



EM FOUNDERS GROUP

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Eagle Mountain Rodeo Grounds



EM Founders Group, through its parent entity Monte Vista Ranch, LC, has filed a lawsuit against Eagle Mountain City seeking to regain control of the rodeo grounds. **The purpose of this action is not to discontinue the rodeo.** To the contrary, the rodeo will continue, and any profits generated from the event will directly benefit the City. In fact, EM Founders Group is committed to improving the rodeo grounds by extending the bleachers, adding concessions, and developing an RV park and glamping campground on the property.

The lawsuit was prompted by the discovery that the City entered into a rental agreement leasing the rodeo grounds for \$1 per year to the current-Mayor for use by his “nonprofit organization”. EM Founders Group believes this arrangement is improper and raises serious concerns regarding conflicts of interest and the City’s lack of oversight of nonprofit activities conducted on public property.

When the Waldens donated the land for the Rodeo and the Cemetery, it was with the expectation the City would use it to benefit the City, not just a private company. Through this action, EM Founders Group seeks to restore proper stewardship of the rodeo grounds while ensuring the continued success of the rodeo as a community event that benefits the City and its residents. In fact, EM Founders Group has no objection to Mayor Gray continuing to run the Rodeo provided the proceeds benefit the City and community, and with oversight and full transparency. You can access the complaint and read it for yourself below.