUDDENLY, INSTEAD OF ONE VICTIM OF THE CARRIAGE HORSE INDUSTRY, THERE ARE TWO: HUMAN AND NONHUMAN ALIKE. IT WILL BE A VERY SAD DAY IF THIS HEINOUS "COMPROMISE" IS PASSED.

**Testimony by Jill Weitz Before the New York City Council Committee on Transportation  
On Proposed Int. No. 573-A**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of Proposed Int. No. 573-A. My name is Jill Weitz and I live in District 11. I believe that all parties should be open to a compromise, and I also urge the Committee to make key changes to the bill that will truly ensure that the basic needs of the horses will be met. These changes include requiring daily turnout; having a stricter age limit; and requiring that humidity during the summer months, as well as wind chill during the winter, be factored into temperature limits.

Oversight is lacking and the industry has shown flagrant disregard for the welfare of these animals and for public safety for years. For example, I personally witnessed a carriage driver violate the law when he gave a ride to three customers on Amsterdam Avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> street at around 8:00 pm on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I took a video and filed a consumer complaint, including a signed affidavit, with the Department of Consumer Affairs. I was waiting at the bus stop on Amsterdam and heard a horse neighing. I looked up and saw the horse carriage heading north up Amsterdam toward 72<sup>nd</sup> street. There were people and traffic all around—it's a busy area at 8:00 pm on a Monday—and we are lucky that the horse did not get spooked. The horse carriage continued to go north on Amsterdam and then headed west on 73<sup>rd</sup> street. After disappearing for several minutes, the carriage came back east on 72<sup>nd</sup> street, crossed Broadway, Amsterdam and headed toward Columbus Avenue. When the carriage came back, it was empty. Clearly this carriage operator thinks he's driving a taxi cab. Such a flagrant violation of regulations puts both the public and the horses at risk. Requiring GPS's would help address this issue. Let's be real here. These animals are used as machines for the sole purpose of making money. The brutality of this industry was most recently documented in January 2016 when NYC carriage horse trainer, Norman Martin, admitted to choking and beating carriage horses as a "training method". Read his autobiography-- A Tough Son of Gun: Thoughts on Training Horses and Living Well—and you'll see what these animals endure. Furthermore, the horses are considered disposable, which is most clearly

revealed when the horses are sold for slaughter to extract as much profit as possible for that last pound of flesh. I applaud the Committee for including a provision in the bill that prevents the horses from being sold for slaughter.

Although I will continue to advocate for a complete ban of this anachronistic and inhumane practice, which clearly has no place in 21<sup>st</sup> century New York, it is important that the Committee take interim steps to give these abused animals some relief, as well as to ensure public safety.

Thank you.

**From:** [nylavenderlounge@aol.com](mailto:nylavenderlounge@aol.com) [nylavenderlounge@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 9:27 AM  
**To:** [nylavenderlounge@aol.com](mailto:nylavenderlounge@aol.com)  
**Subject:** Intro 573-A Testimony-Horse Carriage Industry

I am totally opposed to Intro 573-A

Shut down the horse carriage industry as was promised. Who are these carriage people that you want to give them special treatment and go through all these extreme things you are proposing in this bill. Are they special because they union or is this another case of special interest groups and donations to political campaigns.

Every mom and pop store in New York City has been shut down. Why wasn't anybody concerned about them. These people worked very hard to support their families and offered services that were NEEDED.

Our little bodegas where we could go out any hour and get some food, affordable restaurants local hardware stores, etc. But greedy real estate put them out of business. Did anybody come to help these businesses when they lost everything. They were left to fend for themselves.

Yet you want to use taxpayers money for carriage horse drivers and give them a severance pay to continue a **Cruel Industry** that indulges in the inhumane treatment and exploitation of these wonderful horses. **Are you serious?**

And now you to put horses in a small area of the park where these horses are out working endless hours, out in extreme weather conditions that they are not supposed to be out in (but no one is enforcing rules now so who would be enforcing them later?)

These horses never knowing the freedom of being a horse and running free, and some drivers who may still continue to take advantage of tourists and illegally charge extra money, violate the rules they've done before and this is what you want to support.?

Then you want to use taxpayers money start building a stable in the park. **Are you serious?** I thought that was illegal to build in the park but not only that but don't you think you can make better use of that money like maybe helping homeless people in building shelters or feeding the hungry in the city or using some of that money to pull some of the animals out of our animal holocaust deathtrap animal care and control.

And then you want to put the pedicabs driver of business by keeping them away from the park area where the main business is. **Are you serious.?**

These people aren't exploiting or hurting animals that and they are changing the landscape of New York City tourism in a positive way making this a modern progressive NYC that I thought we were. It is in sync with our new Citi bikes. We are not a Third World Country which an antiquated horse carriage industry suggests and this is who you want to support.? **Are you serious?**

An an industry that caters to selfish, compassion-less tourists who who think riding around in these carriages is iconic. Cruelty and exploitation is not iconic.

We need to be an animal cruelty free New York City and make it iconic to treat our animals with respect and **not** abuse them and justify it because it brings the city money.

Stop buying into the carriage horse driver stories of whoa and how this industry has been in the family for years. Personally I don't care if it's been in their tradition for millenniums. Tradition is a lame excuse for exploitation and cruelty.

All you have to do is look in their eyes to see these are not happy horses. And how many of these drivers will tell you how much they love their horses yet instead of retiring their horse to rescue group they would be the first to take their horse to slaughterhouse where the most barbaric and tortuous ways of killing their horse takes place which I can only describe as a horse being confined and a giant high powered machine shooting staples or nails into their head.

It's time New York City gets with the program, stop this cruel industry once and for all, stop wasting money, stop selling out and **stop betraying** these horses,

And I thought there was something about getting them cabs to drive. So get them cabs or turn the carriage horse medallions into pedicab licenses and let them ride the pedicab where you were going to stick the original pedicab drivers.

Then I read something to the effect that if this bill actually passed the horse carriage drivers can sell the stables for millions of dollars. If that is true that would just be icing on the cake and the biggest joke that these drivers pull on you.

Stop selling out and stop betraying these animals and once and for all end this industry. Do what is rarely done, the right thing, The moral thing. Horses do not belong in the city. Keep the promise that was made by our Mayor who betrayed these animals. He will never get my vote again.

End this industry now Say No to Intro573-A

Thanks  
Marilyn Galfin  
NYC 10011

**From:** Lori Vaccaro [LVACCARO@montefiore.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016 5:39 PM  
**Subject:** Mayor's Proposal for Horse Carriage

To whom it may concern,

Please add my name in support of the Mayor's Proposal for the Horse Carriage in New York City, this is testimony for the record.

Lori Vaccaro- Email: [lvaccaro@montefiore.org](mailto:lvaccaro@montefiore.org)

Regards,  
Lori Vaccaro

**From:** Elizabeth Sausville <[ebsausville@gmail.com](mailto:ebsausville@gmail.com)>

**Date:** January 19, 2016 at 9:11:47 PM EST

**Subject:** A Note from A Carriage Driver's Wife

Dear Members of the New York City Council Transportation Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Sausville. I am the wife of a carriage driver. I also am 15 weeks pregnant. While I love this city, it isn't the easiest city to be expecting your first child in. I have been busy searching for affordable childcare and making the necessary preparations for this very wanted baby. Now in the midst of my pregnancy, I am faced with the very real possibility that my husband and many others could lose their jobs as carriage drivers if the proposed bill goes into effect the way it is currently structured. At a time which should be full of joy and anticipation, I have to worry about the livelihood of my family being at stake.

We are also very concerned about the numerous horses who will no longer be allowed to work if the current bill passes. My husband loves these horses. He loves them like he loves our pets, which were both rescued from animal shelters. We are avid animal lovers and would never support anything where these wonderful animals aren't treated in the most humane way possible. These are very loved, well cared for horses.

Surely a better solution can be reached than taking away a family's livelihood and stripping them of the horses which they love.

I beg you to consider your own families for a moment and how you would feel if you were expecting your first child which you have wanted for so long and now your city wants to needlessly take your spouse's job away. This isn't just any job either. It's not the same as driving a cab (which he has also done many years before this. Please note that I have nothing against cab drivers.) This is a job that he loves. He looks forward to going to work each day and spending time with his horses. This is a job that cannot simply be replaced with another profession.

We are both hard working people and want every chance for our family to succeed in this city. Please save the jobs of all carriage drivers and please at least grandfather in the ability of every current licensed horse to continue to work.

I welcome the opportunity for respectful dialogue.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Sausville  
[ebsausville@gmail.com](mailto:ebsausville@gmail.com)

**From:** Marty Appel [appelpr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 5:43 PM  
**Subject:** horse carriage issue - Transportation committee

I am a resident of 57th Street at 6th Avenue; the horse carriages are part of my neighborhood.

They are an iconic part of New York, like the gondolas of Venice, Italy. Seeing them each day is a reminder of how well they are cared for. They are among the most regulated industries in the City and their drivers are hard working people, providing a wonderful slice of NY for tourists, romantic couples, and children. The horses do not go out if it's too hot or too cold, and work a reasonable number of hours. Compared to the abuses suffered by race horses (whipped, injected, frequent broken legs) and bulls at the inhumane bull riding at Madison Square Garden, the carriage horses are practically coddled. All of this has been previously negotiated.

I am not a fan of the pedicabs - or rather their street solicitations bordering on harassment - but neither am I a fan of shutting down their business and putting those people out of work. Restricting them to above 86th Street will in fact shut them down. I don't believe an industry has been shut down since the US Constitution shut down the liquor industry under the Hoover Administration.

It is abundantly clear that the Mayor's action - which he originally labeled as "concern for the animals welfare" - is politically motivated to pay back the contributors who financed the anti-Quinn ads which helped him get

elected. How does this make us look to cities that are still "machine-run" by bosses. Are we now them?

The further insult is the use taxpayers money - reportedly \$25 million - to turn the 85th Street (86th?) building into stables. Hello? Why can't the real estate developers who are supposedly buying the current stables pay for that? But let us hope it doesn't come to that.

There is almost nothing right about these proposals. The proper solution is to leave everything in place as is. The carriages are a delightful part of New York, known the world over, and it would be an embarrassment for all of us if this plan was to go through. Please reject it!

Marty Appel

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**From:** [knockatee@aol.com](mailto:knockatee@aol.com) [knockatee@aol.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 3:49 PM

**Subject:** Horse-Drawn Carriages in Central Park - Hearing on January 22

I am voicing my opposition to what is proposed regarding the horses and carriages in Central Park.

First, I live in Clinton and see those horses daily. They are never mistreated.

Second, Central Park is a beautiful place and stables should not be built there. We have enough buildings in NYC.

Please add my name to those in total opposition to this proposal.

Thank you.

Kathleen Donlon Spiegel  
Clinton

**From:** Susan Nial [<mailto:nial.s@att.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 3:36 PM  
**Subject:** Horse and Carriage deal and the Public Good

Dear Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito:

On January 19, 2016, in an article on the Mayor's alleged deal relating to his desire to ultimately remove the horse and carriages from Central Park, the NYT observed that "The deal also underlined the transactional side of a mayor who says he is on a mission to liberalize New York City, **even as his efforts are propelled in part by wealthy contributors tied to special interests.**" (Emphasis added) When coupled with your view that like some profit making corporation that: "At the end of the day, the city owns the park." I am lead to a disturbing conclusion that the NYT hit the nail squarely on the head. It would appear that both you and the mayor see the City's public assets as corporate property and that decisions relating to those assets are nothing more than transactions in which the members of the public have no right to intervene. Of course, this is not the first time the administration has made it clear that public input is nothing more than an obstacle to be overcome and dealt with as quickly as possible. My opinion is confirmed by the decision of the mayor to rush the scheduling of a hearing on his plan for this [coming Friday \(1/22/16\)](#). What's the rush?

As you well know, no documents relating to this "deal" have been made public. The failure to do so leads to the logical conclusion that the administration doesn't think the public has a right to know what is actually going on. No public hearing should go forward unless and until the Mayor provides an executed copy of the alleged agreement including a term sheet and a plan for the renovation of the trades building in Central Park and the cost of both that renovation and the provision of a new trades building for those workers who are now housed in the proposed site. Further, it has been publicly reported that the entire Horse Carriage removal proposal was generated by a major real estate developer -- DeBlasio's campaign donor -- with an interest in developing the current west side stables site into luxury housing. The Council should require the Mayor to respond to that change in detail, before any action is even considered. Pretending that this is nothing more than a textual amendment to the licensing statute is, in my opinion, disingenuous at best. By a copy of this email, I am urging the Transportation Committee of the City Council to refuse to go along with this inappropriate procedure.

City government is not a series of corporate transactions or, at least, it shouldn't be. The decision of the Mayor to treat it as such and your apparent willingness to enable his efforts are disappointing and destructive of the public trust that has been placed in your hands. Public review and comment via public hearings should not be treated as bad theater, that is, schedule it, sit through it and move on as planned; rather, it should be viewed as a real dialogue between the people and their representatives through which those representatives are informed of the people's concerns and views and, hopefully, influenced thereby. In order for the public review to be meaningful the people must be informed and have an opportunity to digest what is proposed. If the plan is good and truly in the public interest it will survive if it is not it will and should fail.

I urge you to rethink your position. It is time that decisions about NYC's important public assets are driven by the public good and not as the NYT opines: " propelled in part by wealthy contributors tied to special interests."

Susan Nial

**From:** Max Yeston [<mailto:max.yeston@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:19 AM  
**Subject:** SAVE the Horse-Drawn Carriages!

Dear Members of the City Council Transportation Committee:

I urge you to vote against Mayor de Blasio's proposal to drastically reduce the number of horse-drawn carriages in Central Park, and usurp public land by establishing a new stable in the park - a NYC Scenic Landmark and National Historic Landmark - and free up the existing West Side stable property for redevelopment as luxury housing. Far from being treated inhumanely, the horses are, according to Pamela Rickenbach (executive director of Blue Star Equiculture, which runs the Burgundy Brook Sanctuary and Rescue Farm in Palmer, Mass.), "some of the healthiest and best taken care of I've ever seen" ([NY Times](#)). If approved, de Blasio's plan would:

- Destroy a vibrant New York City institution
- Diminish the character of Central Park
- Use an estimated \$25 million in taxpayer dollars to subsidize the privatization of public parkland
- Take jobs from hundreds of carriage drivers
- Dislocate "the shops" - blacksmiths, woodworkers and other caretakers of Central Park who currently occupy the historic building slated for redevelopment as the new stable
- Force the radical expansion of the existing historic building to create a new stable in the middle of Central Park

Please vote to keep a crucial part of NYC's character, dare I say its soul, alive!

Yours sincerely,  
Max Yeston

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**From:** Keith Mazzarello [KeithJMazz@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 5:23 PM  
**Subject:** horse-drawn carriages in NYC.

I am strongly against any changes to the present system for the horse-drawn carriages in NYC. The relocating of the facilities is a corrupt use of power to the advantage of real estate developers. There is no reason to disrupt, limit, or create any more hardship on the professional cabbies working with horse-drawn carriages in NYC. The organizations that state that the horse-drawn carriages in NYC are mistreating the horses know nothing of the animal care that is presently and properly being given to these animals. As far as the alleged congestion of the horse-drawn carriages in NYC, independent studies show that changing the area of use to within the park will have no real effect on the present traffic condition.

Keith J Mazzarello

**From:** Neal F. Bermas, Ph.D. [nealbermas@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 5:34 AM  
**Subject:** Central Park Horses

Well you got it right not to eliminate this iconic part of New York City, but sure blunder on the implementation. Why the reduction? Why the use of city property as best choice for stables?

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Neal F. Bermas, Ph.D.  
New York, New York

**From:** Jean Wittig [wittigjm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 8:04 PM  
**Subject:** Vote NO to 537-A - Save the Horse Carriages!

Dear Transportation Committee Members,

Please support the horses, drivers, and stables by opposing the Mayor's bill 537-A.

As a life long horse lover and equestrian I wholeheartedly support the carriage industry. If these horses were in any way abused or suffering I would be the first to oppose it. What the "animal rights" activists don't understand is that horses need jobs to survive, and they enjoy their jobs. If horses no longer had jobs, if pulling carriages and riding were banned, horses would become extinct. What's next, should we ban dogs from the city? Are we abusing them because they're being kept in apartments and forced to eat dog food instead of running through the woods and hunting things like their wolf ancestors? Have you ever been to a horse slaughter auction? It's horrific, and that's where many of these beautiful, healthy, happy, contented horses will end up.

This will also put hundreds of people out of work. Lives and families will be destroyed just so the Mayor can keep a campaign promise to an organization whose true agenda is to gobble up the real estate where the stables are located. With all of the problems in NYC, New York State, and the world in general, should this really be the Mayor's top priority? If you're worried about transportation how about fixing the streets/potholes, I should have sent the city a bill for my shocks and tires. I'm sure you can list thousands of things that require more urgent attention than something that will be detrimental to those employed by the carriage industry and to the horses.

Please don't allow the greedy, self-serving, underhanded agenda of NYCLASS and the Mayor destroy this cherished and noble industry!

Sincerely,  
Jean Wittig  
Queens, NY

**From:** Bill and Kate HW [wjhclw334@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 12:36 PM

**Subject:** horse drawn carriages

HAT IS THE POINT OF THIS BILL? WHY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CARRIAGES AND PUT PEOPLE OUT OF WORK?? THESE CARRIAGES ARE NOT ADDING TO CONGESTION. THE MAYOR IS INCONSISTENT IN HIS DESIRE TO ELIMINATE HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES. DOES THIS MEAN THAT A DEVELOPER WHO CONTRIBUTED TO HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN GETS TO BUILD A HI-RISE IN THE PLACE OF STABLES? WHY DOESN'T THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL LIMIT HELICOPTERS???? WHY ARE THEY ALLOWED TO FLY LESS THAN 200 FT OVER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS???? WHY ISN'T SOMEONE MONITORING THIS???? HOPE CITY COUNCIL HELPS THE MAYOR GET HIS PRIORITIES RIGHT.

catherine waterworth

a resident on w.86th st in Manhattan

From: andra constantin [andra2@optonline.net]  
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2016 3:12 PM  
Subject: Intro 573-A

Dear Honorable Council  
Members:

I am writing as a strong supporter of the iconic carriage horses of New York City. You, as Member of the New York City Council have been entrusted to secure, for the people of NYC the rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". The liberty of average people to earn a living in an industry that they enjoy. Intro 573-A as it has been presented places free enterprise and animal welfare at stake.

When Chief Phillip Whiteman testified on behalf of the carriage industry, I believe he stated something to the effect that he does not believe in promises. I am writing to ask you, to please not allow the offer of a stable in Central Park to be an empty promise from NYC, that destroys an industry and puts innocent horses in peril.

The win-win for all stakeholders will depend on proper planning and execution of some of the tough logistical questions that you have asked. Until a true compromise is reached and the wonderful horses and their people are safely settled into an alternate location, please ensure they are allowed the dignity to #CarriageOn

Yours Truly,

Andra M. Constantin  
Yonkers, NY 10710  
[Andra2@optonline.net](mailto:Andra2@optonline.net)

**From:** K Hufnagel [<mailto:k.hufnagel@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2016 1:06 PM  
**Subject:** The Mayor's Plan Against the Park

You must reject the Mayor's latest plan for Central Park.

The Park is huge. City residents and visitors alike need and must be offered various means of transportation at various price-points. This is necessary both for basic transportation across the Park given the limited cross-park transportation options, as well as to be able to showcase widely the Park's many attributes and different areas. Some of its most beautiful areas would be off-limits to limited-ability residents and visitors if his plan were implemented.

Do not restrict the operation of the pedicabs. The pedicabs provide a more cost-effective mode of getting around the Park for people who want or need this option. No rationale has been given, and I think none exists, for banning the pedicabs from the southern end of the Park.

City resources should not be used to renovate a building for private use. The City's finances are already stretched. This is an unnecessary and unwise expense for the city to incur.

Do not incur the expense of refurbishing a City building for private use when the current building housing for the horses is sufficient. This smacks of a blatant desire to take the current building that houses the horses for redevelopment by private parties, a result that has been actively sought by some of the the major's substantial supporters to their significant financial benefit. This self-serving action should not be sanctioned.

If a city building in the Park is to be renovated, there should be competitive bidding for this concession just as for other private concessions in the Park. If the concession is to house the horses, the concessionaires should bear the cost--and should have a voice in the decision on the issue and its costs.

If the horses are abused, revise the regulations governing their work-hours, working conditions, requirements for moving the horses through the streets, etc. Do not reduce their numbers arbitrarily so that they can be housed in a building in the Park. The carriages are a significant attraction for City visitors. The numbers of carriages should be a function of the marketplace, not arbitrary decisions by government.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these views.

K Hufnagel

From: ROSEANN ATTY [roseann6565@att.net]  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 2:31 PM  
Subject: HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES IN NEW YORK CITY

While unable to attend, I am against the use of horse drawn carriages in the city. While decades ago it probably was fine, NOW with the amount of auto traffic, buses, and humans and God knows what else, these poor creatures do not need to be tortured like this because of the almighty dollar. In this day and age, I am sure the city, private companies or whoever can find "darling little engine powered carriages or some thing of that. It could be more efficient, easy on the environment and cost effective! These poor animals need to be taken care of and it is up to you to do it! !

Thank you

Roseann Atty ,  
Raleigh N.C, 27613

**From:** Deedee [d2or3ny@aol.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 12:48 PM

**Subject:** Submitting my testimony NYC proposal for horse-drawn carriage rides

Hello, please accept my testimony for the record regarding horse-drawn carriages in NYC.

I think the proposal is a big step. It would be such a relief to get the abused horses off the streets of Manhattan. My concerns are length and number of daily shifts, banning rides in extreme temperatures, regular veterinary checks by veterinarians *approved by NYCLASS*, and retiring horses so that they will have a nice life in a pasture/sanctuary.

Thank you,

Deedee Dillingham  
Liverpool, NY 13090

**From:** Robert Weingarten [<mailto:weingarten.bob@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 7:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: FW: NYC Horse-Drawn Carriages

Please DO NOT approve Mayor de Blasio's proposed usurpation of a portion of Central Park by creating a stable for horse-drawn carriages in Central Park and opening up downtown Manhattan to more development. This is simply a continuation of the Mayor's support of luxury housing in NYC and the destruction of historic neighborhoods.

Thank you

Robert Weingarten

**From:** Martha Dwyer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 1:05 PM  
**Subject:** NYC Horse-Drawn Carriages

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to ask that you DO NOT approve Mayor de Blasio's proposed reduction of reduce the number of horse-drawn carriages in NYC and usurpation of a portion of Central Park. This is simply a continuation of the Mayor's support of luxury housing in NYC and the destruction of historic neighborhoods. The proposal would do the following

- Destroy a vibrant New York City institution
- Diminish the character of Central Park
- Use an estimated \$25 million in taxpayer dollars to subsidize the privatization of public parkland
- Take jobs from hundreds of horses and drivers
- Dislocate "the shops" - blacksmiths, woodworkers and other caretakers of Central Park who currently occupy the historic building slated for redevelopment as the new stable
- Force the radical expansion of the existing historic building to create a new stable in the middle of Central Park

I hope you act in accordance with the widespread and vehement opposition to this proposal.

Thank you very much for your attention.

**Martha M. Dwyer**

**From:** Claudia DiSalvo [<mailto:markyourwords327@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 2:12 PM  
**Subject:** Horse Drawn Carriages

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to ask that you TO NOT approve Mayor deBlasio's proposed to reduce the number of horse-drawn carriages in NYC and usurpation of a portion of Central Park. This is simply a continuation of the Mayor's support of luxury housing in NYC and the destruction of historic neighborhoods. The proposal would do the following

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Thank you very much for your attention.

Claudia DiSalvo

**From:** Marilee [<mailto:marileewyman@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 1:18 PM  
**Subject:** NYC Horse-Drawn Carriages

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to ask that you DO NOT approve Mayor de Blasio's proposed reduction of reduce the number of horse-drawn carriages in NYC and usurpation of a portion of Central Park. This is simply a continuation of the Mayor's support of luxury housing in NYC and the destruction of historic neighborhoods. The proposal would do the following

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I hope you act in accordance with the widespread and vehement opposition to this proposal.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Marilee Wyman  
141 West 80 Street, 1R  
New York, NY 10024

**From:** David Miller [<mailto:davidmiller@post.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 8:23 AM

**Subject:** Removing horses from the park is a very bad idea

- These are the reasons not to limit number of horses or WASTE 25 million dollars. You would have to put the pedi- cab drivers, hard working people, on welfare.
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- Destroy a vibrant New York City institution
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The removal of horses is a bad idea and the donors to the mayor could put their money to better use. This is really giving in to a few to get votes.

Susan Miller

**From:** Helen Bender [<mailto:hbender@fordham.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:26 PM  
**Subject:** NYC horse and carriage trade - REJECT THE MAYOR's PLANS

Dear Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker of the City Council,

I cannot attend the public hearing tomorrow because of my class schedule.

I urge you and the members of the Transportation Committee to **reject the Mayor's plans** to confine the carriage business to Central Park, drastically reduce their numbers, take-over public parkland and a National Historic Landmark for a large new stable on 86<sup>th</sup> street, spending millions in tax-payer dollars to do so.

Helen Hadjiyannakis Bender  
Associate Professor of Law  
Fordham University School of Law  
New York, NY 10023

**From:** Sally Olds [<mailto:wendkosolds@msn.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 10:20 PM

**Subject:** Please vote against Mayor de Blasio's latest half-baked plan for Central Park

Dear Speaker:

Haven't enough commercial interests done all they can to diminish the character of Central Park? And rob it of much of its sunshine? Now the mayor, thwarted in his plan to ban the horse-drawn carriages completely (Because some huge developers want the property the current stable is located on???) And because these developers may be dangling money in front of the mayor???), deBlasio came up with another plan that's just as bad. His proposed plan would:

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Please do all you can to save Central Park, our precious land!

Thank you,

Sally Wendkos Olds

New York, NY 10023

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**From:** Cindy Stern [<mailto:ceejayfour@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:47 PM

**Subject:** Please respect the decision of New Yorkers and the Quinnipiac Poll

To all involved and responsible for making a decision regarding cutting back the number of horse drawn carriages and moving the stables into Central Park:

First and foremost, the majority of New Yorkers feel very strongly about keeping this age old, iconic institution alive and thriving as it is. It is a tourist and local draw and employs hundreds of hard working drivers. What would Central Park and the surrounding areas be like without this historic and vital tradition which is synonymous with New York City?

According to the latest Quinnipiac poll of New York City voters:

New York City voters say 63 - 25 percent that Mayor de Blasio should not ban horse- drawn carriages, continuing a year-long trend of Quinnipiac University polls showing strong support for horses. None of the listed groups comes close to supporting the ban.

Why is there any further discussion? It is the decision of New York City residents to keep the horse drawn carriages as is. Period. End of story. Why are we even discussing moving the stables? Why are we even discussing taking away public property in the park at a cost to city tax payers who are not in favor of moving them? Clearly, this makes no sense unless there are other political agendas. This seems clear and obvious and it is a huge disappointment to those of us who live in New York City and trust that our voices are listened to by our representatives and politicians.

One more time: New York City voters say 63 - 25 percent that Mayor de Blasio should not ban horse-drawn carriages, continuing a year-long trend of Quinnipiac University polls showing strong support for horses. None of the listed groups comes close to supporting the ban.

Please do not let Mayor De Blasio cut back on the horse carriages and encroach on our precious public property in Central Park!

We LOVE the horses and everything they add to our city!

Just look at one gorgeous example below!

Passionate for keeping the horses as they are now and NOT cutting down on the number of horses and drivers,

Cindy Stern  
Upper West Sider

[ceejayfour@gmail.com](mailto:ceejayfour@gmail.com)

**From:** Susan Simon [<mailto:susansimondesign@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:39 PM

**Subject:** Dear Ms. Viverito,

I am a resident of the Upper West Side for most of my life. I was a member of Community Free Democrats. Let me tell you what I think about the Mayor's decision on the carriage horses as it relates to me, a Democratic activist!

This Mayor is more concerned about the safety and humanity of our horses (yes humanity) than he is about our citizens! Another wonderful Manhattan artist/educator died on these streets a few nights ago, in another senseless fatal traffic accident on 96th Street, soon to be renamed "death zone". Would that the Mayor's concerns for the citizen were as great as our carriage horses, and his developers. This Mayor who wasn't kidding when he became Build Baby Build Bill as he rezones our neighborhoods to make them even more overbuilt and dangerous. If only we were carriage horses, we might fare better!

I love our carriage horses and have since I was a child. They are a treasured part of the romance and history of NY-much of which has disappeared over the last 20 years under 12 years of Bloomberg and Mr. Giuliani before that. Yes, the horses should be well cared for-but they are an iconic part of this city's history. And the ONLY reason this has been made such an outsized issue is because of the big dollars this Mayor received from both the animal welfare group and REBNY. And the animal welfare group is peanuts compared to what Mr. deBlasio has taken from real estate developers who want those stables for more luxury condos!!! It's disgraceful that this progressive Mayor who many of us voted for as the Un-Bloomberg, has out Bloomberged Bloomberg!!!

The carriage horses should remain in our City along 59th Street, up Central Park West, and into the park. The numbers should NOT be reduced. In no way should stables be built for any amount of money (\$25 mil-are we serious?) on public land in the People's Central Park. As an Upper West Side active Democrat, I will oppose this measure in every way possible. I suggest to the Mayor and the City Council that we will not be taken in again in the next election.

Sincerely,

Susan Simon

**From:** Martha Lanzillotti [mlanzi829@aol.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:54 AM

**Subject:** Re: Hearing this Fri. (1/22) on Carriage Horse Bill

Dear Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito,

Thank you for updating me on this issue. I have previous commitments that coincide with your time slot on Friday. But I will be with you in spirit.

Central Park's horse & carriage trade is part of the fabric of NYC. Let's keep the drivers' jobs intact and the horses doing what they do best. Building stables in the park is the best and most logical way to solve this.

Thank you, again. I look forward to hearing from you on this and on future issues.

Warm Regards,

Martha Lanzillotti

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Dr. Holly Cheever, DVM, Member, Leadership Council of the Humane Society  
Veterinary Medical Association and Vice President of NY State Humane Association  
has offered these comments in opposition of Intro 573-A.

January 22, 2016

To: Members of the New York City Council:

I wish to express my concerns about the latest proposal on what to do with your city's controversial, inherently abusive, and anachronistic carriage horse tourist trade. In addition to being a shocking renegeing of Mayor DiBlasio's campaign promises, it seems entirely impractical.

I am an equine veterinarian who has been testifying to this council since 1988 in efforts to get the carriage horses out of their inadequate stabling and their unsafe working environments. I have similarly advised approximately 15 municipalities and two states (Massachusetts and Florida), either to support a ban on such misuse of carriage horses or to promulgate proper regulations in appropriate environments—which New York City most emphatically is not—in order to ensure the well-being of the horses.

The current proposal is to confine the industry to Central Park, to restrict the equine population to a large herd of 75 with 68 operating carriages, and to build appropriate stabling to house this huge population. I confess to being shocked that the Central Park Commission is entertaining this proposal, because of the commission's long entrenched refusal to give up any space to this enterprise. Although this proposal solves one area of equine misuse by getting them off the streets so that they no longer will share the roadways with crowded vehicular traffic, myriad other problems persist, as follows:

- 75 horses, many of them draft breeds: this would be a huge herd for such a small area as Central Park, and if 68 carriages are to be employed, they will create overcrowding and congestion in Park roadways that seriously impact alternate uses of the Park by its visitors, taking up a disproportionate amount of space that park enthusiasts might want for other purposes
- The odor from such a huge herd and its stabling/paddock areas would offend Park users who come for other purposes, especially in hot and humid weather. Not all city dwellers find “farm” odors appealing
- Housing: does the Park truly want to designate such a large percentage of its acreage to this one industry? The proposed stall size of 100 square feet is not adequate for draft breeds—14 x 14 square feet is the preferred size for these animals. I hope it is obvious that the current system of housing horses on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors is completely unacceptable due to the risks to the horses if ever an evacuation is necessary. Therefore, all stalls must be on the ground floor, necessitating a huge stable area if 75 horses are to be housed humanely and safely. The proposed stable for this huge population will require fire-sprinkler systems, state-of-the-art ventilation systems, grain and hay storage, and waste disposal for enormous volumes of soiled bedding and manure. This cannot help but impact the Park's multiple uses, and will constitute an extraordinary expense
- Turn-out, i.e. paddocks of adequate size to permit the DAILY opportunity for all horses to leave their restrictive housing for exercise and comfort with compatible herd mates, so essential to equine physiological and psychological well-being. The need for this turn-out is essential, and will commit even more of the Park's limited acreage to this one malodorous industry

- Although the horses will no longer be threatened by vehicular traffic on their park-limited routes, there is always the risk of spooking with any equine animal, and the Park always has large volumes of visitors who could potentially be severely injured by a runaway horse and carriage, especially since so many of the drivers have historically been proven to be inexpert in proper equine management and capable of poor judgement in handling both the horses and their customers
- Even though the horses will not be as directly exposed to the pollution they inhale in their nose-to-tailpipe life on the streets, please note that even before they were forced out of their confinement to the Park in the early 1980's (or the medallion-owners would be forced to surrender their medallions,) an unpublished study by Dr. Jeffie Roszel (veterinary pathologist) in 1985 revealed that the horses even then had evidence of lung damage from their exposure to exhaust fumes (personal communication 1989.)

In conclusion, I do not support this proposal as it is not in the best interest of the horses, nor a practical use for an inappropriately large area of the Park. I ask Mayor de Blasio to reconsider his abandonment of his campaign promise in order to pander to the carriage horse industry. We are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century—time to let this anachronism go!

Sincerely,

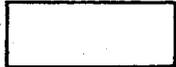
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Name: Jill Weitz

Address: 500 Kappoch St # 6J Brooklyn NY 10463

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: 100 W 57 ST

I represent: self

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I represent: SELF

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Name: Tupper Thomas

Address: 55 Broad St NYC

I represent: New Yorkers for Parks

Address: "

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Name: Brian Gari

Address: 650 West End Ave

I represent: Self

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Name: FATHER BRIAN JORDAN

Address: 522 CARROLL ST.

I represent: ST. FRANCIS College

Address: 180 Remsen St.

BROOKLYN, NY

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Name: Lewis Goldstein

Address: 2015 St. Paul Ave

I represent: Animals

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: JOSHUA SAWVILLE

Address: 545 W 49TH ST. #37

I represent: CARRIAGE DRIVERS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: AVA SEAVEY

Address: 135 W. 29 ST. NYC 10001

I represent: NYC SMALL BUSINESS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Dan Mathews

Address: 85 Jane

I represent: PETA

Address: 501 Front St

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Name: Emily & Rose McCoy

Address: 60 Chambers St. New York 10007

I represent: ourselves

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: JILL CARNEGIE

Address: 400 W. 54<sup>th</sup> ST #2C, NYC 10019

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: John Helby

Address: 352 W. 15th St

I represent: Mysk

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Joel Bartlett

Address: 307 W 43rd St, New York

I represent: PETA

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: 618 West 52nd Street, N.Y. N.Y. 10019

I represent: Clinton Park Stables

Address: 618 West 52nd St, N.Y. N.Y. 10019

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Name: CHRISTINA HANSEN

Address: 677 9th AVE NY NY 10036

I represent: TEAMSTERS LOCAL 533, NYC CARRIAGE INDUSTRY,

Address: 59th ST.

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Name: Captain Charles Hammer

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Executive Officer, Traffic Operations, NYPD

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Amrit S. Bragg

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Deputy Commissioner, External Affairs,

Address: NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs

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Name: Dan Kass

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Health,

Address: NYC Dept of Health,

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Name: Jeff Lynch

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Assistant Commissioner, Intergovernmental,

Address: Dept of Transportation

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Name: MINDY TARLOW

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Alessandro Olivieri

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: General Counsel, NYC Parks & Rec

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Timur Shakirov

Address: 7101 35th St Apt 7 Queens NY 11372

I represent: Pedicab.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Maurice Chaga

Address: 430 Centr Aven

I represent: Horses

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Carol Marcus

Address: 34 Exford Pl, Albertson, N.Y.

I represent: The Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carts

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Roxanne Delgado

Address: 1130 Pelham PK Bx NY 10451

I represent: Myself

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ROBERTO BONELLI

Address: 56-20 Woodside Ave Woodside, NY 11377

I represent: Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Shimon Shuchat

Address: 1600 East 18th Street

I represent: coalition to ban horse drawn carriage

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: MAJOR KING

Address: 101 CLARK ST BK NY

I represent: BC STUDENT FOR ANIMAL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Amy Sternberg

Address: 165 W. 66th St New York, NY

I represent: 1

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Michelle Lauheister

Address: 77 West 68th Street #4D

I represent: NYCLASS

Address: 77 W. 68 St. #4D NYCLM  
10023

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Ibrahim Barrie

Address: 1704 Avenue P, Floor 2, Brooklyn NY 11229

I represent: Pedicabs

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Tracy Everitt

Address: 400 First St

I represent: Myself

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: AVIVA CANTOR

Address: 49 Fulton St (10038)

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: STEPHEN MALLONE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: TEAMSTERS' LOCAL 553

Address: 25 265 W. 147th St., #305

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Name: Amanda Moberg Chance

Address: 31-83 34th St. Astoria, NY 11106

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Lynette Two Balls

Address: P.O. Box 1138 Lanesboro MA

I represent: The horse

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: MAMADOU DIALLO

Address: FEDICAB

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ARISTIDE PASCAL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Fedicab driver Association

Address: 26 W 192<sup>nd</sup> Bronx NY 10468

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Name: Timur Mazorkov

Address: Brooklyn

I represent: Partners

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Jahangir Usmanov

Address: 178 Bay 23rd St apt 2a

I represent: Pedicabs

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ELIJAH - SAMB

Address: 655 PUTNAM AVENUE BROOKLYN

I represent: Pedicabs - Drivers

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: DIANCOUMBA MAMADOU

Address: 2333 Webster AV NY New York

I represent: Pedicab

Address: 2333 Webster AV NY 10458

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Name: HASSAN ARAZQI

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Pedicab Drivers

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Alexandra Gottlieb

Address: 350 West 110th St #6E NY, NY 10025

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: BARBARA STORK

Address: 593 Manhattan Ave, BROOKLYN, 11222

I represent: Kensington Stables / myself - Flatash saddle

Address: 51 Caton Place (11222)  
BROOKLYN 11218

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Name: LILIYA TRENKOVA (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 345 BAY RIDGE PKWY #3D BROOKLYN NY 11209

I represent: COLLECTIVELY FREE

Address: SAME AS ABOVE

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Name: RAFFAELLA COVATTA (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 395 BAY 22 E BROOKLYN NY

I represent: COLLECTIVELY FREE

Address: 241 PARKER AVE BROOKLYN

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Name: CORNELIUS BYRNE (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 547 W 37ST

I represent: MY STABLE

Address: 547 WEST 37

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Name: GIOVANNI PALIOTTA

Address: 25-10 31<sup>st</sup> AVE APT. 49

I represent: FLACH BIG BROWN ARMOR

Address: 618 W 52<sup>nd</sup> CLINTON PARK SABLE

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Name: DANIEL (PLEASE PRINT) FINTZI

Address: 405 WEST 203 ST

I represent: HORSES

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: CHIE PHILIP (PLEASE PRINT) whiteman

Address: PO BOX 1138

I represent: LAME DEER MONTANA

Address: 59043

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Name: DEBORAH THOMAS

Address: 7 W. 108TH ST.

I represent: NYCLASS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: Eileen Dee

Address: 139 Washington St

I represent: Vernon CT 06066

Address: eileen.dee.116@gmail.com

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Name: ZELDA PENZEL

Address: PEACE

I represent: People for the End of Animal Cruelty

Address: + Exploitation

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Hamidou BERE

Address: 841 Longfellow Avenue Apt 1C

I represent: Pedicabs

Address: 841 Longfellow Avenue Apt 1C

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Name: Makou Camara

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Pedicab

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Demos Demopoulos

Address: 265 W. 14 ST.

I represent: TEAMSTERS LOCAL 583

Address: 265 W. 14 ST.

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Date: 1/22/19

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Michelle Villagomez

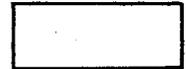
Address: 520 PM Ave 7<sup>th</sup> Fl M.M.Y 10018

I represent: ASPLA

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: FRANK RODDEN

Address: 97 STEINER RD, SOUTH LYCE NY 12783

I represent: CLUB HOME INDUSTRY

Address: 618 G. 52<sup>nd</sup> St NY 10019

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: SHARON DISCORFANO

Address: 375 RIVERSIDE DR 2AA NY 10025

I represent: myself (resider)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/22/10

Name: Allie Taylor (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 101 Bedford Ave #106 BK NY 11211

I represent: NYCLASS, Exec Director

Address: 31 W 34th St #8086 NY NY 10011

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: ANDY (PLEASE PRINT) SESSA

Address: 3153 SHORE PARKWAY

I represent: NYCLASS - Companion Animal WEL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: ALISON CLARKE (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 135 OCEAN PARKWAY, 11R

I represent: NEW YORK STATE HORSE

Address: COUNCIL

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Date: 1/22/16

Name: JANE HOFFMAN (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 55 W 14th NYC 10011

I represent: Myself

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/22/16

Name: Beth McReynolds (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 50 W 34th #12A13 NYC 10001

I represent: myself

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: CHRIS DE ROSE (PLEASE PRINT)

Address: 8949 Sunset Bl PH 2A

I represent: Lost Chance for Animals

Address: above

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Foreign* (PLEASE PRINT) *Manhattan, DOT*  
*Alba Pico*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

*First Deputy Commissioner, DCA*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)  
*Margaret Forgione*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

*Borough Commissioner, Manhattan, DOT*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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in favor  in opposition *in part*

Date: *1/22/16*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)  
*ERIC McCLURE*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*423 4th St. Brooklyn NY 11215*

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

*StreetsAC*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*17 Battery Place, Suite 204 NY NY 10004*

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: LISA JABLOW

Address: 54 RIVERSIDE DR.

I represent: NYGLASS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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in favor  in opposition

Date: 1-22-16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Ian mc Keever

Address: 609 HUGHES St Bellmore N.Y

I represent: Horse & Carriage 11710

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: LINDA A. GRAY

Address: 536 E 79

I represent: Coalition to Ban HDC.

Address: NSC NY

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in favor  in opposition

Date: 1/22/2016

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Jessica D. Davis

Address: 142 John Street Kingston NY

I represent: Woodstock Farm Sanctuary

Address: 2 Rescue Road, High Falls NY  
12440

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Erika Mathews

Address: 41 Windbeam Ave Ringwood NJ 0746

I represent: Animal Legal Defense Fund

Address: Colbat, California

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in favor  in opposition

Date: Jan 22 2016

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Joyce Friedman

Address: 67-10 108 St. Forest Hills NY 11375

I represent: The Humane Society of the United States

Address: 200 W. 57 St NY NY 10019

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Date: 1.22.16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: BARRY BENEDE

Address: 49 JANE STREET

I represent: MYSELF

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: LEUSA DORIAN

Address: 305 SPRING ST NYC

I represent: NYCHA 55

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: RONALD NEUSENER

Address: #1 GRACIE SQUARE

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: #1 GRACIE SQUARE NYC

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Walker Blankinship

Address: 405 Parkside Ave. Bklyn, 11226

I represent: Kensington Stables

Address: 51 Cohan Pl 11218

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Rebecca Wolf

Address: 522 Halsey St.

I represent: NY CLASS

Address: NYC

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: David Williams

Address: 275 South Street New York NY

I represent: UNDAKOVA

Address: 275 South Street

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Date: Jan - 22, 2016

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: BARBARA GARDER

Address: 442M Purves St. NYC, NY 11101

I represent: NYC

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: MADISON REYES

Address: 3448 33<sup>RD</sup> STABBT ASTORIA, 11106

I represent: PEDICAB INDUSTRY

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Jenny Vitelli

Address: Clinton Park Stabl

I represent: carriages

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: ALEKSANDAR RADOVANOVIC

Address: 418 EAST 81ST STREET

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: OLGUR TAPA

Address: 380 Mountain Rd. Apt. 2005 Union City NJ

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Lucy Flick

Address: 1139 Jefferson Ave

I represent: President NYC Pedicab Owner's

Address: 350 35th Street Association

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: CHRISTOPHER GROVE

Address: 110 WARREN ST - BROOKLYN

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: BYRON QUART

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: ELINOR MOLTBEGOTT

Address: 306 EAST 59<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC 10022

I represent: Humane Society of New York

Address: 306 EAST 59 ST, NY 10022

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Date: 1/27/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Jean Khatchadourian

Address: 327 East 48<sup>th</sup> St, NYC 10017

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: MELISSA DENT

Address: 421 Hudson St

I represent: NY Class

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Michelle Alvarez

Address: Catskill Animal Sanctuary

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 316 Old Stage Rd.

Saugerties NY

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Date: 2/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: WILLIAM KREGLER

Address: P.O. Box 778203, WOODSIDE, NY 11377

I represent: ~~CFBA~~ FMBA

Address: PO Box 778203, WOODSIDE, NY 11377

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Date: 1/22

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Amanda Citarella

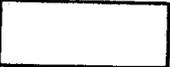
Address: 207 12th St 1R Brooklyn

I represent: Benevolent & Enlightened Beauty

Address: 207 12th St

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Ashley Byrne

Address: 408 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211

I represent: PETA

Address: 501 Front St. Norfolk, VA 23510

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(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: Rachel Trachtenburg

Address: 865 Hart st. Brooklyn

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 01/22/2016

(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: Siyovush Achilov

Address: 2364 E 29th St Brooklyn NY 11229

I represent: Pedicab

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: HAKIMOV BATHOVA BIN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: DANIELLE SANDOZ

Address: 133 W 13th St.

I represent: MIDDLE 13th St. BLK ASSOC, and

Address: FRIENDS OF 13th St both in MAN.

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Ibrahim Donmez

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: pedicab

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/22/16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: LEE Buckman

Address: 440 E. 88th St. Apt 6LD

I represent: Pedicab Drivers

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: MOUSSA FALL  
Address: 203 W 111th St Apt 3B NY NY  
I represent: PEDICAB DRIVERS 10026  
Address: Central park

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: RICHARD COSTELLA  
Address: 5900 ARLINGTON AV BRONX 10471  
I represent: PEDICAB INDUSTRY  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Amber Sall  
Address: 385 E 85th St Apt #1R Bklyn NY  
I represent: The Pedicab Business 11222  
Address: Central Park

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: George Bliss

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Medicals Industry

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: THERRY WHITE

Address: 1498 NYSE AVE #3 BRONX NY

I represent: I represent MEDICALS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Roman Zholtomzhko

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: PEDICAB DRIVERS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: FRANKIE LEGARRETA

Address: 1-50 50 AVE APT 305 L.I.C. N.Y. 11101

I represent: PEDICABS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in favor  in opposition

Date: 01/22/15

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: ILYA MOKHNACHEV

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Pedicab

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in favor  in opposition

Date: 01-22-16

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Abdu Al Muntaser

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: Pedicab

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: January 22 2016

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: MRI ELIJAH

Address: 655 POTNAM AVENUE

I represent: THE PEDICAB DRIVERS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: TAPHA MIANG

Address: 201 W. ST. 145 TH ST. 7 AVENUE

I represent: Pedicab Association

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Sekou Kaita

Address: 108 E CLARKE PLACE BX, NY #55 10452

I represent: Pedicab Association

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in favor  in opposition **BOTH**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: YUKI ENDO (PLEASE PRINT)  
Address: 93-05 37 AV 5A QUEENS NY 11372  
I represent: CDL LIBRU Animal Rights  
Address: ALLOVER @ NYC / Long Island

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 in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: MARIO MOORE (PLEASE PRINT)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
I represent: CENTRAL PARK POLICEMEN DRIVERS ASSOCIATION  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: IBRAHIM DONMEZ (PLEASE PRINT)  
Address: 1764 RAINBOW DRIVE TAMPA FL 33617  
I represent: PEDICABS  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in favor  in opposition

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: JOHN F. SANGIORGIO DVM

Address: 84 BREWSTER ST SI N.Y.

I represent: VMA of N.Y.C. EQUINE ADVISORY BOARD

Address: DOA MH

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 in favor  in opposition

Date: Jan 21, 2016

(PLEASE PRINT)  
Name: Donald Moss - DONALD MOSS

Address: 31 W. 11th St

I represent: Blinders The Movie

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Marisoloyda

Address: 64-11 99th Street Apt 103 Rego Park

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: COLM McKEEVER

Address: 19 FOXWOOD RD W. NYACK, NY, 10994

I represent: Horse & Carriages

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 01/22/2016

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Name: SIARHEI MATSEICHYK

Address: 12 LROOM St LENSEY CITY NJ apt 6

I represent: pedicab drivers industry

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Yauheni Kobak

Address: 3432 31st Street, apt E63 Jackson Heights

I represent: pedicab drivers industry

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: Jan 22, 2016

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Name: ~~Autumn Love~~ Autumn Love

Address: 83-34 Lefferts Blvd

I represent: I am an advocate for carriage horses.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 11/27/2016

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Name: Momo Jera Njusa

Address: 1197 Grand Concourse Bronx NY 10452

I represent: Pedicab Drivers

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1.22.16

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Name: SEAN KHOR SANDI

Address: 45 W 67<sup>th</sup> ST

I represent: LAND MARK WEST!

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ANDREW KAPLAN

Address: 27 W 72ND ST

I represent: MYSELF

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: CAPTAIN CHARLES HAMMER

Address: Executive Officer

I represent: NYPD TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Wendy Glickstein

Address: 235 East 83<sup>rd</sup> St. #4H  
NYC 10028

I represent: NYCLASS

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Kelsey Adams

Address: ~~37 West 17th Street~~ 37 West 17th Street

I represent: In favor of Horse Carriage Ban

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Erika Mansourian

Address: 130 W. 79 St. #16H 10024

I represent: Humane Society of NY

Address: NYC

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Name: RUTH MOORE

Address: 651 VANDERBILT ST. #7D

I represent: MEMBER OF NEW YORK STATE HORSE COUNCIL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ADRIAN MARIS

Address: 615 W 144TH ST

I represent: THE HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES INDUSTRY

Address: 38TH ST LIVERY STABLE

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Name: LEONARDO FOREL

Address: 336 CPW NY C10025

I represent: Coalition to Ban HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Mary Culpepper

Address: 205 E 85th ST

I represent: Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Edita Birnkranz

Address: 1841 Broadway NYC

I represent: Friends of Animals

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: STEPHERIE ANGELO

Address: 6183 SE 35th NY NY 10019/C 10001

I represent: NYC CARROLL CENTER

Address: 59th St.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: *Nora Constance Marino*

Address: *Queens, NY*

I represent: *SELF*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: *Brad Landau*

Address: *Flushing, NY*

I represent: *Friends of Animals*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: *Naomi Semenik*

Address: *1365 First Avenue*

I represent: *Upper East Side Community Network*

Address: *Lenox Hill North*  
*on Line*

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