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**From:** Cynthia Hertlein [earthtu-orders@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:08 PM  
**To:** FORA Board  
**Subject:** Horse Park

I am a horse person and like the idea of a horse park at Fort Ord, but a race track is a TERRIBLE idea. Race tracks are having difficulty strying financial viable all over the country, attendance is low and most betting is off track.

Many are opening casinos to succeed. The injury to young horses is high .... no wonder that an equine vet is a big supporter!

The reputation of the developer is shaky and we do not need gambling next door to CSUMB.

A venue for top quality horse shows and an equestrian destination for people who enjoy exploring by horseback could help the Monterey Peninsula.

A race track will not.

I urge you not to support the plans for a race track at Fort Ord.

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**From:** Ron Chesshire [ron@mscbctc.com]  
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**To:** FORA Board  
**Subject:** Letter to the Editor in response to the Jane Haines letter of Feb 25th.  
**Attachments:** Letter to the Editor.docx

Board members, this is the civilized version (yes, there is another as I was thrown into attack mode) of my Letter to the Editor of the Herald. I am not sure if it will be printed but wanted you to see it in case it wasn't. Best Regards, Ron Chesshire

## Shilling for Developers

Ms Haines, Herald editorial letter "Scrutinizing FOR A" of Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, is interesting as development is taking place at Ft Ord and over 300 units of "affordable" housing is being built using prevailing wages.

You pay what the market will bear and the housing market in our area is priced in direct correlation to high demand and low supply created through the efforts of people who believe their way is the only way. To profess that developers will lower the cost of a house if they pay less for the labor to build it is ludicrous. Cut Cost to Increase Profits – Capitalism 101.

Upon the closure of bases and the considerable downsizing of Ft Ord Pres. Clinton stated, " the reuse of military bases should go to benefit local economies". Our community came together and in 1995 asked FORA to enact the prevailing wage standard on most first generation development and construction within its jurisdiction. This was done to level the playing field for companies seeking to do work. By establishing a standard wage both the worker would benefit from their labor and companies would have a level playing field from which to compete. Local companies would not be subject to out of area companies attempting to bring in lower priced labor to tip the competitive scale.

The prevailing wage pays a livable wage and compensation for benefits to workers to be a productive part of their communities and not have to fall back on taxpayer provided social welfare nets to protect themselves or their families. And yes, maybe one day they may be able to afford a home of their own.

Prevailing wages have been under scrutiny at FORA since their adoption and have withstood the test. I suggest that other ways than cutting hard earned wages of workers and subjecting local businesses to unfair competition be considered to prompt economic development and job creation.

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